



National Young Professionals Development Program (NYPDP)

MANAGE-University Alliance for Advancing Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services

Reflections That Cultivate Tomorrow's Agricultural Extension



Reflections on Professional Growth and Emerging Trends in Agricultural Extension: Insights from NYPDP 2024

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Key Learnings

Acquired knowledge about how agricultural extension is changing, how paradigms are shifting, and the importance of benchmarking our knowledge. Self-reflection sessions helped better align my personal and professional objectives.

Gained insights into human decision modeling and emerging research traditions. Sessions on knowledge management and entrepreneurship expanded my perspective on integrating innovation and technology into extension.



Explored gender equity, organic farming, and effective monitoring and evaluation techniques. I particularly appreciated the practical demonstration of the focus group discussion.



Examined global competencies and employment opportunities. Dr. Rati Mukteshwar's motivational session and a talk on crafting effective cover letters were especially inspiring. The museum visit deepened my appreciation for the legacy of agricultural education.

Understood extension strategies for climate resilience, new competencies required for professionals, and approaches to policy engagement. The valedictory session, with certificate distribution by Dr. S.K. Pahuja, was a proud and motivating moment.

Training Experience



The training was emotionally rewarding, professionally empowering, and intellectually stimulating. Every day presented a unique blend of networking, introspection, and learning.

Change in Perspective

It certainly changed my perspective on agricultural extension, from a traditional view to one that is more dynamic, multidisciplinary, and technology-integrated, emphasizing inclusivity, innovation, and policy engagement.

What I Appreciate

I especially appreciated the range of topics covered, the high calibre of the presenters, and the practical relevance of the sessions. The balance between theoretical concepts and practical applications was admirable.

Networking

I established meaningful connections with academics and professionals from across the country. Peer discussions enriched the learning experience and sparked new ideas for collaboration and research.



Training Environment

The atmosphere was friendly, vibrant, and intellectually stimulating. The combination of resource persons, diverse participants, and interactive sessions created an encouraging and collaborative learning environment.

Main Takeaway

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Agricultural extension is no longer just about dissemination, it's about innovation, communication, community empowerment, and shaping policy for sustainable development.

Action Plan

I intend to apply the skills and insights gained in my research, participate more actively in outreach initiatives, and design inclusive, data-driven, and policy-relevant extension strategies.

My MANAGE NYPDP Journey

A transformative journey that provided fresh perspectives, sharpened my skills, and connected me with a network of like-minded professionals dedicated to making a difference in agricultural extension.

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