Assignment 1 Advanced course

 **Should India focus on early childhood education.**

Growing up in Bhutan, I was not aware that early childhood education was something we could learn or formally study. I did not have the privilege to grow with the understanding of early childhood education nor do I have much memory of it being practiced during my early years of schooling . As a sensitive child, I was deeply influenced by my surroundings, which often shaped my thoughts and behaviors. Now as I am being introduced to early childhood education, I am beginning to understand it’s profound impact on a child’s development and its transformative potential. So, I absolutely do believe that India should focus on early childhood education to build strong foundations for future generations.

Research has shown that 90% of a child’s brain develops between the ages of 0-5 years providing great opportunity to shape a child’s cognitive, emotional and social development. During this period children should be given the freedoom explore their surroundings with the right guidance and support from parents, teachers, and elders. The foundation laid during these early years not only impacts the child’s growth but also influences the environment around them, shaping communities and societies at large.

India with its vast and diverse population faces signiticant challenges in providing quality education to all children. Many young children, particularly in the rural and underprivileged areas, lack access to structured learning environment. This inequality contributes to poverty and limits opportunities for millions of children to realize their potential. By investing in early childhood education, India can address these challenges and lay a strong foundation for lifelong learning. A strong foundation in early learning can serve as a tool to overcome poverty as educated individuals are more likely to contribute positively to the economy and society. By prioritizing early chilhood education, India can mold young minds to empower their families, communities and the nation at large.