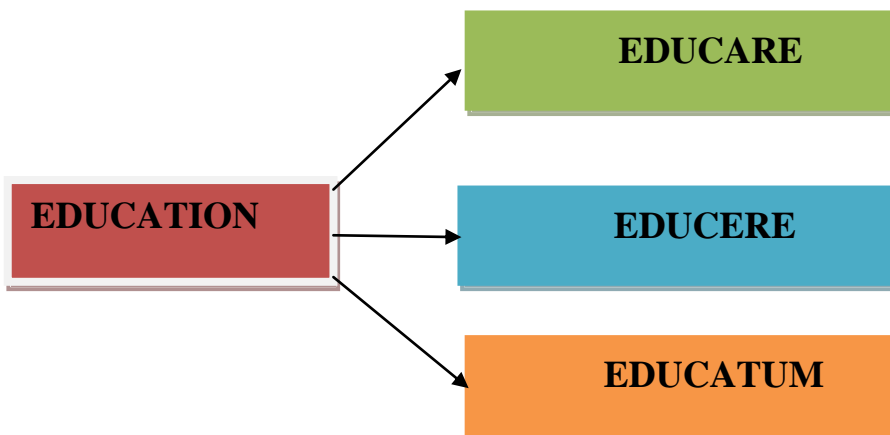


## Indian Concept of Education

*"Education is a treasure that can never be robbed. It is a pleasure that can never be possessed. Education is the greatest wealth one can attain in this world and it is a necessity in today's world. It is a wealth that gives satisfaction and saves us from destruction"*

Education is a life-long process. It is a continuous process. It is a process of individual development. It is both theoretical and practical. It is science as well as art. It is an instrument that is used to attain a better life. Education is essentially a process of growth and development which goes on throughout life. Education is the modification of behavior. Education is a tri-polar process where a teacher, taught and social environment act and react with one another.

## Etymological Meaning of Education



Etymologically, the word “**Education**” is said to be derived from the three **Latin words**.

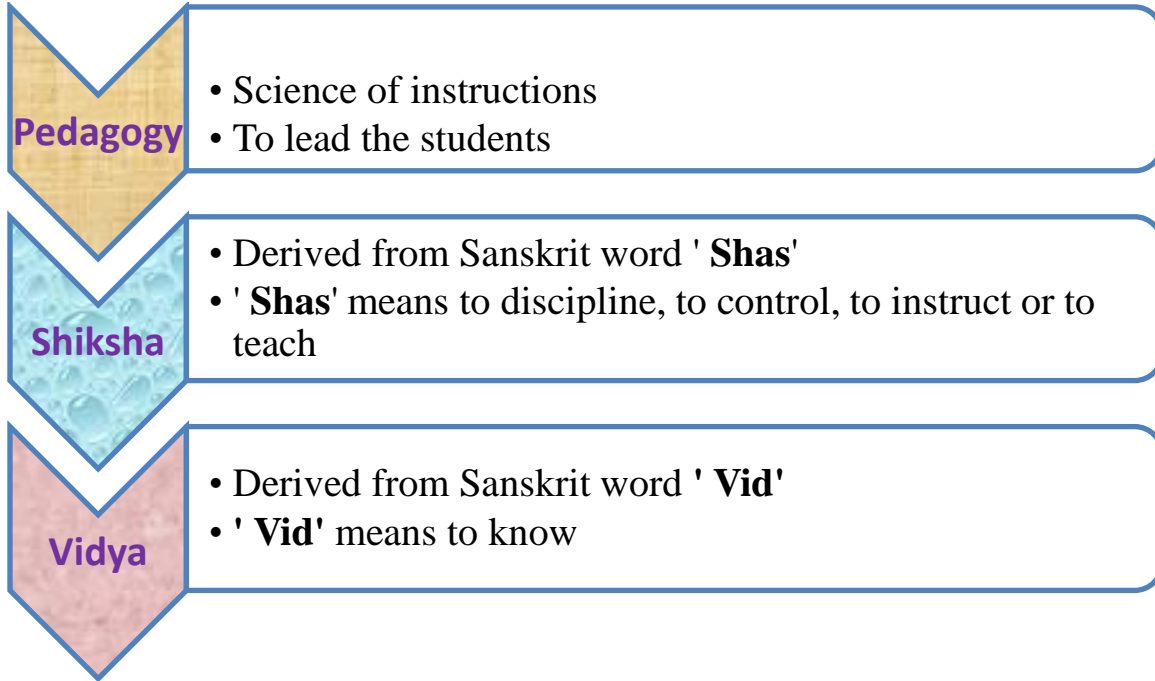
(i) ‘**Educare**’ means ‘to bring up’, ‘to nourish’ and to ‘raise’.

(ii) ‘**Educere**’ implies ‘to draw out’, ‘to lead out’.

(iii) ‘**Educatum**’ means "the act of teaching or training"

Education means nourish the good qualities in individual and draw out the best in every individual. Education seeks to develop the innate inner capacities of individual.

## Synonyms of Education



## Views regarding Education given by Indian Thinkers

### Rigveda

Education is that "Which makes a man self-reliant and self-less"

### Upanishad

"Education is that whose end product is salvation."

