

Philosophy and functions of Extension Education

‘Philosophy’ - Greek word “Philosophia” meaning love of wisdom.

It means philosophers respect knowledge, understanding, insight, perception, astuteness, intelligence, acumen and good judgment.

If they respect these attributes means they possesses these attributes, hence they were being identified as philosophers.

Generations is going to remember them

The principles underlying the philosophy of extension

- Mildred Horton

- Individual is supreme in democracy
- The home is the fundamental unit of civilization
- Family is the first training group of human race
- The foundation of any permanent civilization must rest on the partnership of man and land

Einsminger (1962)

- Extension is teaching people what to want and ways to satisfy their wants
- Extension is helping people help themselves
- Extension is learning by doing and seeing is believing
- Extension is development of individual, their leaders, their society and their world as a whole

- Extension is working together to expand the welfare and happiness of people
- Extension is working in harmony with the culture of people
- Extension is living relationship, respect and trust for each other
- Extension is a two way channel
- Extension is a continuous, educational process

Dahama's (1965) philosophy of extension education is

- Self help
- People are the resources
- Cooperative effort
- Foundation in democracy
- Involves two way channel of knowledge and experience
- Based on creating interest by seeing and doing
- Voluntary and participation in programs
- Persuasion and education of people
- Programme based on attitude and values of people
- Never ending process

Functions of extension

- Change in knowledge
- Change in skill
- Change in attitude
- Change in understanding change in goal
- Change in action
- Change in confidence

Conclusion

- Philosophy is achieved through concentrating on problems by methodical approach and its dependence of rational argument.
- Philosophy of extension emphasizes on teaching people how to think not what to think.
- The functions of extension viz., change in behaviour and action leading towards change in living standards