



# **Extension Education :Meaning and Scope**

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# Definitions

**Extension Education** is an applied science consisting of contents derived from researches, accumulated field experiences, and relevant principles drawn from the behavioural sciences, synthesized with useful technology, in a body of philosophy, principles, contents and methods focused on the problems of out of school education for adults and youths (**Leagans,J.P.**).



Extension is an education and its purpose is to change the attitude and practices of the people with whom the work is done (**Ensminger,D.**).

Extension Education is defined as an educational process to provide knowledge to the rural people about the improved practices in a convincing manner and to help them to take decisions within their specific local conditions (**Dahama,O.P.**).




## Father of Extension Education

**J.P. Leagans** of USA is known as father of Extension, whereas **Dr. K.N.Singh** is known as father of Extension in the Indian context.



# Extension- Meaning

The word extension is derived from the Latin roots 'ex'-meaning 'out' and 'tensio' meaning 'stretching'. Stretching out is the meaning of extension. The word 'extension' came to be used originally in USA during 1914 which means "a branch of a university for students who cannot attend the university proper". In other words the word extension signifies **an out of school system of education.**



Education is an integral part of extension. The basic concept of extension is that it is education. Extension means that type of education which is stretched out to the people in rural areas, beyond the limits of educational institutions to which the formal type of education is normally confined.

**Education:** It is the process of bringing desirable change into the behavior of human beings.

**Change in Knowledge (things known), attitude (things felt), and skills (things done),** either in all(or) one or more of human behavior.

# Importance of Extension Education

- ▶ Extension uses democratic methods in educating the people.
- ▶ Extension helps in adoption of innovations.
- ▶ Extension helps in studying and solving the rural problems.
- ▶ Extension increases farm yields and improve the standard of living of farmers.
- ▶ Extension makes good communities better and progressive.
- ▶ Extension contributes to national development programmes.

# Scope of Extension Education

It includes all activities of rural development. So the extension programmes should be dynamic and flexible .

1. Increasing efficiency in agricultural production .
2. Increasing efficiency in marketing, distribution, and utilization of agricultural inputs and outputs.
3. Conservation, development ,and use of natural resources.
4. Proper farm and home management.
5. Better family living.
6. Youth development.
7. Leadership development.
8. Community and rural development.
9. Improving public affairs for all round development.





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