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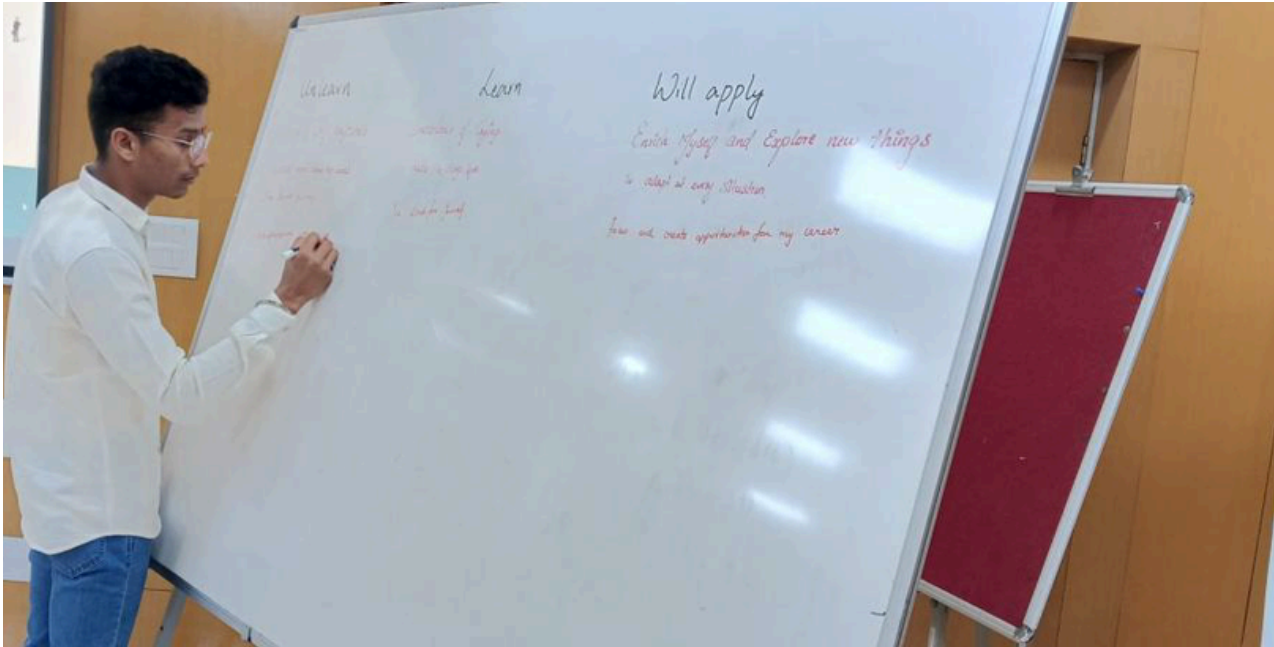
MANAGE NYPDP: A Global Vision for Tomorrow's Agricultural Leaders

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Key Learnings



Every session throughout the week provided a distinct opportunity for intellectual advancement and the discovery of new concepts.

1. The high caliber of information presented ensured that every minute spent in this program was a significant investment in my career trajectory.
2. Beyond acquiring technical proficiency, I learned how to adopt the professional standards required to join the elite tier of agricultural experts serving society.
3. A major academic highlight was mastering Qualitative Data Collection techniques, a skill set that is now central to the success of my Master's thesis and field research.

A Five-Day Experience

Participating in this initiative was a significant milestone that surpassed my initial goals.

1. Building Self-Assurance: Although I started the program with a few uncertainties, the comprehensive training helped me emerge with profound confidence and a robust knowledge base.
2. Expanding Horizons: This experience has fundamentally widened my outlook on the agricultural industry, setting the stage for future professional breakthroughs.

3. Professional Camaraderie: In a very short period, I established meaningful connections with Rajan Dhanpal, my dear junior Bhavani Rathod, Pragathi, Sanskruti Hamand, and Rutuja Chavhan. We have formed a network of peers that will support each other long into the future.



Professional Mindset Shift



This training served as a turning point for my career objectives.

1. I previously assumed that my post-M.Sc. options were confined to traditional academic roles or Agricultural Research Services (ARS).
2. The sessions unveiled a diverse array of high-impact career paths that offer the chance to excel on a larger scale. I am now highly motivated to pursue international avenues within the agricultural domain.

Atmosphere and Environment

The setting at MANAGE was professional, hospitable, and characterized by exceptional organizational standards.

1. Active Participation: Rather than passive listening, the program emphasized high-level engagement and dialogue with industry veterans.
2. Operational Excellence: I was deeply impressed by the quality of the facilities, the hospitality provided, and the rigorous adherence to schedule.
3. Field Exposure: Our exposure to Hyderabad's iconic sites—the Statue of Equality, the Buddha Statue, and NTR Garden—offered a refreshing cultural perspective alongside our technical training. Observing the architectural beauty of the Telangana Secretariat from the outside was also a memorable experience.



Key Appreciation



I want to express my sincere gratitude to the faculty. Their vast expertise serves as a guide for our future success, and the global insights they shared have given us a unique competitive advantage in the field.

Global Mentorship & Networking



The opportunity to interact with a broad spectrum of agricultural stakeholders was invaluable.

1. We were mentored by accomplished Indian experts who brought world-wide experience to the table, offering a global context to local agricultural challenges.
2. This collaborative atmosphere pushed me to rethink my existing perspectives and sparked fresh research ideas that I am eager to implement.



Most Significant Takeaway

The most significant realization I had is that Agricultural Extension is no longer just about passing on information; it is a vital engine for modern innovation and social empowerment.

This program acted as a catalyst, helping me identify the specific high-level competencies I need to cultivate to succeed in the modern agricultural landscape.



Action plan

Moving forward, I plan to integrate the advanced research methodologies and data analysis skills I acquired into my M.Sc. curriculum. My immediate goal is to seek out professional opportunities that prioritize global collaboration and offer exposure to international agricultural standards.



My MANAGE NYPDP Journey

My tenure at MANAGE was a transformative period in my postgraduate education. It polished my professional capabilities, revolutionized my understanding of extension services, and embedded me within a dedicated community of future leaders. My MANAGE NYPDP journey was a pivotal career experience. It sharpened my professional skills, expanded my perspective on agricultural extension, and connected me with an invaluable network of peers who are truly dedicated to making an impact.



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