



National Young Professionals Development Program (NYPDP)

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Reflections That Cultivate Tomorrow's Agricultural Extension



Seeds of Change: My NYPDP Experience

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Participating in the National Young Professionals Development Program (NYPDP) organized by MANAGE was a transformative experience that offered deep insights into the evolving landscape of agricultural extension. The five-day training brought together a diverse group of young professionals and experts from across the country, all united by a shared passion for agricultural development and innovation.

Key Learnings

Each day of the program was thoughtfully curated to cover emerging competencies, career trajectories, and research frontiers in agricultural extension. I particularly appreciated the sessions on career opportunities in agricultural extension, policy engagement, and methods for conducting Focus Group Discussions (FGDs). These sessions provided both theoretical grounding and practical tools essential for any aspiring extension professional.



Training Experience

My five-day journey with NYPDP was intellectually enriching, socially engaging, and personally inspiring. The training was an immersive experience that expanded my perspectives, connected me with like-minded peers, and ignited a renewed sense of purpose.

Change in Perspective

Prior to this training, I had a narrow understanding of Agricultural Extension. However, every session helped me see the field in a new light, especially the vast array of career opportunities it offers. I now view agricultural extension not just as a career path, but as a dynamic platform for innovation, empowerment, and impact.

Training Environment



The environment at MANAGE was vibrant and inclusive. The training was designed to be interactive, involving each participant actively. It fostered collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking, making the learning process highly effective and enjoyable.

What I Appreciate

What I appreciated most was the opportunity to learn from seasoned experts who brought immense knowledge and passion to the sessions. Their real-world insights and willingness to engage with us made the experience even more meaningful.



Networking

The peer interactions were invaluable. I made friends from across the country and shared memorable moments exploring Hyderabad with them. These bonds, formed through shared learning and cultural exchange, are something I will always cherish.



Main Takeaway

My biggest takeaway from the training was the realization that agricultural extension is a field filled with possibilities, whether in research, policy, communication, or grassroots engagement. It reaffirmed my commitment to contribute meaningfully to this sector.

Action Plan

Going forward, I plan to focus more deeply on areas within agricultural extension that align with my interests. I will continue to explore opportunities to apply the skills and knowledge gained during this program to my academic and professional pursuits.

My MANAGE NYPDP Journey

A journey of learning, laughter, and lifelong connections, MANAGE NYPDP opened doors to new ideas, new people, and a new purpose in agricultural extension.

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