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## Basics Principles of Extension Education

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### Introduction:

Philosophy is the essence of knowledge. It provides the guidelines for performing the activities in typical way. Each and every subject has its own philosophy. There is always controversy between old and new. Extension philosophy is related to the developmental planning. Extension means the expansion of the knowledge. Extension is related to the culture. It keeps the respect and honour of the culture. Cultural growth is also the base of extension. Culture is the identity of human life. Culture shows the quality of human life. Without culture, human life would be colourless. It is the shadow of the human life. Culture is the coronet of the human life in another words it is feather for human life.

Extension philosophy is also related to the social progress. Man is a social animal. Society is a backbone of human life. We can't imagine the human life without society. Society is an integral part of human life. It is based on the social needs and desires of the people and society. Change is the law of society. Extension education facilitates change and help people to adjust with them. Extension has a philosophy of education. It spreads the essential knowledge to all people and society, regardless of personal, social and economic characteristics. In the changing scenario extension has now become to be more challenging in each and every sector.

Extension philosophy is also related to the teaching and research also. It reaches people to practice themselves. Practical knowledge is more important than the teaching. This philosophy is useful for creating the leadership among the society. It teaches, educates and stimulates people through local leadership. It also takes the assistance of voluntary leaders. Extension trusts in each and every action. Truth is the soul of extension. It proves only real facts. So people are keeping faith in the extension. Seeking new truth is the main object of the extension.

Extension philosophy is the democratic philosophy. It functions only with voluntary co-operation of the people. Common welfare is the main target of the extension and it is also called the democratic organization. Extension philosophy deals individual as well as professional. Man is the central point in changing atmosphere. Extension personal have the right attitude, integrity and high sense of services.

Dissemination of knowledge is the main aim of all the universities in the world. Research is the main source of the knowledge. Natural study and practical experiences are the main sources of the knowledge. Extension is an integral part of education system. Which is enhancing human potential in a changing social and economic environment.

Extension education is also a main part of the co-operative services. In 1914, the co-operative extension services have established with Smith Lever Act. Morrill Act of 1862, created the university system. The system was created effectively through this act. Its impact was high on the nation. It had created the opportunity for university education and vocational skills to all citizens. After 28 years, second Morrill Act added institutions that primarily served minority students and increased funds available to the original universities. Now, in USA each state and territories of the United States have a land-grant university, and 17 states have 1890 institutions.

Hatch act, introduced by William H. Hatch of Missouri passed in 1887, the Hatch Act authorized establishment of agricultural experiment stations to enlarge the research activities. 1914, Progressive movement started in areas of social concern, the Smith Lever act was passed. It started the co-operative extension services as a partnership between federal, state and local governments. The congress granted the land-grant colleges and U.S. Department of Agriculture to work together. For so many years original act was amended but the intention was not changed. "As Extension's social context has changed, congressional legislation and the people's involvement in Extension have modified and expanded the clientele and curriculum. What has not changed is Extension's essential nature as a non-formal educational resource for the development of individuals, families and communities in a democratic society."

Land-grant system is the base of extension. In Missouri, university of Missouri Extension is equally important with other division of the university of Missouri system and Lincoln University. This university was serving through the research-based knowledge and problem-solving resources of the university.

Extension serves people for self-development by helping them apply educational resources to their own needs and desires. Extension makes awareness among the people about social and economical needs. Extension is a need-based programme. It is related to individual and general also. It also helps to strengthen the democratic process. Extension works with the groups. It is also related to the well-being of the common people. John Dewey says that "men (and women) live in a

community by virtue of the things which they have in common; and communication is the way in which they come to possess things in common. What they must have in common in order to form a community or society are aims, beliefs, aspirations and knowledge a common understanding.”

Extension helps people to acquire the education. It also encourages them and increase their learning activities. Extension is a flexible concept. It is depending upon the situation. Extension is not only flexible but innovative also. It implements the innovative activities. Extension is a team work to program development, priority setting and problem solving.

Thus, Extension is a wide term, which open to a wide variety of interpretations. Extension agent has its own understanding of what extension is. The understanding in extension is based on past experiences and particular type of extension services in which the agent is working. In another words, we can say that there is not single definition of extension which would express the clear meaning and applicable to the whole universe.

Furthermore, extension is a broad concept because its interpretation is always changing. Extension is a continuous changing process in rural areas. In the rural life, we see daily changes in each and every sector. In another words, extension is a non-formal educational process directed to the rural lives of the people. It helps to the people to solve their problems. Extension increases the capacity of the family farm, increase production and generally increase the standard of living of the farm family. Extension also works for the farmers to improve the productivity of their agricultural production.

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