## .Field Day at Nashik

A field day was organized by ICAR-National Research Centre for Grapes and IPL Biologicals Limited, Gurugram at Karsul, Nashik on 27.03.2023 under the project "Biointensive management of disease and pest for production of pesticide residue compliant grapes". Dr. N.A.Deshmukh, Senior Scientist in his address highlighted the necessity of effective canopy management in successful grape production. He mentioned that if canopy is not maintained properly, it will lead to more disease incidence and it will be difficult to manage it at that stage. Dr. D.S. Yadav, Senior Scientist reminded the utility of grapes in diet and specifically highlighted the issues of domestic consumption in grapes. In his deliberation he emphasized the use of more biologicals and improved cultural practices for successful management of grapes. Mr. Anil Chitnis, Zonal Manager, IPL Biologicals Limited said about the impact of the trial during the last five years and how pesticide residue detection gradually decreased every year in the tenure of the project. Dr. Sujoy Saha, Principal Scientist and PI of the project collated the findings of the project and said that the project will be extended to other regions as well in a collaborative mode with IPL Biologicals Limited. He requested all the growers to take the message to other growers regarding biointensive viticulture. Dr. Narendra Pal, Agronomist, IPL Biologicals Limited in his address mentioned about the increased awareness as well as use of biologicals in the entire globe. Around eighty growers attended the programme. An update about the institute's app 'Grape Advisory' was given to the growers.

A special highlight of the programme was the distribution of safety kits by PMFAI, Mumbai to the growers to protect them from the effect of pesticides while spraying.

The programme ended with the vote of thanks.





