

Online Charchasatra with grape growers on 'Vineyard management from pre-pruning preparation to berry development period'

One day Online Charchasatra with grape growers on 'Vineyard management from pre-pruning preparation to berry development period' was organized as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav' in collaboration with Maharashtra Rajya Draksha Bagaitdar Sangh on 07 September 2021. Dr. R.G. Somkuwar, Director along with Dr. A.K. Upadhyay, Pr. Scientist (Soil Science), Dr. Sujoy Saha, Principal Scientist (Plant Pathology) and Dr. D.S. Yadav, Sr. Scientist (Entomology) guided the grape growers in the programme. The programme was also telecasted live on Facebook Page of the ICAR-National Research Centre for Grapes, Pune.

At the outset, Mr. Arun More, Honorary Secretary, Maharashtra Rajya Draksha Bagaitdar Sangh welcomed all the panel members and the participants. He stressed on the problems faced during pre-pruning to berry development stages and requested for specific guidance on those aspects from the experts. Dr. R. G. Somkuwar, Director, ICAR-NRCG, in his address guided grape growers on canopy management practices during pre-pruning to berry setting period and about use of plant growth regulators for quality grape production. Dr. Ajay Kumar Upadhyay in his talk highlighted issues and pre pruning practices related with nutrition and water management during current situations. He stressed upon water and soil testing before the fruit pruning and petiole analysis at 70% capfall stage after fruit pruning. The nutrient management should be carried out as per the results of soil and petiole testing. Dr. Sujoy Saha guided grape growers on disease management aspects. He stressed upon use of biological control agents and use of pesticides as per Annexure 5 of the Residue Monitoring Programme. Dr. D. S. Yadav highlighted the use of biologicals, light traps, removal of loose bark and avoiding use of broad-spectrum insecticides for mealybug management. He also suggested package of practices to manage different species of stem borers, thrips, mealybug, caterpillar, jassid and flea beetle. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr. D. S. Yadav.

