Why an Association for Senior Citizens?

II. Elders for Society:

Elders, especially the urban elders are often highly qualified, experienced and very influential with friends in high places. At least 80% of urban senior citizens cannot claim to have poverty problems and may have problems with financial management. In any case, in general, they would be having a stable situation with no uncertainty about the quantum of income to be received, by way of pension, interests on bank deposits or rents from the assets. It is more social, family and health challenges that would preoccupy their mind. Social security and protection become more important. Retirement itself is a challenge, as one has to live differently than one has lived for the past forty years. The most important positive thing about retirement is all of a sudden one has a lot of free time and it is in the interests of their physical and mental health that one should feel still active and useful. They should necessarily seek outside activities, since their continued meddling in family matters is, normally not very much welcomed by other grown-up family members. That is why the elders who are still young and feel so should actively participate in the formation of a Senior Citizens Welfare Association (SCIWA) or a Day Care Centre or any common platform for the elders to get together and get engaged in the governance of so many social institutions around. An association can be formed, wherever there are about 10 seniors who are willing to spend their time together.

A). One such social institution is the Resident Welfare Association, whether it is an apartments-building association or a colony welfare association or a Gated Community, in which, most probably the seniors have been at the origin of its formation. Some Resident Welfare Associations are including forming an exclusive senior citizen club or a committee in their bye-laws. The seniors, being a part of it, can see many things happen for the welfare of the families. They can transform all residents living there into a large joint family. They can further contribute to the development of the local area by being a part of the Ward Committee. Their activism in that area is very important as they have an assured place in the Ward Committees which, at present are still not functioning well. They should involve themselves, not anymore as leaders but as advisors to facilitate better relations with the municipal authorities and the local political personalities. They can form groups for various cultural activities and encourage local talent. Since their children and grandchildren are away, out of the station, they can express their love, affection, attention and help to the children of the neighbouring families. When a senior couple gives on rent a portion of their house to a young family, they should consider and treat them as adopted members of their own
family. In return, the young family and their children would be eager to render so many small supporting services, which would make the life of the aged persons timely and comfortable. More than rendering services, they can, in return, shower their love, affection and attention which are very important for the emotional equilibrium of seniors who do not have their own family members around.

B). Most states have formed District Senior Citizens Committees, headed by the District Collector or Commissioner to observe the condition of the seniors in the district and to advise them on the implementation of the policies and programmes concerning the senior citizens. i). They should visit all the old age homes operating in the district and advise and guide them so that they render better services to the seniors. They should ensure that these homes receive all support and attention from various concerned departments and private enterprises for their better functioning. If there is any abuse of seniors by these homes, the same should be reported to the district-level officer of the department attending to the welfare of the senior citizens. ii) Visit all the Police Stations and see that they treat the seniors as it is due. Further, regular contact should be arranged between the area senior citizens association and their PS. iii). Ensure that the District level Tribunals are constituted and that they involve other seniors for reconciliation purposes. iv). Arrange regular sessions of the Legal Services Authority in the district with the local Senior Citizens Welfare Associations (SCiWA). v). Watch over whether the grants and other kind of expenditure by the state and Central governments is reaching the right persons.

C). As these Committees are composed of eminent seniors who have wide executive and administrative experiences in the district, they can as well observe and supervise all the welfare programmes implemented in the towns and villages of the district by the officers, and give their valuable and realistic feedback to the District Collector and other district level officers of any department. One has to do this as a matter of social responsibility, without being asked to do so, particularly by any government officer.

D). Relations with other Civil Society Organisations: At the state level and sometimes, at the district level, there are many NGOs which are working voluntarily to attend to many social, environmental, economic, and cultural issues without having any power and without any selfish interest, solely for the general welfare of the society, such as HelpAge India, Election Watch, Anti-Corruption Forum, etc. They all should be supported since many of them are run by senior citizens and they benefit the seniors also directly or indirectly.

E). Old Age Homes: Another social institution that the elder community, especially the senior citizens should set up, promote and support are homes for elders, which are, at present, called old age homes with a social stigma attached to them. The elder homes are going to be the mainstay for many seniors because of many social transformations that are taking place in India. The experience proved that the governments, whether Central, state or municipal are unable to rise up to their intentions if we observe how the homes already under their management are run. Promises of the State Authorities to set up official homes and to run them by officers are never fulfilled. Hence, it is the seniors' associations that should establish and run them, and supervise those that are run by others. The District Senior Citizens Committees, headed by the District Collector are very well placed to do so.

The seniors’ associations can participate in the life of these homes in their respective areas. Many associations have been celebrating their birthdays and taking part in the events of the home. Mr. R.N. Mital, former President of AISCCON has set up a Trust in Hyderabad to collect funds to
support the recurring expenditure of a few adopted Elders Homes and to provide capital to buy assets for some other Homes. Any seniors’ association that intends to support a Home in their area might seek the Trust’s matching grant. Many seniors are coming forward to contribute regularly a small percentage of their pensions or contribute an amount on the occasion of their birthdays. It is also easy to collect CSR funds for such a noble cause. Such homes set up by the associations or supported by them can be within the urban areas and the inmates of the homes would not feel thrown out of the town to isolated outskirts.

F). The 80+: What do we do when a regular member of the Association stops coming to the Day Care Centre or the association meetings? How do we know what has happened to him or her? If they are bedridden? Similarly, there would be other seniors in the area who are 80+ super-seniors in the sense that they are very dependent upon family members and outsiders for their survival. Each seniors association should have a committee to list out the seniors in the area who are confined to their houses, whether they were previously members or not. Some members should visit them and greet them now and then; celebrate their birthdays. This visit would allow them to indicate if there is any abuse by any family member or any other person. Worn out due to familiarity, or due to their own preoccupations, the family members might neglect the bed-ridden persons. When outsiders come to visit and enquire about them, they become more alert and attentive. Other members of the association can help them to solve some of their pending problems by discussing them with the family members. They can deal with matters pending with a private firm or a government office. There are Tribunals to be approached. He or she needs to be assured mentally and emotionally that on the day he breathes no more, his friends would be there to attend to the last rites.

