## Celebration of the 74<sup>th</sup> Republic Day at ICAR-NRC Grapes

In honour of India's 74th Republic Day, the ICAR-National Research Centre for Grapes (Pune) organized a program on January 26, 2023. Nearly, 160 people attended the ceremony, including ICAR-NRCG employees, their families, field labourers, and security guards.

The institute's Director, Dr. Kaushik Banerjee, hoisted the flag on campus to inaugurate the event. As everyone saluted the flag and sang the National Anthem to pay tribute to the motherland, the ICAR-NRCG security personnel stood at attention. After this, Dr. Banerjee conveyed his best wishes to everyone attending the show. He explained what a republic is and how the provisions of the constitution can be assimilated into the work culture of the NRCG. Further, he emphasized the significance of teamwork, equality, and doing everything possible to advance the institute's mission.

Principal Scientists Dr. Sujoy Saha and Dr. A.K. Sharma, as well as Administrative Officer Mr. P.C. Noble, shared their thoughts on the momentous occasion.

As part of the festivities commemorating the International Year of Millets, the institute also hosted a public education event about the advantages of including millets in regular diets. Everyone received a bag of millet laddu enriched with grape pomace powder, a treat offered by an ICAR-NRCG incubatee.

At this event, employees from ICAR-NRCG put on a cultural show with dances based on patriotic songs, and skits about the fundamental rights mentioned in the Indian Constitution.

Following this, the Director of NRCG presented certificates of appreciation to all participants. Certificates were also given to the children of staff members who presented poems and dance.

At the end, refreshments were served to all.