### Yajnavalkya

"Education is that which makes a man of good character and useful for the world."

### Panini

"Human education means the training which one gets from nature."

### *Kautilya*

"Education means training for the country and love for the nation."

### *Swami Vivekananda*

Education means the manifestation of divine perfection already existing in man. He further says, "We want that education by which character is formed, the strength of mind is increased, the intellect is expanded and by which one can stand on one's own feet."

Such manifestation is the outcome of the development of the individual in all aspects namely physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual. The education, one receives, is the greatest input for advancing towards this objective since education helps the total development of human personality. Education holds the key to human progress. Education plays an important role in bringing change.

### *Sankaracharya*

"Education is the realization of the self".

### *Mahatma Gandhi*

"By education, I mean an all-round drawing out of the best in child and man-body, mind and spirit."

### *Gopabandhu*

"By education, I do not mean the teaching in school, education is what was imparted in the ancient Indian institutions and the centers of religion throughout the province.

### *Rabindra Nath Tagore*

"Education is enabling the mind to find out the ultimate truth which emancipates us from the bondage of the dust and gives us the wealth, not of things but of inner light, not of power but of love, making the truth its own and giving expression to it."

### *Sri Aurobindo Ghosh*

"Which will offer the tools, whereby one can live for the divine, for the country, for oneself and for others and this must be the ideal in every school which calls itself national."

### *Zakir Hussain*

"Education is the work of the whole life. It begins from the time of birth and continues till the last moment of death."

### *Swami Dayananda*

"Education is a means for character formation and righteous living"

### *Dr.S.Radhakrishnan*

"Education is to complete, must be humane, it must include not only the training of the intellect but the refinement of the heart and the discipline of the spirit. No education can be regarded as complete if it neglects the heart and the spirit."

### *APJ Abdul Kalam*

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"

### *The Education Commission (1964-66)*

‘Education is the one and the only instrument that can be used to bring about a change towards the social and economic betterment of India’.

So, education must be used as a powerful instrument of social, economic and cultural transformation necessary for the realization of the national goals. Inculcating ‘Social Responsibilities’ and ‘National Integration Values’ are a few of the national goals. The teachers with good leadership traits are required in this regard.

## **Narrower Meaning of Education**

In the narrow sense, education is confined to school and university instruction. Education starts when the child enters the institution and ends when he leaves after completing a particular course of study. Under this scheme, education of the child is over when, having received the given amount of knowledge, he leaves the institution and takes up some occupation in life. The success of the education of the child is evaluated in terms of passing the examination. That person who is not involved in this type of education they are labeled as illiterate persons.

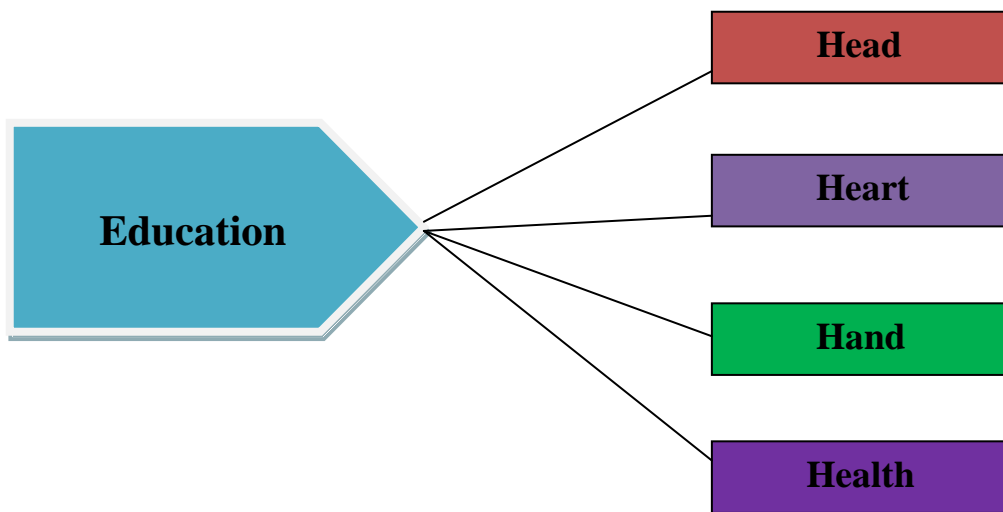
In its narrow sense, Education means Schooling. Here, everything is systematic, prefix and predetermined. The curriculum, methods of teaching, examination and teacher are prefix and predetermined. It is a systematic process to achieve the definite goals of education through classroom instruction.

In short, education in its narrow meaning is equivalent to schooling, instruction or act of training.

