



**FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION MANAGEMENT (MANAGE)**  
(An Autonomous Organization of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India)

## MANAGE organized the Annual Training Planning Workshop (ATPW) – 2026



National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) organised the Annual Training Planning Workshop – 2026 (ATPW–2026) on 12th February 2026 at Hyderabad to deliberate on the training needs of Agricultural Extension Functionaries and to design the Training Calendar for FY 2026–27. The workshop brought together 49 professionals from 21 States representing the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, EEs, SAMETIs, ICAR Institutes, State Departments, and MANAGE faculty to discuss different aspects of capacity building strategy for extension professional.

Dr. Sagar Hanuman Singh, IPoS, Director General (MANAGE), in his inaugural address, emphasized on the need to strengthen agricultural extension by building the capacity of different stakeholders involving different partner institutes mainly SAMETIs and EEs.

Dr. Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, IAS, Joint Secretary (Extension), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, addressed the participants virtually and shared the vision of the Ministry to

strengthen the extension ecosystem by building the capacity of extension professional. He emphasized on the need for organising physical programs with comprehensive coverage including field visits for better understanding and exposure.



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# MANAGE organized the Annual Training Planning Workshop – (ATPW–2026)



Dr. Saravanan Raj, Director (Agricultural Extension), MANAGE highlighted the rapid changes taking place in the agricultural sector, including involvement of technologies, diversified stakeholders, and emerging market dynamics. He suggested the need for having a comprehensive training strategies aligning with these transformations and encouraging participation of key stakeholders.

The workshop facilitated discussion to develop a demand based training calendar. Particular emphasis was placed on enhancing institutional convergence and fostering collaborative planning among different institutes mainly MANAGE, EEs, SAMETIs, and State Departments to ensure

alignment with national priorities and state-specific field realities.

The workshop concluded with a consensus on strengthening inter-institutional collaboration for develop a demand-driven, digitally enabled, and outcome-oriented Training Calendar for FY 2026–27.

**Program Director:** Dr. Shalendra (Agricultural Marketing) & Head CAIB, MANAGE along with Dr. Nidhi Sharma, MANAGE Fellow.



## MANAGE organized a 6-day Training Programmes for Cohort 14 of MANAGE-CIA and Cohort 1 of MANAGE-FISHub

MANAGE organized a 6-day Training Programmes for Cohort 14 of MANAGE-CIA and Cohort 1 of MANAGE-FISHub Pre-Seed and Seed Stage Incubatees, and Training Program of Pre-seed and Seed stage Startups – during 02-06 February 2026. A total of 75 participants attending the training program.

56 Participants in Cohort 14 of MANAGE-CIA

19 Participants in Cohort 1 of MANAGE-FISHub

Dr. Saravanan Raj, Director (Agricultural Extension), MANAGE & CEO, MANAGE-MFish Hub, welcomed the participants and briefed them on both programmes. The training program for Cohort 1 participants of Pre-Seed and Seed Stage (AOP & SAIP)

will be launched and essential information regarding the PMMSY Scheme, RKVY-RAFTAAR Scheme and training program given on an inaugural day.

**Aim:** To provide the Networking opportunities and pitching to SAIP, AOP and SOP startups of Cohort 1 and Cohort 14 of MANAGE-FISHub and MANAGE-CIA. The program also features mock presentations of SAIP, AOP and SOP startups, and concludes with a valedictory session and certificate distribution.



# MANAGE Successfully Concludes ITEC International Training Program



MANAGE successfully Concludes ITEC with the Valedictory Programme. ITEC Training Programme on “**Climate Smart Agriculture in Forage and Rangeland Management**”, conducted from 20 January to 2 February 2026 from Uganda. Program supported by the Ministry of External Affairs, GoI,

The Programme provided an excellent platform for international participants to enhance their knowledge and skills in climate-resilient forage production, sustainable rangeland management, and climate-smart agricultural practices for strengthening livestock-based livelihoods.

The valedictory session was graced by Dr. Sagar Hanuman Singh, IPoS, Director General (DG), MANAGE, and the Course

Dr. Shahaji Phand, Course Director, who encouraged participants to apply the learnings in their respective countries and serve as ambassadors of climate-smart agriculture.

On this occasion a book is released by the Dignitaries and editors; Shahaji Phand, Sushrirekha Das, Uday Kumar and Nagana R

We congratulate all the participants on the successful completion of the Programme and wish them great success in their future endeavors.

**Program Director:** Dr. Shahaji Phand, Deputy Director, EAAS, MANAGE & ITEC Program Coordinator, directed the program in coordination with coordination support from CAD team,



# MANAGE organized a five-days Training Programme on “Tapping Global Markets through Agri-Export Oriented Farmer Producer Organisations”

MANAGE organized a five-days Training Programme on “Tapping Global Markets through Agri-Export Oriented Farmer Producer Organisations” was inaugurated by Dr. Sagar Hanuman Singh, IPoS, Director General of MANAGE, Hyderabad, from 16–20 February 2026. The programme is attended by 35 FPO members and 4 officers from the Market Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh.

