

4th MANAGE – Best Ph. D (Agricultural Extension) Thesis Award

Purpose of the Award: MANAGE presents Best Agricultural Extension Thesis Award to recognize the outstanding research work carried out by the Indian students in Ph.D in the area of Agricultural Extension in a given year. The Award is instituted to inculcate and encourage innovative thinking amongst the young scientists of Agricultural Extension fraternity and promote most impactful research studies in the extension stream and thereby improve the standard of research.

Nomination Procedure

- MANAGE invite to nominate Best Ph.D (Agricultural Extension) thesis from any Agri. Extn./Horticulture Extn./ Animal Husbandry Extn./ Fisheries Extn. / Home science extension research scholars who have successfully completed thesis within the calendar year of 2023 (i.e. from 1st January 2023 to 31st December, 2023). **The external examination should have been completed during this period.**
- To ensure fair review process, each University may nominate maximum of two thesis.
- The Chairman / Guide / Department / Student has to attach soft copies of (i) Full thesis, (ii) Executive summary, (iii) Justification for nomination as how the thesis is relevant for winning the award (Maximum Two pages) and (iv) Provisional degree Certificate.
- Nomination/Application has to be submitted in the URL <https://www.manage.gov.in/AWARDS/>
- Only applications uploaded in the above URL are accepted.
- The submission of application to the award starts from 1st February, 2024
- The deadline for submission of application is March 31, 2024.
- For any queries, communication may be sent to: manageawards@gmail.com

Value of the Award

- MANAGE- Best Ph.D Agricultural Extension Thesis award carries a Citation and cash prize
- Three highest ranked thesis will be awarded cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-, Rs.30,000/- and Rs. 20,000/- for First, Second and Third Best thesis respectively in Ph.D (Agricultural Extension) Thesis.

Criteria for Selection of Thesis

- The jury members will evaluate the thesis based on the pre decided criteria
- Thesis will be judged for their excellence in terms of their quality, novelty, innovative idea, originality of the concept, potential contributions to the discipline, scientific rigour, technical excellence etc.
- Based on the maximum score, the top three thesis will be selected for the MANAGE Best Ph.D Agricultural Extension Thesis award.
- In order to maintain the prestige and value of the Award, the Panel of Experts and Management reserve the right, not to recommend a thesis for an award in any given year.
- The Award will be conferred at the Foundation Day / General body Meeting/ Executive Council Meeting /Academic Committee Meeting of MANAGE.
- The decision of the Panel of Experts is final and no correspondence will be entertained.

**Criteria and weightage for Selection of
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Sl. No	Criterion	Score
1.	<p>Title of thesis & Choice of research problem/theme</p> <p>Simple, concise, reflective of content, devoid of jargons and acronyms, draws attention of the readers, avoids confusion</p> <p>Contributes to problem solving, relevant in the present context, avoids repetition, helps theory building</p>	10
2.	<p>Abstract</p> <p>Motivates further reading, clear and concise summarization, logical and content driven presentation</p>	5
3.	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Background information, rationale well explained, identification of problem, problem statement connected with objectives, clear and specific objectives, researchable questions</p>	5
4.	<p>Review of Literature/Theoretical orientation</p> <p>Recent studies and relevant literature covered, mere reproduction of earlier studies avoided, interpretation of studies properly done, synthesis of previous studies, gaps in knowledge identified, conceptual framework</p>	5
5.	<p>Materials and methods</p> <p>Sampling and study unit, selection of variables, and data collection tools/preparation of interview schedule, reliable and valid data collection procedure, appropriate data analysis tools, connected to study objectives, adoption of new tools and techniques</p>	10
6.	<p>Results and Discussion</p> <p>Data are well presented and interpreted, unusual trend in data captured and discussed, excellent tabular and graphical presentation, critical analysis and meaningful discussion, linked with existing theories and concepts, supportive arguments and scientific explanations, statistical tools and techniques used, empirical framework</p>	15

7.	Conclusions and Implications Critical and clear summarization of entire study, highlights of salient results, meaningful inferences, scope for further research projected, applicability of research probed and explained	5
8.	Presentation and Readability Focus retained, creativity in insight, intellectual coherence exhibited, mastery of subject matter and associated literature evident, use of theories and concepts from multiple disciplines, simple and clear language, free from grammatical errors and spelling mistakes, logical and free flowing, ease of reading, and comprehensibility to general readers (other than those with disciplinary background) and recommendations	15
9.	Novelty/uniqueness Extent of uniqueness/ novelty of the research study (in terms of choice of problem/ issue, approach and methods, analytics and inferencing) pioneering attempt, deviation from the normal path	05
10.	Scope for further research and implications Limitations of the study identified	05
11.	Contribution to the discipline of Extension education/policy and practices New theories/ concepts developed applicable to the discipline, suggested modifications to the existing theories and concepts, development of a new tool or measuring instrument	10
12.	Contribution to the farming community/stakeholders of agricultural extension system Development of a new farmer friendly methodology for field research, scope for more participation of farmers/stakeholders in research, contribution for farmer empowerment, strategies suggested	05
13	Outputs and outcome of research Process, product, IPR, awards	05
Total		100