



## National Young Professionals Development Program (NYPDP)

MANAGE-University Alliance for Advancing Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services

### Reflections That Cultivate Tomorrow's Agricultural Extension



#### MANAGE NYPDP Diaries: My Reflections

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## Key Learnings



**Day 1:** Gained an understanding of the evolving role of agricultural extension in policy-making and the importance of digital tools like AI and IoT.

**Day 2:** Explored participatory extension approaches through insightful case studies on farmer-centric innovations.

**Day 3:** Learned about agri-entrepreneurship and how extension can bridge gaps between research and market access.

**Day 4:** Gained insights into climate-smart extension practices and the crucial role of youth in promoting sustainability.

**Day 5:** Discussed diverse career pathways in extension and how to align research with national agricultural priorities.

## Training Experience

A transformative journey that blended theory, practical insights, and peer collaboration. The sessions were immersive, with experts demystifying complex concepts in agricultural extension.



## Change in Perspective

I now see extension as a dynamic, tech-driven discipline, not merely traditional training, but a powerful intersection of innovation, policy, and grassroots empowerment.

## Training Environment

The environment was inclusive and intellectually stimulating. MANAGE's campus encouraged open dialogue, while facilitators fostered curiosity and collaborative learning.

## What I Appreciate

The well-balanced mix of expert-led lectures and interactive activities such as group discussions and case analyses, made the learning both engaging and actionable.

### Networking

Interacting with fellow scholars from diverse states broadened my perspective. The connections I built have strong potential for future academic and professional collaboration.



### Main Takeaway

Agricultural extension is the “human OS” of the food system, thriving on empathy, adaptability, and technology to drive sustainable rural transformation.

### Action Plan

- Incorporate participatory methods in my research work.
- Advocate for integrating digital tools into my university’s extension outreach.
- Explore agri-startup opportunities that align with extension objectives.

## My MANAGE NYPDP Journey

A kaleidoscope of learning, unlearning, and reimagining agricultural extension. From theory to practice, from peers to pioneers, this program has reshaped my vision for a resilient and inclusive food system.

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