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Message from Director General

Agri-warehousing for its ability to influence agriculture development has emerged as a sector with lots of focus from the Government. Huge investment and growth is expected in the sector. The vision of the Government to develop largest grain storage plan in the world under the Cooperative Sector is expected to see investment and participation of small storage structure mainly emerging from the production areas. This will require trained manpower and various issues to be discussed. I request you to avail benefit of the completely online education program introduced on agri-warehousing by MANAGE. I am happy to offer MANAGE to be utilized as a platform to discuss these issues and suggest appropriate policies to the Government.



Dr. P. Chandra Shekara
Director General

Post-Graduate Diploma in Agri-warehousing Management

Orientation Program for the Candidates of 10th Batch of PGDAWM

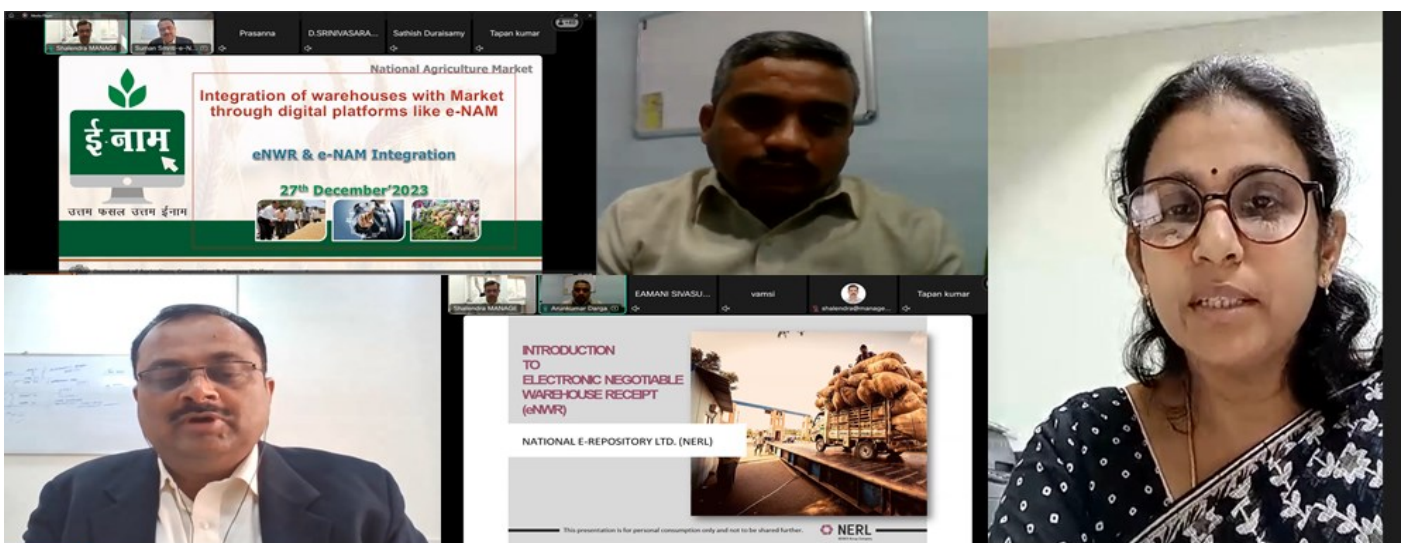
In order to facilitate candidates enrolled in the 10th batch of the program, an orientation program was organised on 7th November 2023. The candidates were exposed to various aspects of the program. Dr P Chandra Shekara, Director General, MANAGE Hyderabad interacted with the candidates and oriented the participants on the importance of agri- warehousing in development of agriculture. He also spoke about the importance of trained manpower in the development of warehousing sector.



Webinar

Webinar on Importance of warehouses in strengthening agricultural marketing system

A webinar was organized by MANAGE on the 'Importance of Warehouses in Strengthening Agricultural Marketing System' on 27th December, 2023. Experts were invited from the industry to orient participants on different aspects of agricultural marketing system and role played by warehouses in strengthening the same.



The Guest Speaker Shri Suman Smrithi from Farmgate, Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd interacted with the candidates on integration of warehouses with market through digital platforms like e-NAM. The session by Shri Arun Kumar from NeRL was on electronic warehousing receipt and repository system and its ability to facilitate continuous flow of credit in rural areas. Ms. Tulasi Bhavuraju from IDBI Bank discussed about the procedure required to be followed to avail pledge finance with focus on farmers. A total of 90 candidates attended the webinar. The candidates with interest in the subject can access the video films of the guest lectures from MANAGE YouTube channel. The films can also be accessed through webpage of the program.

