

## Field Day at Nashik on 09/02/2021

A field day was organized at Karsul, Nashik on 09/02/2021 in collaboration with IPL Biologicals LTD. On the topic “Bio-intensive management of disease and pest for production of pesticide residue compliant grapes”. For last three years, five demonstration plots were maintained by ICAR-NRCG and IPL and the results were discussed with around 50 growers present in the meeting.



Dr. R. G. Somkuwar, Director, ICAR-NRCG, in his address said that, the dependence on chemicals have to be reduced and more emphasis has to be given on biologicals like *Trichoderma*, *Bacillus* etc. He also said that, the growers who were present in the meeting should take this message forward to other growers, so that in the coming season, this strategy of using more biologicals will be followed in the grape growing regions.



Dr. D. S. Yadav, Sr. Scientist, Agril. Entomology, highlighted the use of biologicals to maintain ecological balance and environmental well-being. Dr. Sujoy Saha, Principal Scientist and PI of the project congratulated the initiative taken by the grape growers in this project. He mentioned the restriction of Mancozeb use in the EU and suggested that more biologicals may be used by the growers instead of Mancozeb in the coming seasons. He emphasized on the reduced number of pesticide detection in the advisory fields with good yield of higher quality. Mr. Jagannath Khapre, President



of Grape Exportive Association of India was also present in the meeting. Mr. Sandeep Bansal, Marketing Manager and Mr. Rahul Jatkar, Sales Head, Pune were the representatives from IPL Biologicals Ltd. The whole programme was coordinated by Mr. Anil Chitnis, Zonal Manager (Dev.) Pune.