ICAR-NRC for Grapes, Pune organises National Conference on Generative AI

11th-12th September 2023, Pune

The ICAR-National Research Centre for Grapes, Pune, in collaboration with the Pune Chapter of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences and the Society for Advancement of Viticulture and Enology, held a two-day National Conference on "Generative AI in Practice for Empowering Agricultural Research Productivity" in online/virtual mode on September 11-12, 2023. Over the course of two days, the online event attracted 130 researchers, nationwide. There were six keynote addresses and 30 presentations shedding light on the diverse potential of Generative AI in agricultural research productivity. The conference delved deep into the use of Generative AI for creativity and innovation in agricultural research, developing customised applications based on generative AI, drafting research methodologies, interpreting results, and even writing manuscripts.



The Chief Guest of both Inauguration and Valedictory sessions, Dr. S. D. Sawant, former Vice Chancellor of Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli, Ratnagiri emphasised on Generative AI's potential as a revolutionary tool in agricultural research. He mentioned that as we ventured into this new realm for reaping benefits, the emphasis remained on ethical deployment and responsible use.

Dr. C.N. Ravishankar, Director, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai welcomed the participants on behalf of NAAS and enlightened them about potential applications of Generative AI in the aquaculture sector.

Dr. Kaushik Banerjee, Director, ICAR-National Research Centre for Grapes, Pune and Convener, NAAS-Pune Chapter emphasised on importance of learning and adopting generative AI for agricultural researchers for remaining relevant with fast changing technology. He also suggested to maintain balance with human intelligence.

Dr. D. S. Yadav, Senior Scientist, ICAR-National Research Centre for Grapes, Pune was the Organising Secretary of the conference.

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