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Message from Director General

Agri-warehousing has been identified as an important policy aspect by the Government to promote agricultural marketing in the country. Same gets reflected through various provisions suggested in the agricultural marketing reforms introduced by the government during 2003, 2017 and recently in 2020. The amendment of Essential Commodity Act is a step in the same direction to strength the sector and encourage participation of private players. MANAGE is also committed to make its contribution to the sector. MANAGE has introduced an educational Course namely Post Graduate Diploma in Agri-Warehousing Management (PGDAWM) with the aim to create a pool of warehouse professionals with capacity to manage agri-warehouses efficiently and effectively. In order to enrich the stakeholders including enrolled candidates with latest development in the sector, MANAGE is introducing an e-Bulletin from 1st Quarter of 2021. I, take this opportunity to share the introductory copy of the e-Bulletin.



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Director General

Post-Graduate Diploma in Agri-warehousing Management

Government focus on warehousing and infrastructure development

Focus on Infrastructure – Budget-2021

The Budget for the current fiscal has been presented during extraordinary circumstances, when the entire country is facing wrath of Covid-19 pandemic. The focus of the budget is to improve the health of the economy and the well-being of citizens. The broad objective of this Budget is to transform India through four 'I's (investment, infrastructure, institutions and innovations). Finance Minister in her Budget - 2021 speech has identified warehousing assets for asset monetisation programme. Monetisation, at its core, is a distinct shift from 'Privatisation' to 'Structured Partnerships' with the private sector within defined contractual frameworks. It serves two critical objectives, first, it unlocks value from public investment in infrastructure, and second, it taps private sector efficiencies.

Kisan Rail Scheme

The Kisan Rail Scheme was announced by the central government in Budget 2020. While announcing the scheme, Finance Minister had said that the Centre will set-up 'Kisan Rail' through the public-private-partnership (PPP) mode for a cold supply chain to transport perishable goods.

The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act 2020

Government through amendment of Essential Commodities Act in 2020 has removed commodities like cereals, pulses, oilseeds and edible oils from the list of essential commodities. The step taken by the government is to encourage private investment and make trade of agricultural commodities more liberal.

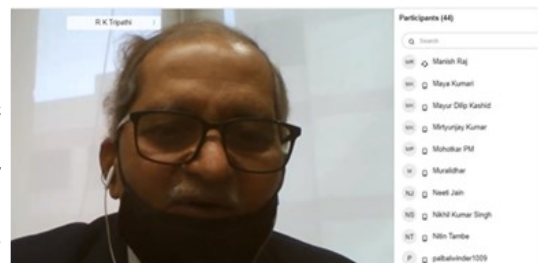
News from the PGDAWM Program

Announcement of 5th Batch

The announcement for online admissions in the 5th Batch of the program was made on 1st January 2021. The window for online application was made available to interested candidates for three months from 1st January 2021 to 31st March 2021. A total of 202 applications were received and admission has been offered to a total of 105 Candidates.

Online Lecture

The complete content developed under the program including reading material and video lectures is available online. However, in order to make the learning smoother and provide enrolled candidates a window to clear their doubt, subject specific lectures are organised online by inviting the experts. In this series a lecture was organised on Conceptual and Regulatory Framework of Warehousing by inviting Dr R K Tripathi, WDRA. The lecture was organised on 13th January 2021 and was attended by more than 50 candidates. Dr Tripathi cleared the doubts of the candidates during the online session.



Video on Policies to Promote Agri-warehousing



As part of activities to enrich the experience of the enrolled candidates, supplementary information is shared on different aspects of warehousing through online sessions, guest lectures and videos. Accordingly, a video lecture has been shared with the enrolled candidates on 'Policies of the Government to Boost Warehousing Sector' by Shri Praveen Samuel.

A snapshot of various policies introduced by the Government in past and in recent years is provided below –

Initiative in the past	National Policy on Handling, Storage and Transportation 2000	:	⇒ Encourage private sector participation in development of infrastructure for the integrated bulk handling, storage and transportation ⇒ Automatic approval for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) up to 100%
	The Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2007	:	⇒ Introduction of negotiable warehouse receipt system ⇒ Establishing Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) for developing mechanism for issuing negotiable warehouse receipts and their management
	Private Entrepreneurs Godown (PEG), 2008 Scheme	:	⇒ The Scheme aims at creating storage capacity in different states through participations of private sector, CWC and SWCs ⇒ To make the scheme more attractive for private entrepreneurs, the guarantee period was increased from five years to seven years and subsequently to 10 years
	Gramin Bhandaran Yojana	:	⇒ Aims at construction/ renovation of rural godowns, ⇒ Benefits are available as subsidy to the tune of 25 – 33.33 percent
	Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)	:	⇒ An allocation of Rs. 2000 crores has been announced by the Government of India for setting up of warehousing infrastructure in the country under the scheme for Financing Warehousing Infrastructure under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) ⇒ Loans to Government entities and private sector would be given for the construction of warehouses
Recent Initiatives	Status of full-fledged infrastructure for Logistics	:	⇒ Logistics sector has been given full-fledged status of infrastructure in 2017 and all financial and other benefits available to other infrastructure sector are available for warehousing sector as well.
	Warehouses to be declared as Mandis	:	⇒ Model APLM Act 2017 suggests provisions for warehouses to operate as Mandis for sale of agri-produce from warehouse itself
	National Agricultural Market (NAM)	:	⇒ On 24 March 2020, the Ministry launched new features of the electronic National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) platform in order to reduce the need to physically travel to APMC mandis markets for selling crops
	Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)	:	⇒ It is a comprehensive package which aims to create modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet
	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	:	⇒ Government announced Rs 1 lakh crore Agri Infrastructure Fund for farm-gate infrastructure for farmers ⇒ Financing facility of Rs. 1,00,000 crore will be provided for funding Agriculture Infrastructure Projects at farm-gate & aggregation points (Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies, Farmers Producer Organizations, Agriculture entrepreneurs, Start-ups, etc.)

PGDAWM Program

Realizing the importance of trained manpower in the sector, MANAGE has launched an online educational program of one-year duration through MOOCs platform called Post Graduate Diploma in Agri-Warehousing Management (PGDAWM).

The course envisages to equip the enrolled candidates with knowledge and skills required for efficient and effective management of agri-warehouses.

Salient Features

PGDAWM is one year course offered online (MOOCs) in user-friendly manner. The content of the PGDAWM program is comprehensive in its coverage with balanced blending of theoretical and practical exposure.

Study material consisting of write-ups and videos for each subject covered under the course is made available online along with interaction with industry experts through online platform.

Structure of the Program

Course No	Name of the course	Credits
AWM 101:	Conceptual and Regulatory Framework	3 Credits
AWM 102:	Warehouse Business and Operations	4 Credits
AWM 103:	Grading and Assaying	4 Credits
AWM 104:	Storage Pest and their Management	3 Credits
AWM 206:	Exposure visit and report writing (to be continued in 2nd semester)	2 Credits
Course No	Name of the course	Credits
AWM 201:	Warehousing Receipt Management	3 Credits
AWM 202:	Risk Management	3 Credits
AWM 203:	Warehousing Cost Management	2 Credits
AWM 204:	Record Management and Technology	3 Credits
AWM 205:	Relationship Management	2 Credits
AWM 206:	Exposure visit and report writing (completion of report)	3 Credits

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