

A Report on World Water Day Celebration (22nd of March, 2021)
at
ICAR-National Research Centre for Grapes, Pune

World Water Day was celebrated on 22nd of March, 2021 at ICAR-National Research Centre for Grapes, Pune. Mrs. Yukti Verma, Scientist (Soil Science) of ICAR-NRCG, Pune coordinated and organized special activities to commemorate this day. In the forenoon, there was a virtual program on “**Creating awareness about the importance of water in life and agriculture in particular**”.



In the afternoon, Mrs. Yukti Verma, Scientist (Soil Science) welcomed the Chief Guest of the Function, Shri Prakash Bafna, a Progressive Grape Grower, all scientific, administrative and technical staff of ICAR-NRCG, Pune. She conducted a workshop on “**Importance of water in our life**” and explained in brief about the importance of water and history behind commencement of celebration of World water Day. She also presented some thought-provoking documentaries on water crisis in our country as well as world, water quality index, ground water depletion, cities most affected by water crisis, contaminated water resources and advised the ways to conserve water. She gave a call on the improved water conservation technologies of Israel.

Dr. Kaushik Banerjee (Principal Scientist), ICAR-NRCG, Pune emphasized on the main reasons behind degrading water quality like discharge of chemicals and pharmaceutical products in water and ways to enhance the quality of water.



Shri Prakash Bafna shared his success story, water management in grapevines, sub-surface irrigation methods, water conservation techniques in Pomegranate as well as Sugarcane and transfer of technology to farmers.

On this occasion, several competitions were also organized like Slogan Writing, Poster Making and Quiz related to importance of water in our life. The winner of each competition was awarded. At the end of the program, Mrs. Yukti Verma (Scientist) proposed vote of thanks.