## **Broader Meaning of Education**

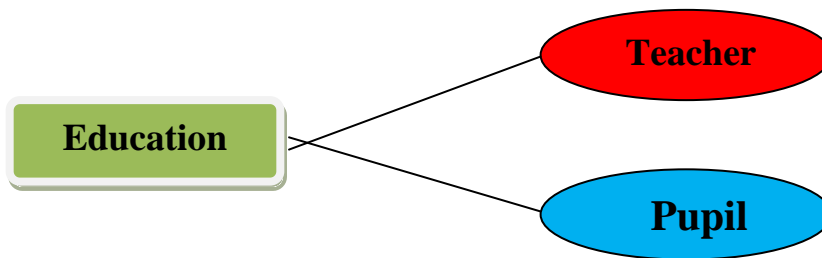
In a broad sense, this type of education is not confined to any institution. It is a life-long process. It starts with the mother's womb and ends in the tomb. In every phase of life, the individual learns the education or gains the knowledge directly or indirectly. In its broader meaning, education is a life-long process. In this connection, J.S. Mackenzie says: In the wider sense, "it is a process that goes on throughout life, and is promoted by every experience in life." According to Prof. Dnmvile, "Education is includes all the influences which act upon an individual during his passage from the cradle to the grave." Thus, education in its broader meaning is the cumulative effect of various experiences received by an individual in his home, out-of-home life, in the school, out of school, here, there or everywhere. In the words of Lodge, "All experiences are said to be education; the bite of mosquito, the taste of a watermelon, the experiences of falling in love, of flying in an aeroplane, of being caught in a storm, in a small boat experiences. Whatever broadens our horizon, deepens our insight, refines our reactions, and stimulate thought and feeling educates us."

## **Modern Concept of Education**

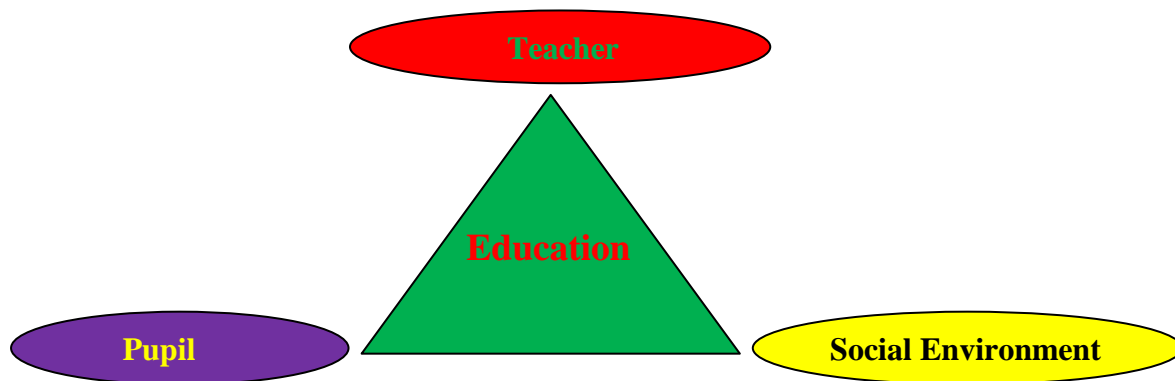


## Analytical meaning of Education

- Education is a process
- Education is a bi-polar process



- Education is a tri-polar process



- Education is a purposeful process
- Education is life-long process- Education is life long process because every stage of life of an individual is important from educational point.
- Education is a systematic process- It refers to transact its activities through a systematic institution and regulation.

- Education is the process of individual development
- Education is the process of individual adjustment
- Education is a dynamic process
- Education is a deliberate process
- Education is a psychological process
- Education is a sociological process
- Education is a child centered process
- Education is science as well as an art
- Education is modification of behavior- Human behavior is modified and improved through educational process.
- Education is life- Life without education is meaningless and like the life of a beast. Every aspect and incident needs education for its sound development.
- Education is a continuous reconstruction of our experiences- As per the definition of John Dewey; education reconstructs and remodels our experiences towards socially desirable way.
- Education is a power and treasure in the human being through which he is entitled as the supreme master on the earth.

Therefore, the role of education is countless for a perfect society and man. It is necessary for every society and nation to bring holistic happiness and prosperity to its individual.

Education seeks to nourish the good qualities in man and draw out the best in every individual. Education seeks to develop the innate inner capacities of man. By educating an individual we attempt to give him some desirable knowledge, understanding, skills, interests, attitudes and critical thinking. That is, he acquires knowledge of history, geography, arithmetic, languages and sciences.

As an individual in the society, he has to think critically about various issues in life and take decisions about them being free from bias and prejudices, superstitions and blind beliefs. Thus, he has to learn all these qualities of head, hand and heart through the process of education.

So the function of education, thus, is to bring up or to develop children. The most popular meaning of the term education identifies with the process of instruction and training that takes place in an educational institution. Besides gaining knowledge and information, education also develops and promotes national values, leadership and responsibilities. Education also helps an individual to develop adjustment to the environment and have control over it. It develops social responsibilities in learning.

Education is as vast as life itself. There is no aspect or dimension of life which is not covered under education. In fact, all education is life and all life is education. Education is a lifelong process. Education is formal, non-formal and informal; likewise, agencies of education are formal, non-formal and informal. One learns from every source always. Education is concerned with the aesthetic, cultural, ethical, intellectual, physical, religious, social, spiritual and vocational development of an individual. Education has moved away from preparing pupils to fit into a particular society but it seeks to make them feel that they belong to the larger world family.