



National Young Professionals Development Program (NYPDP)

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Reflections That Cultivate Tomorrow's Agricultural Extension



Reflection and Experience of the MANAGE NYPDP Program

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I feel extremely grateful and honoured to have been a part of the National Young Professional Development Programme (NYPDP) organized by MANAGE. It was truly a life-changing experience that not only deepened my understanding of Agricultural Extension but also offered fresh perspectives on time management, discipline, networking, and self-growth.

From day one, I sensed that this program would be different. The introductory session provided a comprehensive overview of the current status and scope of Agricultural Extension, prompting me to reflect deeply on my own understanding and place within this dynamic field. The group exercises were interactive and engaging, and I thoroughly enjoyed exchanging ideas with fellow scholars from across the country. It was an eye-opener to realize how vast and multifaceted the field of extension truly is.



Each session was thoughtfully designed and delivered by passionate and knowledgeable experts. Dr. Saravanan Raj Sir's sessions on emerging competencies, job opportunities, and research priorities were particularly inspiring. His insights into the future of extension and the vital role of youth in driving innovation encouraged me to think beyond conventional boundaries and explore global opportunities in this field.

What I Appreciate

The field visit was one of the most memorable parts of the program. Witnessing real-world applications of extension strategies that significantly impact the livelihoods and marketing capabilities of farming communities was truly inspiring. It demonstrated how extension activities, when integrated with community development, can create tangible, positive change. It reaffirmed my belief that extension work, if driven by passion and the right approach can lead to meaningful transformation.



Main Takeaway

Beyond academic learning, I gained numerous life lessons over the week. I learned the true value of time management and punctuality skills I had previously taken lightly. The discipline maintained throughout the program left a lasting impression on me. I also built strong friendships and meaningful connections with individuals who are equally passionate about extension, each bringing unique experiences and perspectives. These peer interactions were deeply enriching.

Another key takeaway for me was the emphasis on gender equality, organic farming, and entrepreneurship. These themes made me think more deeply about the need for inclusivity and sustainability in extension work. I also found the sessions on focus group discussion techniques and monitoring and evaluation frameworks highly practical and applicable to my academic and professional journey.

This program has benefitted me both academically and personally. I have returned with a renewed sense of purpose, greater confidence, and strong motivation to contribute meaningfully to the field of Agricultural Extension. I am deeply thankful for the knowledge I gained, the experiences I lived, and the amazing people I met along the way.



I extend my heartfelt thanks to Dr. Saravanan Raj and Dr. Raahalya for organizing such a meaningful and impactful program. Their tireless efforts, dedication, and personal involvement made every participant feel truly valued. I deeply appreciate their constant support and guidance throughout the training.

NYPDP was more than just a training program, it was an awakening experience.

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