In his inaugural address, the Director General emphasized the need for FPOs to move beyond production and adopt export-oriented approaches to enhance farmers’ income. He highlighted key aspects such as export procedures, documentation, quality certification, logistics, and compliance

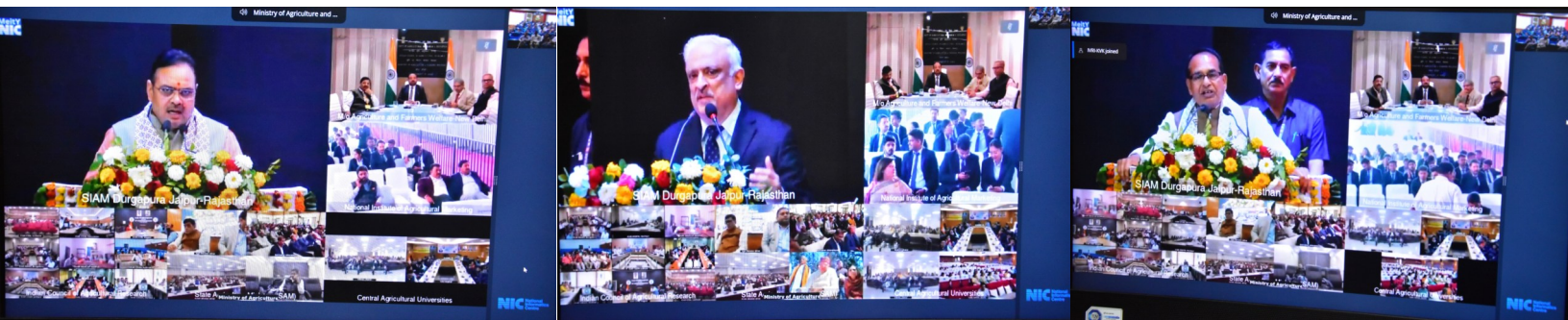
with international standards. Special focus is being given to residue management, adherence to Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs), Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), and traceability systems to ensure global market access.

Participants will also gain practical exposure through a field visit to Sam Agri Tech, where they will learn hands-on procedures in pomegranate grading, packing, quality testing, and export logistics.

**Program Director:** Dr. Shalendra, Director (Agricultural Marketing), MANAGE with the support of his team.



# The Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, launched Bharat Vistaar–Virtual



The Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, **Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, launched **Bharat Vistaar** in the dignified presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, **Shri Bhajanlal Sharma**, the Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Agriculture, **Shri Bhagirath Choudhary**, the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan, **Shri Kirodi Lal Meena**, and **Shri Devesh Chaturvedi**, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India along with senior officers from the State Governments.

Bharat Vistaar is an integrated, AI-based digital platform for farmers that will provide the following information in one place: Weather updates, Market (mandi) prices, Crop & pest

management advisories, Soil health information and Government schemes & services

This initiative marks a significant step towards empowering farmers through technology and promoting digital agriculture in the country.

National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad, participated in the launch of Bharat Vistaar through Virtual.



# MANAGE Saturday Webinars



The webinars, organized by Dr. Saravanan Raj, Director (Agricultural Extension), MANAGE with the assistance of Dr. Rahalya S, MANAGE Fellow

MANAGE organised Webinar on **“Urban Agriculture: Community-Driven Agriculture – Innovative CSA Models for the Modern Era”** on Saturday, February 07, 2026, from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon. The session was conducted as part of the 6th Year of Collaborations and Partnerships initiative by the MANAGE–Centre for Innovation and Agripreneurship (CIA). The webinar featured Mr. Parikshit Dhulugade, Co Founder, Earthly Companies Services Pvt. Ltd., as the key speakers. The discussion focused on learn how collaborative farming models can strengthen local food systems and empower urban communities.



To register/watch the webinar, click on the link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HiPQD6lhyz4&list=PLMo-iyYCsZp8RQ1o3qW4kLUBX\\_9Ygpkdn&index=8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HiPQD6lhyz4&list=PLMo-iyYCsZp8RQ1o3qW4kLUBX_9Ygpkdn&index=8)

MANAGE organised Webinar on **“Precision Agriculture: Driving Startup Growth and Innovation through Precision Farming”** on Saturday, February 14, 2026, from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon. The session was conducted as part of the 6th Year of Collaborations and Partnerships initiative by the MANAGE–Centre for Innovation and Agripreneurship (CIA). The webinar featured Mr. Sanket Kedar, Founder & CEO, DruFarm Technology Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Saral Jain, Founder & CEO, Rashali Agro & Creator of Fasalam Agri EcoSystem., as the key speakers. The discussion focused on discover how data-driven technologies are empowering agri-startups to improve productivity, efficiency, and sustainability.



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MANAGE organised Webinar on **“Smart Farming for Livestock – Applying Precision Farming Principles for Improved Productivity”** on Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon. The session was conducted as part of the 6th Year of Collaborations and Partnerships initiative by the MANAGE–Centre for Innovation and Agripreneurship (CIA). The webinar featured Dr. GK Bamania, Founder Breeding & Livestock Services Pvt. Ltd., and Mr. Priyadarshi Puneet, Founder & Director, Gramshree Agri Services Pvt. Ltd., as the key speakers. The discussion highlighted will explore how precision technologies such as IoT sensors, real-time monitoring, data analytics, and smart decision-support systems are transforming livestock enterprises.



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MANAGE organised Webinar on **“Data-Driven Farming: The Role of Big Data in Precision Agriculture”** on Saturday, February 28, 2026, from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon. The session was conducted as part of the 6th Year initiative by the MANAGE–Centre for Innovation and Agripreneurship (CIA). The webinar featured Mr. Krishanu Seal, Co-Founder, AgroEco Technologies and Mr. Susheel Chilashetty, Chief Business Operator, RootsKart., as the key speakers. The discussion focused on Explore how Big Data, smart analytics, and emerging digital technologies are transforming precision agriculture and strengthening the agri-startup ecosystem. The session will offer valuable insights into data-enabled decision-making, improved farm productivity, and sustainable agricultural growth.



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