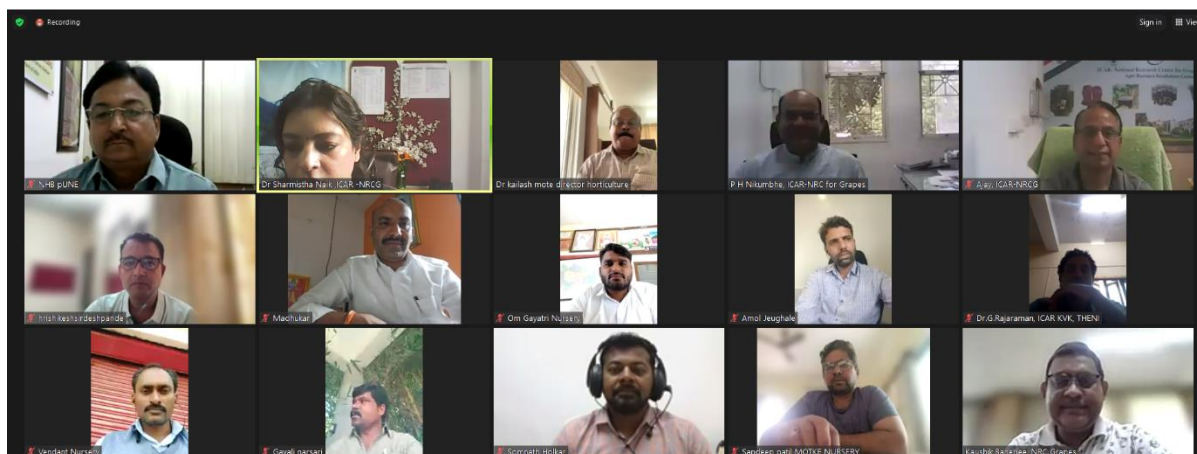


ICAR National Research Centre for Grape, organized workshop titled "Strengthening Grape Nurseries to Produce Clean Planting Material for Better Business Opportunities" on 30.7.2024 through online mode. Workshop was attended by Dr KP Mote (Director Horticulture Govt of Maharashtra), Dr AK Singh (Deputy Director, NHB Pune region), Dr Kaushik Banerjee (Director, ICAR NRC for Grapes, Pune), scientists from ICAR NRCG and nursery stakeholders from state of Maharashtra (Nashik and Solapur), Karnataka (Vijayapura), Tamil Nadu (Theni), Manipur and Haryana.



Dr. Kaushik Banerjee (Director NRC grapes, Pune) welcomed the participants and emphasized on importance of production of quality planting material. He also threw light on the clean plant programme which is to be implemented for production of quality planting material and ICAR NRCG as one of the centres for production of quality planting material in grape. Dr. K. P. Mote (Director, Horticulture, Govt of Maharashtra) congratulated ICAR NRC Grapes for organizing the workshop and emphasized on licensing protocol development with the help of ICAR-NRC grapes. He also emphasized on the economic benefits of producing high-quality, disease-free grape plants and encouraged nursery stakeholders to accreditate their nurseries under NHB. Dr. A. K. Singh (Dept. Director NHB, Pune Region) educated participants with the procedure of registration and accreditation of nursery under NHB and informed about scoring system of accreditation. Presentation on topics (Establishment of high-tech grape nursery for production of quality planting material, Strategies for production of clean planting material of grape and Disease management for clean plant material production in grape nurseries) was presented by Dr. P.H. Nikumbhe, Dr. Sharmishta Naik and Dr. S.K. Holkar respectively. The workshop concluded with a collaborative session where participants exchanged ideas and strategies, reinforcing the collective commitment to advancing the grape industry through superior nursery practices.