##### Early Childhood Education Program (Advanced Course) Batch-7

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1. Should India focus on early childhood education, Justify your answer.

Education as defined by Mahatma Gandhiji “It is an all-round drawing out best of the child and the man body, mind and spirit”.

Early childhood education program ensures that the child has a strong foundation for future development in terms of better learning at all levels. The importance of early childhood education helps for a child’s all-round development.

Indian Government offers different types of centers in urban and rural areas to serve and address early childhood care and educational needs. Such as, Balwadis and Anganwadis, which comprise the public sector for early childhood education program.

Today most of the parents are recognizing the importance of preschool education and its impact on their child’s future. Every child has their strengths and limitations. Along with the Government run schools the private preschools, daycares and also the higher secondary schools with kindergarten should focus on imparting awareness on the importance of Early childhood education.

In India, as per the New Education Policy 2020, it is been made mandatory the foundation stage given the most importance from 3 yrs to 8 yrs. It uses ‘play’ at the core of the conceptual, operational and the overall experience of the child in the National Curriculum.

As a developing nation our country, has grown in the length and breadth in improvising the education system. So, Foundational Education provides stimulating experiences in all dimensions of cognitive, social-emotional, physical and also literacy and Numeracy.

We have known the importance of early childhood education and its benefits for a long time, however what was once only an option, earlier has gained a lot more importance in recent times. Thus, India is focusing on Early childhood Education.

A vision of India as developed nation as said by Dr APJ Abdul Kalam will soon be a reality when the new education policy is implemented throughout the country, giving importance to the Early childhood Education Program.