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Message from Director General, MANAGE

Agricultural warehousing plays a crucial role in reducing post-harvest losses, ensuring food security and strengthening agricultural supply chains. The Government of India is giving increasing importance to scientific storage and modernization of warehousing infrastructure. Initiatives such as the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector and the New Storage Policy, which envisages an additional 131 lakh metric tonnes of storage capacity, reflect this growing emphasis. This suggests the need for developing the skills, knowledge and institutional capacities of the human resources associated with the sector. Recognizing the growing demand for skilled professionals and the encouraging response to its online Post Graduate Diploma in Agri-Warehousing Management (PGDAWM), MANAGE has taken a policy decision to conduct four batches of the program annually, with a new batch starting every three months. This initiative aims to provide greater learning opportunities and strengthen capacity building in scientific warehousing, storage management and post-harvest operations. Through its flexible online learning structure, PGDAWM will continue to equip professionals with the knowledge and skills required to contribute for efficient and resilient agricultural warehousing sector.



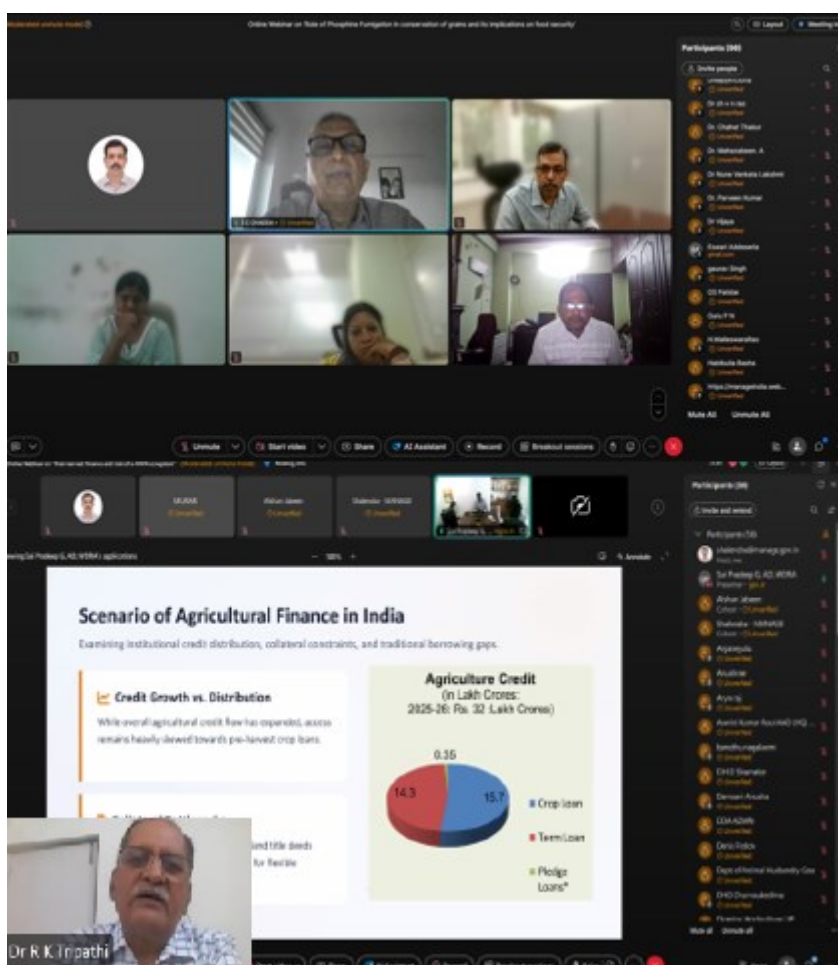
**Shri. Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, IAS,
Director General, MANAGE**

