NYPDP —P.L.U.S



National Young Professionals Development Program (NYPDP) for

Professional Learning to Unlock Specialisation in Agricultural Extension (P.L.U.S)

Digital Innovations

MANAGE-University Alliance for Advancing Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services

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Context

The National Young Professionals Development Program (NYPDP) has emerged as a flagship initiative by the National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), dedicated to advancing the field of agricultural extension by cultivating a new generation of skilled, future-ready professionals. Since its inception, the program has successfully trained over 767 postgraduate and doctoral scholars from 77 universities across 23 Indian states, fostering a dynamic network of emerging agricultural extension leaders.

NYPDP P.L.U.S (Professional Learning to Unlock Specialisation) builds upon this legacy by introducing a series of specialised training programs, each focusing on a distinct theme that addresses contemporary challenges and opportunities in the field. Each NYPDP P.L.U.S program is designed to go beyond orientation and provide in-depth, practical, and future-ready learning. Participants are exposed to cutting-edge research tools, participatory methods, policy frameworks, and digital technologies relevant to their chosen thematic area. NYPDP P.L.U.S is a strategic investment in the next generation of who will navigate complex rural and agri-food system challenges, influence policy, and bring innovations to the grassroots. It reflects MANAGE's commitment to developing agile, competent, and socially responsible professionals who can contribute meaningfully to sustainable agricultural and rural transformation.

Objectives of NYPDP P.L.U.S

- To develop participants' competencies in using emerging digital innovations, AI-enabled tools, data-driven advisory services and digital platforms for effective agricultural extension
- To familiarise participants with emerging career opportunities in digital agriculture, agri-tech, digital advisory services, innovation and technology-enabled extension, including opportunities for entrepreneurship and professional practice
- To orient participants towards emerging research priorities in digital agricultural extension, with emphasis on technology adoption, digital inclusion, AI applications, data governance, digital innovation and resilient and sustainable agri-food systems.

Methodology

Expert-Led Thematic Sessions

Hands-on Digital Exercises

Group activities

Case Studies from Global Agri-food Systems

Innovation Challenges

Peer Learning and Discussions



What Participants Gain

- Comeptencies in emerging digital tools, AI-enabled applications, data-driven approaches and digital platforms relevant to agricultural extension.
- Awareness of emerging career pathways in digital agriculture, agri-tech, innovation entrepreneurship, data and technology-enabled professional roles.
- Understanding of future research directions and key research questions shaping digital agricultural extension and agri-food systems.
- Greater clarity on opportunities for further learning, specialisation, research and career development in the digital agriculture ecosystem.

Last date for Nomination:
30th December, 2026

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Who Should Attend?

- The purpose of NYPDP P.L.U.S on "Digital Innovations " is to orient M.Sc. students, PhD scholars, young faculty members of SAUs/CAUs, ICAR, Deemed Universities, Colleges, and KVKs with the specialisation in agricultural extension education, economics, sociology, psychology, MSW journalism, communication, environmental science, development and policy studies

  *Participants who have previously attended NYPDP are also eligible to register for NYPDP P.L.U.S.

- A nominal fee of Rs. 3,000 (Rupees Three Thousand only) is charged for training, including food and accommodation

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