



## National Young Professionals Development Program on New Competencies, Career Opportunities and Research Priorities in Agricultural Extension

MANAGE-University Alliance for Advancing Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services

July 22-26, 2024

Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (Deemed to be University), Bhubaneswar, Odisha

### Program Objectives

- To orient participants on the emerging areas in extension research, practice, and policy.
- To discuss new competencies, career opportunities, and research priorities in agricultural extension

### DAY 1: July 22, 2024, Monday

#### Session I: Inaugural Programme and Introduction to the Evolving Agricultural Extension, Research traditions, Approaches and Tools in Extension

This session inaugurates the program and introduces the evolving field of agricultural extension. It covers emerging research traditions, modern approaches, and innovative tools in extension services. The session highlights key trends and developments shaping the future of agricultural extension. Participants will learn about new methodologies and technologies enhancing extension effectiveness.

Duration	Particulars	Speaker/Activities
09.00-09.15	Registration	
09.15-09.30	MANAGE Video	
09.30-09.45	SOA Video	
09.45-10.00	Self-Introduction of Participants	Ice-breaking session
10.00-11.00	Inaugural Program	
11.00-11.30	Group Photo, Networking & Tea	

11.30-13.00	Agricultural Extension: Time for Step Beyond Next Step	Dr. Saravanan Raj Director (Agricultural Extension) MANAGE
13.00-14.00	Lunch Break	
14.00-15.30	Emerging Research Traditions, Approaches and Tools in Extension: From Accretion to Excavation	Dr. P. Sethuraman Sivakumar Principal Scientist CTCRI, Trivandrum
15.30-16.00	Tea break	
16.00-17.30	New Curriculum in Agricultural Extension: Better Opportunities and Way Forward	Dr. Saravanan Raj Director (Agricultural Extension) MANAGE

**DAY 2: July 23, 2024, Tuesday**

**Session II: Gender Research, Indigenous Knowledge System and Capacity Development of Extension Professional**

This session explores the intersection of gender research, indigenous knowledge systems in agricultural extension, and capacity development for extension professionals. It highlights the importance of gender-responsive policies, integrating indigenous knowledge with modern practices, and essential competencies for extension professionals.

09.00 – 09.30	Recap of Day 1	
09.30-11.00	Research Priorities in Agricultural Extension	Dr. Saravanan Raj Director (Agricultural Extension) MANAGE
11.00-11.30	Tea Break	
11.30-13.00	Research on Gender in Agriculture: Equality, Social inclusion, M & E	Dr. Meghajit Sharma Shijagurumayum Alliance of Biodiversity International and CIAT, Bengaluru
13.00-14.00	Lunch break	
14.00- 15.30	Indigenous Knowledge System: Documentation, Validation and Integration of ITK System in Research Formulation	Dr. Bibudha Parasar Professor Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA)
15.30- 16.00	Tea break	
16.00-17.30	Capacity Development of Extension Professionals	Dr. Mahamaya Prasad Nayak Associate Professor, OUAT

**DAY 3: July 24, 2024, Wednesday**

**Session III: Global Opportunities for Agricultural Extension Professionals and Extension for Organic Farming, Entrepreneurship and Gender Equality**

This session explores global opportunities for agricultural extension professionals, focusing on emerging trends and necessary skillsets. It examines the role of extension services in promoting organic farming and supporting agricultural entrepreneurship. The session also highlights strategies for fostering gender equality in agricultural extension.

08.00-10.00	Agricultural Extension: Global Opportunities for Professional Development	Mr. Parmveer Singh The Pennsylvania State University, USA & Ms. Sravani Reddy University of Florida, USA
10.00-11.30	Extension for Organic Farming	Dr. Mahesh Chander Principal Scientist, IVRI
11.30-11.45	Tea break	
11.45-13.00	Extension for Entrepreneurship and Gender Equality	Dr. Mahesh Chander Principal Scientist, IVRI
13.00-14.00	Lunch break	
14.00-17.30	Field Visit	
<b>DAY 4: July 25, 2024, Thursday</b>		
<b>Session IV: Social Science Research, Climate Resilient Agriculture and Monitoring &amp; Evaluation</b>		
This session explores the integration of social science research in developing climate-resilient agriculture practices. It emphasizes the importance of understanding social dynamics and farmer behavior in adapting to climate change. The session also covers effective monitoring and evaluation techniques to assess the impact of agricultural interventions.		
09.00-09.30	Recap of Day 3	
09.30-11.00	Monitoring & Evaluation: Competencies for Extension Professionals	Dr. P. V. K. Sasidhar Professor School of Extension and Development Studies IGNOU, New Delhi
11.00-11.30	Tea break	
11.30-13.00	Evaluation Data Analysis and Interpretation	
13.00-14.00	Lunch break	
14.00-15.30	Changing Trends in the Avenue of Research Publications in Agricultural Extension: A Global Scenario	Dr. S. Raahalya MANAGE Fellow
15.30-16.00	Tea break	
16.00-17.30	Climate Resilient Agriculture: Supporting and Strengthening the Capacities of Family Farms	Dr. Kishore Behera State In-Charge ICARDA-Odisha, Bhubaneswar
<b>DAY 5: July 26, 2024, Friday</b>		
<b>Session V: Agricultural Extension Strategies to Climate Change and Competencies for Agricultural Extension Professionals and Human Decision Modelling</b>		
This session explores agricultural extension strategies for climate change adaptation, emphasizing sustainable practices and effective resource management. It highlights the essential competencies required for extension professionals to address climate challenges. The session also covers human decision modeling to improve extension service effectiveness.		
09.00-09.30	Recap of Day 4	

09.30-11.00	Agricultural Extension in the Times of Climate Change: Community, Markets and Policy	Mr. Srajesh Gupta Manager, Climate Change Research AKRSP, Gujarat
11.00-11.30	Tea Break	
11.30-13.00	New Competencies for Agricultural Extension	Dr. Rasheed Sulaiman Director, Centre for Research on Innovation and Science Policy (CRISP), Hyderabad
	Policy Engagement for Agricultural Extension	
13.00-14.00	Lunch break	
14.00-15.30	Human Decision Modelling in Extension Research	Dr. P. Sethuraman Sivakumar Principal Scientist CTCRI, Trivandrum
15.30-16.00	Tea break	
16.00-17.00	Take Home Message and Action Plan	Participants
17.00-17.30	Valedictory session	

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