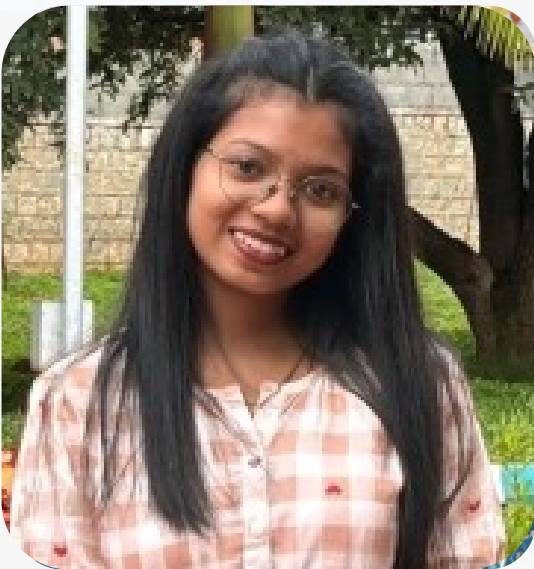




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Reflections That Cultivate Tomorrow's Agricultural Extension



Where exposure meets experience: My reflections

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Key Learnings



Over the five days of the training, we explored the evolving landscape of agricultural extension and the diverse opportunities it offers.

We gained an understanding of new-age competencies and career paths beyond traditional sectors, while learning about key research priorities and innovative approaches to extension.

The program highlighted the role of business incubators in supporting young professionals and emphasized the growing importance of digital skills.

We also explored the potential of organic farming, the support mechanisms provided by incubation programs, and how promoting gender equality and entrepreneurship can drive fair and inclusive development.



Furthermore, insights into international career opportunities, particularly in the U.S., were shared alongside practical exposure to digital tools and methodological approaches.

Finally, we learned how Monitoring & Evaluation can be applied in practice to transform the effectiveness and impact of extension services. Group activities and interactions have made me feel more confident and encouraged me to speak out more on new ideas.

Training Experience

The program was very engaging and felt like the days should be increased. The whole 5 days have offered a perfect blend of exposure, learning, discussions, and strategic insights, helping me connect the theory with real-world opportunities.



Training Environment

The training provided a supportive and engaging environment that encouraged idea generation, creativity, and open discussion. The facilitators conducted the sessions smoothly, fostering a space where ideas could be freely shared and discussed, and where learning was very interactive.



Networking

Interacting with new participants helped me learn about their views and valuable ideas. Meeting professionals from different states exposed me to diverse traditions and working styles, which will be very helpful for future collaborations.



What I Appreciate

I really enjoyed several activities, especially making charts and discussing specific topics within a short time, it helped us come up with great ideas quickly. The presentations encouraged everyone to participate equally and confidently share their thoughts. For the first time, I also experienced a focus group discussion on the last day, which really challenged my thinking and helped me come up with answers on the spot.



Main Takeaway

This training came at a perfect time before delivering my seminar, which has built my confidence to face the problems and also to enlighten my future journey.

Action Plan



I am now actively applying the knowledge and skills I gained from this training program. The tools and concepts learned will also guide me in my future research.

This training has taught me to think more deeply, generate better ideas, and, most importantly, to express myself confidently without hesitation.

I am now motivated to learn more about extension services and continue developing positive professional qualities.

"The MANAGE-NYPDP was a perfect blend of learning, unlearning, and relearning. It broadened my understanding of agricultural extension, deepened my knowledge, and strengthened my commitment to contribute meaningfully to the sector"



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