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Message from Director General

Government is working on making storage facilities available close to production area with focus on creation of a network of warehouses and agricultural infrastructure under cooperative sector. It will not only help farmers realize better price for their produce but also help in reducing the post harvest losses. These efforts of the Government are required to be complemented with availability of trained manpower to manage the storage space created. MANAGE has introduced an online education program called Post Graduate Diploma in Agri-warehousing Management (PGDAWM) to address this issue of availability of trained manpower. The admissions for the next batch of the program are open. Please avail the benefit of the program by encouraging staff and officers from your organization to register for the program.



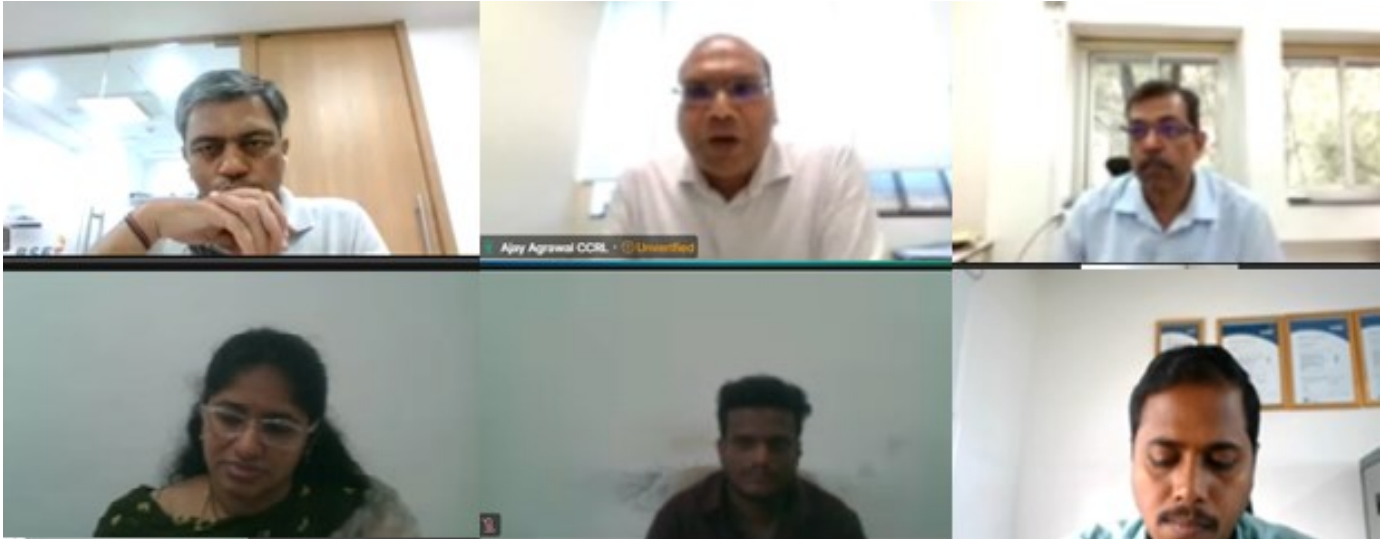
Dr. P. Chandra Shekara
Director General

Post-Graduate Diploma in Agri-warehousing Management

Guest Lecture

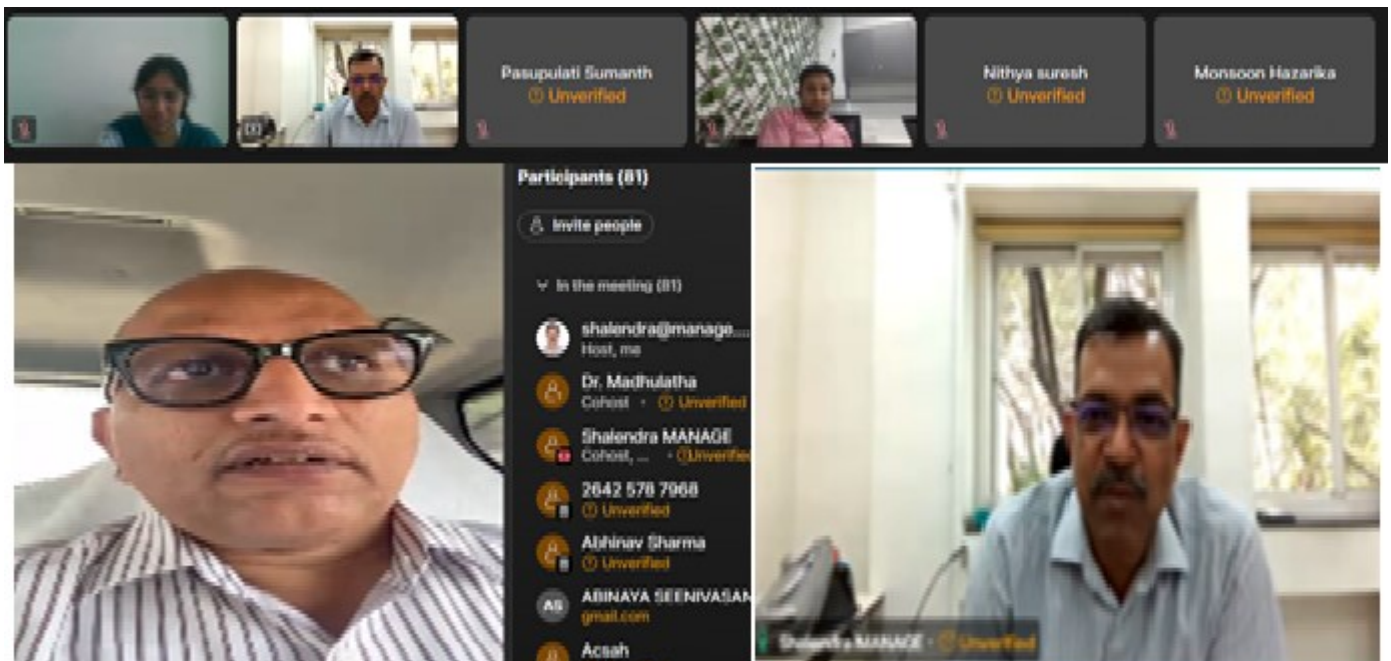
Guest Lecture on Agri Value Chain Financing