Post – Graduate Diploma in Agri-warehousing Management

Webinars Conducted During July–September 2026

In order to facilitate learning of enrolled candidates and cover important aspects of the agri-warehousing sector for different stakeholders, the Institute organises online sessions by inviting experts from the industry. During July–September 2026, the Institute organised three webinars under the PGDAWM-MOOCs programme to provide practical insights into various aspects of agricultural warehousing. The webinar on “**Audit and Inspection of Warehouses for Effective Risk Management**” was conducted on 13th July 2026. **Dr. K. Tripathi**, retired from WDRA, interacted with the participants and discussed issues related to warehouse inspection, regulatory compliance, identification of potential risks, and effective risk management practices. The webinar on “**Role of Phosphine Fumigation in Conservation of Grains and its Implications on Food Security**” was organized on 24th August 2026 by inviting **Shri I. C. Chadda (Retired from CWC)**, with 116 participants attending the session. The webinar highlighted the importance of scientific fumigation practices, pest management, and safety measures in reducing post-harvest losses and ensuring food security. The webinar on

“**Post-Harvest Finance and Role of e-NWR Eco-system**” was conducted on 24th September 2026 by inviting **Shri Sai Pradeep Gopishetty, Assistant Director, WDRA**, with 64 participants attending the program. The session focused on the role of electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (e-NWRs) in facilitating institutional credit, promoting scientific warehousing, and enabling farmers to avoid distress sales. All three webinars included interactive discussions, providing participants with opportunities to clarify their queries and gain practical insights into agricultural warehousing management.



The webinar recording is available on the **MANAGE YouTube Channel**

Telangana Plans to Increase Agricultural Warehousing Capacity

Telangana is planning to add five lakh metric tonnes of warehousing capacity over the next two years to meet the growing storage needs of the agricultural sector. At present, the Telangana State Warehousing Corporation has 52 warehouses with a total capacity of around six lakh metric tonnes. Another 48 warehouses are being constructed in different phases. The additional storage facilities are expected to help farmers store their produce more safely, reduce post-harvest losses and improve the movement of agricultural commodities from production centres to markets.

Source: ET Supply Chain,

Grain Storage Facilities Being Developed at PACS Level

Under the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector, the Government is developing storage facilities at the Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS) level. Around 1,015 PACS have been identified for the construction of godowns, and work has been completed in 313 PACS, creating about 1.80 lakh metric tonnes of storage capacity. Apart from storage, the plan also includes facilities for processing and other agricultural services. Having storage facilities closer to villages can help farmers reduce transportation costs, avoid immediate selling after harvest and access better marketing opportunities.

Source: Press Information Bureau,

Smart Packaging Can Help Reduce Post-Harvest Losses

ICAR-Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Bhopal, and the Indian Institute of Packaging, Delhi, organised a national brainstorming session on smart packaging systems for agricultural products during July 2026. Experts discussed how post-harvest losses, estimated at around 6–18 per cent for different commodities, can be reduced through better packaging, storage and transportation. Smart packaging can help maintain product quality, increase shelf life and improve traceability throughout the supply chain. Such technologies are becoming important for reducing wastage and improving the market value of agricultural produce.

Source: ICAR

Port Congestion Affects India's Rice Exports

Rice exporters faced difficulties due to congestion at Kandla port during August 2026, where cargo clearance was reportedly taking around 35 - 40 days. The delays affected both basmati and non-basmati rice exports, while container shortages created additional problems. Exporters faced difficulties in meeting delivery schedules, showing how transportation and port operations can affect agricultural trade. The situation highlights the need for better coordination between warehouses, transporters, exporters and port authorities to ensure timely movement of agricultural commodities.

Source: Press Information Bureau

Admissions Open for PGDAWM Next Batch

Post Graduate Diploma in Agri-warehousing Management (PGDAWM), offered by MANAGE, is a one-year online programme designed to develop professional competencies in agri-warehouse management. The flexible curriculum integrates study materials, video lectures, monthly webinars and expert sessions to provide participants with both theoretical knowledge and practical insights into modern warehouse operations.

Why Choose PGDAWM?

- ◆ Completely online program offered in user-friendly format
- ◆ Online interaction with industry experts
- ◆ Flexible program with **No Conflict** with regular assignments of registered candidates
- ◆ Certificate from MANAGE after successful completion of the program

A New Batch
Every Three Months
Registration for
Next batch from

1st November 2026

Eligibility: Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognized Indian university.

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How to Apply: Submit the online application through the MANAGE website

Download Prospectus of the Program

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