**INTRODUCTION to PHILOSOPHY**

Philosophy is composite of two words ‘philo’ means love and ‘sophy’ means wisdom. Philosophy is, therefore, love or pursuit of wisdom.

Philosophy is a way of looking at knowledge and finding what is wisdom in that.

Philosophy is a search of truth or reality through logical reasoning or methodological investigation.

Philosophy is the rigorous, disciplined, and guarded analysis of the most difficult problems which man has ever faced.

Philosophy deals with the meaning of the facts at intellectual level. It is in fact a point of view through which a philosopher looks at the universe.

 Philosophy is an attempt to search the ultimate reality so far as human reason can attain it.

**Scope of General Philosophy**

The Philosophy is a study of fundamental question with the framework of following major areas:

* Epistemology
* Metaphysics/Ontology
* Axiology

The Philosophy study the above areas with reference to the following three points

* Meaning
* Purpose
* Value

The Philosophy aims to have a comprehensive view of life.

To analyze the fundamental problems to satisfy the curiosity about life or some aspects of life through thought process.

To find the sequence and continuity of the problems

To suggest solutions of the concerned problems through logical reasoning.

**Philosophy of Education**

Philosophy of education is the application of the philosophical methods for the analysis and understanding of human experience in education.

General philosophy aims at a comprehensive view of life, similarly philosophy of education aims at a comprehensive view of education

An important connection between philosophy and education is the study of the process of education. It helps to answer the questions like what should or should not be done in the process of education.

Philosophy coordinates the element of the educational process (i.e. aims of education, curriculum, methodology of instruction and the examination system)

Philosophy of education interprets the meaning, purpose and value of education.

Through philosophy, we get inspiration for doing something great in education.

Although most part of the science of teaching (pedagogy/ education) is scientific, yet one of the fields from which education borrows a cosmic vision or a point of view about life and education is philosophy.

 There are other approaches and academic areas that also help to understand education for example instruction, psychology, sociology, management, curriculum development, history, etc. but Philosophy acts as a nucleus and coordination all these areas.

 Philosophy not only helps to interpret the process of education, it also evaluate the process as well as the product of education through logic and philosophical investigation.