



## National Young Professionals Development Program (NYPDP)

MANAGE-University Alliance for Advancing Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services

### Reflections That Cultivate Tomorrow's Agricultural Extension



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## Key Learnings

At the end of every session, I was feeling that I've learnt something new. Every new insight that I've learnt was worth every single second. Not only I learnt many new things about my discipline but about how I can be at the elite class and contribute to society. One of the most important things that I loved was Focus Group Discussion that provided me the understanding of Qualitative Data Collection.



## Training Experience

I was feeling very lucky to attend this. Initially there was some cloud of doubt that was hovering around my head. But by the end, I could very confidently say that I've learnt so much. I made really good friends. I widened many horizons for me and I believe that it will open many new doors of success for me.



## Change in perspective

Of course I did. I initially believed that after completing my PhD, the only options that I was left with Assistant Professor or ARS. But after the training, I got to know about so many other options that will make me stand out of the line and will be very effective in securing me a handsome job. Exposure to the international horizons is something what I'm looking at.

## Training environment

It was a very warm and coordinated environment. The sessions included lectures and group activities. However, the lectures were more kind of Interactive lectures where the experts very nicely interacted with us and provided us a lot of information. The food and accommodation were really good. Even the venue where the training was being held was exquisite. All the faculty was very nice and gentle. One of the best things was the punctuality of the things which according to me was the best.



## Networking

Beyond the formal curriculum, one of the most significant benefits was the opportunity to establish meaningful connections with a distinguished group of academics and professionals from all corners of the country. These interactions created a rich intellectual community.

The frequent discussions with my peers were particularly transformative; they provided a dynamic forum to challenge assumptions, share unique insights, and collectively build upon our knowledge. This collaborative spirit was incredibly generative, sparking a number of innovative ideas that I am now eager to explore through future research and partnerships.



## What I Appreciate

The thing which I want to appreciate the most is the knowledge the experts shared with us that will be beneficial for us in climbing the ladder of success. Their experience taught us several lessons and their immense knowledge is something truly worth appreciating for.

## Main takeaway

Agricultural Extension Education is not longer a discipline about dissemination of information. My biggest takeaway was the clear and expanded vision I gained for my career path. The training was an eye-opener; it illuminated the evolving landscape of Agricultural Extension and provided a roadmap of the new opportunities and essential competencies needed to thrive professionally.



## Action Plan

Although, all the sessions were equally important, but I was very well moved by the session delivered by Saravanan Sir about the new competencies in Extension Education.



I would try to incorporate all the taught techniques and skills in my data collection, data analysis and also in my research purpose. Also, I'm looking to find a new job opportunity in my field which will find me a great opportunity networking with international opportunities.

## My MANAGE NYPDP Journey

My primary suggestion for MANAGE is to build upon the success of NYPDP by introducing thematic specializations for mid-career professionals, focusing on critical areas like climate-smart agriculture, agri-tech integration, and FPO business management. To ensure a lasting impact, MANAGE could foster a stronger professional community through long-term engagement, implementing formal mentorship programs and a continuous learning platform to transform individual trainings into a comprehensive ecosystem for professional growth.



My MANAGE NYPDP journey was a pivotal career experience. It sharpened my professional skills, expanded my perspective on agricultural extension, and connected me with an invaluable network of peers who are truly dedicated to making an impact

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