A guest lecture was organized by MANAGE on 'Agri Value Chain Financing' on 28th June 2024. Experts from the industry are invited for such programs. This helps enrolled candidates build their capacity on latest developments in the sector. Shri Ajay Agarwal, Head - Business Development, CDSL Commodity Repository Limited (CCRL) was invited to speak on value chain financing. More than 100 candidates joined the online guest lecture.



Orientation Program

In order to facilitate candidates enrolled in the 11th batch of the program, an orientation program was organized on 1st May 2024. The candidates were exposed to various aspects of the program. Dr P Chandra Shekara, Director General, MANAGE Hyderabad, also interacted with the candidates and oriented them on the importance of trained manpower in the development of agri- warehousing sector.



India's warehousing surge: expansion, mechanization, automation to fuel the needs of growing economy

Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) has seen significant capacity expansion in recent years. Over the past three years, CWC added approximately 45 lakh square feet of warehousing capacity, with 21 lakh square feet added last year alone. Efforts are underway to modernize these warehouses, many of which date back to 1957. CWC secured ₹1000 crore for modernization at 20 locations during last financial year and expects ₹2000 crore for 61 locations this year through private investments as a way to modernization. The capital investment budget has increased from ₹560 crore to ₹700 crore this year. CWC is focusing on upgrading infrastructure and providing end-to-end logistics services, including cleaning, sorting, storing, packaging, and facilitating e-market options. Continuous innovation and expansion aim to meet the growing demands of India's economy, as highlighted by Managing Director of CWC.

The Economic Times

Review of progress of pilot grain storage projects launched in 11 states

The National Level Coordination Committee (NLCC) for India's grain storage project, chaired by Cooperation Secretary Shri Ashish Kumar Bhutani, reviewed the progress of the pilot project launched in 11 states. This initiative, led by the Ministry of Cooperation, aims to create a decentralized network of warehouses and agricultural infrastructure at the Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS) level. The project, one of the government's most ambitious, envisions nationwide decentralized warehouses. Implemented by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) with support from NABARD and FCI, the pilot is extending to an additional 500 PACS. The plan uses existing government schemes such as the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) and Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure Scheme (AMI) to establish warehouses, custom hiring centers, processing units, and fair price shops. States, Union Territories, and national cooperatives like NCCF and NAFED have identified more PACS for storage capacity creation. The committee discussed strategies for nationwide expansion and potential godown linkages with stakeholders.

The Economic Times

Glimpses on Agri-warehousing News

Empowering Indian agriculture: The impact of mega food parks

India's agriculture sector is heavily reliant on the food processing industry, which must grow at double-digit rates to push agricultural growth beyond 4% and meet the increasing food demands of the population. Currently, India's contribution to global food trade is less than 3%, but this is expected to double in the next decade. Due to inadequate processing facilities, 35% of agricultural produce, worth \$10 billion, is wasted. The mega food parks scheme aims to combat this by providing state-of-the-art processing facilities, from farm to market. These parks significantly boost agribusiness by enhancing processed food exports, enabling farmers to diversify their practices, and integrating those in hilly, tribal, and challenging terrains into mainstream agriculture, thereby fostering economic development. They reduce wastage through over 2.5 lakh tonnes of modern cold and ambient warehousing capacity and serve as job hubs for major food brands. This transformation not only maximizes the agriculture sector's potential but also creates substantial opportunities for Indian businesses and start-ups in the global market.

Announcement of 12th Batch of PGDAWM Program

MANAGE has announced the admission in the 12th Batch of the program. The Course is open for Indian Nationals having Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognized Indian University.

Candidates interested in taking admission to the course may register online by visiting icon 'Online Application' which is available at the webpage of the program available at MANAGE Website (www.manage.gov.in).

Last Date

30th September 2024

Eligibility Criteria

Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognized Indian University

Registration link

<https://www.manage.gov.in/pgdawm/pgdawm-moocs.asp>

Course Fee

Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) inclusive of all

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