

Grape expansion in Arunachal Pradesh - a collaborative endeavour of ICAR-NRC Grapes and ICAR-NRC on Yak

As a part of ‘One-ICAR’ system, ICAR-NRC for Grapes provided planting material and production technology to ICAR-NRC on Yak and initiated a collaborative trial in 2023. The first year crop has come up very well and a lot of interest has been generated among the farmers of that region. To celebrate first harvest, a ‘Field Day on Grape’ was organized on 12th September 2024 at ICAR-NRC on Yak, Dirang. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Dy. Director General (Horticultural Science), ICAR was the Chief Guest and addressed the farmers online. He specifically suggested to promote natural and organic farming practices while promoting grape cultivation in this region. He also suggested to develop a brand image for Arunachal Pradesh grapes. Shri Hage Tarung, Additional District Commissioner welcomed this endeavour and appreciated the efforts made by both the ICAR institutes in promoting grapes in this region. Dr. Kaushik Banerjee, Director, ICAR-NRC for Grapes assured full support to the farmers. Dignitaries distributed planting material and farm inputs to the 50 farmers who participated in the programme. Secateurs and plant protection suits for pesticide applications were distributed on behalf of the Pesticide Manufacturers and Formulators Association of India. The program was also graced by Dr PK Das, Professor- IIFT and Mr. N. Lopsang, a farmer leader. Dr. N.A. Deshmukh, Sr. Scientist, ICAR-NRC for Grapes explained training and pruning practices in the grape vineyard.

