



## National Young Professionals Development Program (NYPDP)

MANAGE-University Alliance for Advancing Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services

### Reflections That Cultivate Tomorrow's Agricultural Extension



#### Where Exposure Meets Experience: My Reflections

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## Key Learnings

**Day 1:** Attained clarity about the job opportunities and competencies required for an extension professional in the new-gen era of agriculture

**Day 2:** Explored the ambit of research priorities of the subject, along with understanding novel extension models and knowing the importance of the business incubation ecosystem, digital competencies, and their facilitation for development

**Day 3:** Learned about the prospects of organic agriculture and incubation ecosystem, and how the thrust areas like gender equality and entrepreneurship can aid in building their prevalence

**Day 4:** Gained awareness of the course and career opportunities of the subject in developed countries like the United States that can enhance diversity. Various digital tools and a comparative study on the methodological landscape with respect to time were learned in this regard

**Day 5:** Learned about the practical application of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and how its support to the extension study can disrupt its dynamics



## Training Experience

A profound journey with an efficient fraternity having ideas and opinions in various dimensions, enhancing better collaboration due to activities like open discussion, participatory approach, demonstrations, etc.

## Training Environment

The environment enabled the participants in brainstorming sessions, creative thinking, open dialogue, and unabashed decision-making with exemplary facilitation



## What I Appreciate

The practical activities, like chart making, presentations, and model group discussions after each session by the facilitators, ensured that all the participants were more involved, engaged, and active. Also, the timely serving of food was maintained throughout the day



## Networking

There was a diverse pack of brilliant participants across various states from different universities, which helped me in building a strong network for better academic and professional merit.



## Main takeaway

Greater collaboration with efficient policy formulations can significantly enhance the agriculture sector through the extension professionals

## Action plan

- Explore the linkage of job opportunities with my ongoing research work
- Enhance my writing skills by applying various topics of interest related to agricultural extension
- Learn about the novel approaches and dimensions related to policy advocacy and how it can be applied to extension activities





The program offered a rich mix of learning, unlearning, and relearning through both theory and practical sessions. It has positively changed the way I think about the subject and the course, thanks to the strong support and teamwork among participants.

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