EXTENSION ROVERING

This Module is based on other branches of Rovering. Apart from normal Scouts & Guides there are many areas where normal Scouting do not exists, like in rural villages, deserts, prisons, with the handicapped etc. thus Scouting-Rovering can reach to every segment of life.
This Module will help you to understand how Rovering can serve to other section or branches of Scouting known as Extension Rovering.

Objectives :
By the end of this Module you should be able to :

1. Define the different branches of Scouting.
2. Explain the Radio Scouting.
3. Recognise the physically challenged Scoutir

Thought for Reflection

The object of basic education is the physical, intellectual and moral development of children the medium of handicraft.

--Mahatma Gandhi.

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people with special needs.
Extension Scouting for young people with special needs was originally called *Scouts Malgré Tout*, which is French for "Scouts Despite Everything". It aims to meet the mandate from the founder of Scouting Robert Baden-Powell that the programme be made "open to all". The extension scout programme is especially for scouts, both boys and girls, with disabilities. The disabilities include intellectual disability, global developmental delay, Down syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Cerebral Palsy.

The Aim of Extension scouting is

-to provide Scouting activities to the handicapped young people to develop their potentials, and ultimately achieving the aim of Scout Movement
- to encourage the development of young people in physical, intellectual, social, emotional and spiritual aspects so that they can be good citizens and contribute to the society.

A Cub, Scout or Rover of the extension branch is one who suffers from physical or mental deficiency or handicap such as hearing impairment (deafness), visual impairment (blindness), physical impairment or deformity (for e.g. dumb, lame) or leprosy etc.

A handicapped person is eligible to become a Scout. The rules applicable to a scout with such modifications as may be necessary and special rules laid down by the NHQ shall apply to such an extension scout. Like the cub and scout programme, for extension scouts, we can follow the progress and proficiency badge scheme but with modifications, to suit the needs of these special scouts. The modifications may include instruction, equipment and environment.

Extension Scouts may be drawn from special schools and training centers. Besides, providing Scouting activities to the handicapped young people, Extension Scouting also promotes education to encourage the society to accept disabled persons to create an inclusive culture in the society, which is in line with the policy of World Scout Bureau for Scouting with disabilities - Scouting for All.

Generally the training system of Extension Scout is same with that of ordinary Scout, i.e. the progressive training system. Leaders, however, have to modify contents of some training programmes to cater the special needs of these Scouts. All Extension Scouts are encouraged to participate in ordinary programmes as much as possible, such as Scout Rally, fun fair, local and overseas Jamboree etc. However, owing to their limited abilities, it is too difficult to include them into ordinary competitions.

Group of extension Scouts may be formed in a hospital, institution, colony or school or a training center for Physically challenged. An extension Scout may also become a member of regular Scout Group; a Group of extension scouts shall function under the jurisdiction of Local or District Association as the case may be. An extension Scout shall pass tests prescribed for a scout except those from which he is exempted in view of his handicap, in such case, he shall pass the alternate test or tests prescribed for an extension Scout.

A time has come when this branch will have to be integrated with the main stream, providing alternatives to handicapped children for various Scout activities as far as possible. Handicapped children must not be segregated but must made members of normal Units. However the leaders handling the handicapped must be exposed to some training to enable them to handle the disabled more efficiently. It is also desirable to hold some gatherings and activities at State, Regional and even at National levels for the handicapped members.

Agnoore in Japan is regularly conducted and contingents from other countries are invited. It is a gathering of children of special needs. There are

many deaf and dumb Units and physically Handicapped Units functioning efficiently.

GrameenRovering :

This was a successful experiment in Rajasthan. But there is a need of extending the ideas to various other parts of Rural India. This aspect needs separate treatment. Revision of syllabus to suit their level of knowledge etc. by experts on the subject is necessary. Starting of more open units in rural areas may compensate those efforts.

Radio Scouting :

National Heac e will have enough number of qualified HAMS to help Scouts and Guides participants in Radio Scouting. It is known as JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) JOTI (Jamboree on the internet) the Scouts & Guides has the opportunity to talk, exchange views, songs, share Scouting-Guiding activities through an amateur radio on a fixed frequency once in a year globally to other Scouts & Guides round the year.

Desert Scouting :

Though Bharat Scouts & Guides have produced a Scheme for Scouts & Guides in Desert areas, this has not come out of RajasthanState. This has to be followed up to see Scouting is available in far rural and remote areas.

Bharat Scouts & Guides have brought out a booklet alternative test for visually Handicapped and this can be referred.

Prison Scouting :

There is another area where some units have tried Rovering in Prisons. They should be brought into the mainstream so that they develop a sense of security, not isolated from outside world.

Conclusion :

You are perhaps aware of the fact that scouting can be reached to every segment of society so that it can be acceded by one and all like normal boys.. Hence you have to answer the following questions to refresh your knowledge in Extension Scouting.

1. What you understand by Extension scouting?
2. What is Agnoore ?
3. What are the different branches of Extension scouting?
4. What do you understand by Radio scouting?
5. What is Prison scouting?

Reference Books :

1.Prayer Changed my life, by Mary D. Mckenzie.

2 The Discovery of India, by Jawaharlal Nehru.

Try to locate the answers of the questions above:

1. **Extension Scouting** is a programme within Scouting which caters for young people with special needs.
2. Agnoore are the gathering of deaf and dumb Units and physically Handicapped Units functioning efficiently.
3. The different branches are Grameen Rovering, Desert scouting, Radio Scouting, Prison Scouting, etc.
4. The Scouts & Guides has the opportunity to talk, exchange views, songs, share Scouting-Guiding activities through an amateur radio on a fixed frequency once in a year globally to other Scouts & Guides round the year, is known as Radio Scouting.

5. The Prison Scouting is another area where some units have tried Rovering in Prisons. They should be brought into the mainstream so that they develop a sense of security, not isolated from outside world.