

# Narrow and Broader Concept of Education

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- Introduction

- What Do We Mean by Education?
- Education is a **process of facilitating learning**, acquiring knowledge, skills, values, and habits.
- It shapes individuals and societies.
- **Why this topic matters:** Understanding the **narrow vs broader views** helps in improving teaching and learning processes.

- Traditional and Progressive Definitions:
- **Swami Vivekananda:** “Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in man.”
- **John Dewey:** “Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”
- Two main viewpoints:
  - **Narrow (Traditional)**
  - **Broader (Progressive/Holistic)**

- What is the Narrow View?
- Education is confined to:
  - **Classroom teaching**
  - **Formal institutions** (schools, colleges)
  - **Textbooks & exams**
- Main aim: **Transfer of academic knowledge**
- Emphasis on **teacher-led instruction** and **memorization**

# Characteristics of the Narrow Approach:

- Structured, formal curriculum
- Age-specific grades
- Discipline-centered
- Exam-oriented evaluation
- Certificates and degrees as proof of education

# Limitations of Narrow Education

- Ignores:
  - Moral and emotional development
  - Life skills and creativity
  - Practical experiences
- Often leads to:
  - Rote learning
  - Lack of critical thinking
- Stress and disengagement in learners

# Broader Concept of Education

- Education is:
  - **Lifelong and life-wide**
  - Takes place **anywhere** – home, nature, community
  - Focused on **complete personality development**
- Includes:
  - Emotional, moral, spiritual, physical, and social aspects

# Key Features of Broader Education:

- Learner-centered, not teacher-centered
- Learning through experience (learning by doing)
- Emphasis on:
  - Values and ethics
  - Creativity and innovation
  - Social responsibility
- Learning is **continuous**, from **birth to death**



## Sources of Broader Education:

- **Family and Parents** – first educators
- **Peers and Community** – social development
- **Media and Technology** – access to global knowledge
- **Nature and Experiences** – environmental awareness

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