With great pleasure, we are bringing out the third anthology of *Grape Insight*. We are happy to see the growing readership of the journal and also appreciate the interests seen across the community of grapevine researchers, progressive farmers, and associated industries.

To cultivate grapes of superior quality, researchers and growers essentially should have a comprehensive understanding of viticulture principles, and this issue intends to share with them such an array of knowledge on the cultivation of grapes not only in large-scale vineyards but also in unexplored regions. At the outset, K.L. Chadha, the Father of Modern Horticulture, reflects on the evolution of grape cultivation in India. The review encapsulates his extensive knowledge and encompasses a historical perspective, enumerating the introduction of grapes, its dissemination, current status, and prospects within the nation.

The remainder articles mostly support the recent initiatives of the ICAR-National Research Centre for Grapes in expanding the area under grape cultivation beyond the peninsular Indian States of Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. These initiatives include establishing a strategic plan of supplying authentic, disease-free planting materials to the non-conventional areas of North-Eastern states, Chota Nagpur plateau, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, to flag a few.

With the emerging issues of viral infections and their spread through infected planting materials, the article on the current status and management of grapevines’ viral diseases in India, is time-worthy. The profound influence of genetic variability on the phenological stages and biochemical traits of grapevines is revealed by an investigation while the concept of ‘varjuice’ is introduced in the current issue as well.

The emerging field of nanosensors and their role in the detection of pesticide residues is highlighted along with the role of microbial formulations in managing the powdery mildew disease of grapevines.

Through a seamless progression of subjects while facilitating the readers’ ease in locating information of interest, this issue of *Grape Insight* sheds light on grapevine growth, varieties, rootstocks, climate requirements, canopy management, pests and diseases, and pre- and post-harvest operations for viticulturists, scientists, and industry personnel. These articles also indicate the necessity of identifying appropriate locations in various states for initiating or promoting grape cultivation, which mostly happens in consultation with the regional stakeholders, especially the agricultural universities and state agriculture and horticulture departments. In every case, location-specific standard operating procedures for good agricultural practices need to be promoted based on the research findings.

We anticipate, as always, that this issue will be of interest to grapevine researchers and industry professionals, who will make it a valuable resource. Furthermore, we urge that our readers contribute their research findings for our consideration and solicit feedback to enhance the journal’s quality.

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