Glimpses on Agri-warehousing News

CWC expects inflows of Rs 1,500-2,000 crore from private players for redevelopment of warehouses

Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) plans to offer 54 warehouses for development, upgradation, and leasing to private players through a tendering process. This move is expected to generate inflows of Rs 1,500 - 2,000 crore for CWC. The government-owned entity, with 458 warehouses nationwide, is making a second attempt to invite tenders for a total space of 7.5 - 8.0 million sqft, after an earlier unsuccessful attempt this year. In contrast to the earlier tender, the current terms propose that five percent of the gross revenue (from lease rentals) or the minimum guaranteed revenue share would be allocated to CWC, with the remainder going to the developer. This approach aims to attract private investment and enhance efficiency in warehouse operations.

The Hindu Business line

NBCC bags Rs 1,500 Crore consultancy assignment

State owned NBCC has secured a significant project management consultancy contract worth Rs 1,500 crore. The project involves the construction of 1,469 warehouses and other agricultural infrastructure across various locations in India. This initiative is part of the 'World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector', approved by the Union Cabinet earlier in the year. The project is in collaboration with the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and Primary Agriculture Cooperative Society (PACS) in different states. The scope of work includes the construction of warehouses and other agricultural infrastructure to support the ambitious grain storage plan. The inter-ministerial committee, empowered by the Union Cabinet, is facilitating the coordination of various schemes from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Ministry of Food Processing Industries to make this extensive project a reality. This initiative not only contributes to the development of agricultural infrastructure but also aligns with the government's efforts to enhance food storage capabilities and ensure food security. It's a significant step towards bolstering the agricultural sector and supporting cooperative initiatives in the country.

The Economic Times

Star Agri embarks on global expansion with tech-driven agri services Approach

Star Agri, a leading agri-business player, is moving beyond agri-warehousing by shifts its storage model to a tech-driven integrated agri-services approach. The company initiates global expansion with strategic ventures in Africa and the Middle East, particularly Dubai. Shri Amith Agarwal, the executive director, highlights a dedication to serving farmers in key African regions like Tanzania, Uganda, Nigeria, and Jamaica. Star Agri already has warehousing facilities in Dubai, a significant step in enhancing its global footprint. Ambitious goals include achieving Rs 3,000 crores in revenues over the next three years, with one-third expected from global markets. Evolving from a traditional operator, Star Agri is now a full-stack agri-tech player present in 16 states, with a warehousing capacity of over 3.2 million tonnes and assets worth Rs 10,000 crores. The company aims to be a crucial link in the global agri commodities supply chain, engaging with over one lakh farmers and more than 100 Farmer Producer Organizations.

The Times of India

First in Industry 'Agri Suraksha' Transforms Commodity Warehouses Management

Sohan Lal Commodity Management (SLCM) introduces 'Agri Suraksha,' an innovative solution for secure and eco-friendly commodity warehouse management in India's agriculture sector. Features include 24/7 digital surveillance, central control, and geotagging, all powered by solar energy. 'AgriSuraksha' addresses challenges like theft and spoilage, promoting eco-friendliness and cost-effectiveness. Shri Anuj Kumar, Lead Audit Control of SLCM, highlights the benefits of solar-run cameras, emphasizing their eco-friendly and cost-effective nature, reducing the burden on farmers and warehouse operators. Solar cameras ensure uninterrupted surveillance even in remote areas, minimizing the risk of theft and spoilage. They also allow remote data access for warehouse managers. Shri Sandeep Sabharwal, CEO of SLCM, highlights the company's corporate social responsibility, collaborating with NGOs to reach remote communities and promote awareness. He further added, local farmer associations and cooperatives can play a pivotal role in driving change and facilitating the adoption of 'AgriSuraksha'. Promoting awareness of AgriSuraksha and solar-run cameras is crucial for revolutionizing the agriculture sector, enhancing security, reducing spoilage, and ensuring cost-effective surveillance.

APN News

Announcement of 11th Batch of PGDAWM Program

MANAGE has announced the admission in the 11th 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).

The link for program webpage is also given below -

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

About the PGDAWM Program

PGDAWM is an online program with focus on Agri-warehousing Management. The program is offered through MOOCs Platform in user-friendly manner. The content of the 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 Guest Lectures.

Admission Window

- ◆ The admission in the 11th Batch of the Program is opened during 1st January 2024 to 31st March 2024.
- ◆ Last date for online registration/ application is 31st March 2024
- ◆ Application submitted will be scrutinized for completeness and eligibility.

Eligibility Criteria

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

Registration and submission of Application

- ◆ A candidate seeking admission in the agri-warehousing course must register online in the prescribed application form available at MANAGE website <https://www.manage.gov.in/pgdawm/pgdawm-moocs.asp>

Course Fee

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

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