G). Relations with the political authorities: We have to work together in a cooperative manner, without reservations with all the people’s representatives in the district, such as the Sarpanches, municipal chairpersons, mayors, councillors, corporators, ministers and legislators. We have to be in contact with them without promoting any political leader or their political parties. As much as possible, keep the politicians and the political parties at a distance and do not allow them to interfere and politicize all socio-economic institutions around, hoping to get funds.

H). Since the Collector and the municipal commissioners are also the District Electoral Officers, the District Senior Citizens Associations’ federation or the members of the District Committee should be in touch with the Chief Electoral Officer appointed by the Election Commission of India as well as with the State Election Commissioner who conducts local body elections. Many of the seniors because of their administrative experience can be able to act as Booth Level Officers and also involve themselves in Election Watch activities. We can this way, fulfil our national responsibility to preserve our democracy by ensuring fair, free and transparent elections and by preventing malpractices by the candidates and their political parties.

I). Many states have formed State Councils for senior citizens to review the progress made on the National Policy on Older Persons and the Act passed by the national Parliament in 2007, and the state of implementation in the state. Senior citizens with state-wide experience should find themselves nominated to it, along with members of senior citizens federations and NGOs.

--Dr. Rao V.B.J. Chelikani
Enjoy the Beauty of Cosmic Creations…

It is heartening to attain the grey hair in our biological life cycle that offers avenues to lead an enlightened lifestyle. Throughout our productive professional timeline of four to five decades, we have been making efforts to win the bread for living. Interestingly entire transactions for acquiring the daily needs of our life like assets/wealth mobilised us under an illusion of ownership of the economic power. We continue to maintain zeal for more and more economic power as that gives us more freedom to make the life choices for having comforts and probably well being. But, now is the time to retrospect despite the fact that the past events have no bearing for co-relating it with an unforeseen future. The process is just to get enlightened for leading a good present life in the state of “Sat-Chit-Anand”.

I take the pleasure of sharing one of my life’s experience as food for thoughts.

The era of economic transactions through currency began 700 hundred years ago commencing with the metallic coins having its value equivalent to the market price of the metal. Slowly world moved to make currency coins cheaper to include the cost of production and rely on the trust the currencies enjoyed. Then comes the era of currency notes, plastic money and now the crypto-currencies/digital currencies. In the year 1975, while preparing for entrance examination of Indian Administrative Services, I noticed that around 1971 our ongoing currency notes were withdrawn in exchange of the new currency notes. The ongoing currency notes had a statement printed and signed by the Governor of Reserve Bank of India, stating “I promise to pay the bearer on demand the sum of one hundred Rupees”. In the new currency notes this statement was changed to “I promise to pay the bearer the sum of one hundred Rupees”. The process of removal of two words “On Demand” from the Indian currency notes has been the most impactful step in economy transforming the currency notes to just the promissory notes!!!. It is amazing that we all continued our living on such promissory notes for over five decades by now and are continuing to live under the illusion of ownership of economic power…!!!

One of the important facets of life is to perceive it as a journey through a given biological life-cycle of 100 years. We undertake a lot of journeys - by foot, ricksha, bus, car, ship, train and airways on various occasions until our life transition. In addition to these journeys there is one journey that is the fastest and still without any charge and that is: splendid voyage around the Sun throughout the year. Let us treat ourselves as fortunate to have taken birth on the earth that provides a liveable environment. The earth keeps rotating at a speed of just over 30 kms. per second round the Sun, so we all also keep moving round the sun !!!...Such rotation round the Sun and Earth moving on its own axis as well, exposes us to all the seasons throughout the year…Please relish the fragrances of all seasons that gradually make us all weather-proof during our life-time. There is no illusion of promises in the rotation of the Earth…!!! It would be quite an amazing to have the feel of this journey round the Sun and enjoy the a gestures of cosmic creations in the world around each one of us.

Comments / critics from the mentors / vibrant minds are welcome..

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An Appeal

Being Members/ State Federations/ Affiliates of AISCON, the largest Organisation for Elders, most of us after seeing the hardship faced by our parents, we have come a long way and could achieve through hard work, dedication and achieved what we are today. But, there are large number, in Millions, our brothers & sisters, not so lucky & are left behind, living in very poor
conditions. Many of us are Physically, Mentally & Economically strong & have the will to do something for them. We can make SHG.s (Self Help Groups), involving Poor Sr. Citizens/ Poor Youth, and Work for them as Guide, Mentor to help improve their economical position to live a dignified life & earn for themselves for a better life. This model is very much successful in many countries. We can take advantage of Govt Schemes for Skill Development, Generating Jobs through Entrepreneurship and taking up small businesses as per experience & interest of each.

Hope you can share your views & come forward for making a change in our society (needy people) by using your long experience, wisdom, management skills & help in Productive engagement for yourself & others. I am willing to coordinate with Govt Agencies, Business houses, NGOs etc for implementation of various programmes as per suggestions received.

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-- D.R. Narula, Faridabad 9717903456

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A training session at the Govt. Retd. Employees Association in Kakinada. The session was conducted by the Association President Sri K. Padmanabham, Secretary Sri Sastry, Treasurer Sri Subrahmanyam, Sri Raambabu, Nookaraju, Prasada Rao and Swathi.

Awareness program on MWPSC Act 2007 by HelpAge India in Kakinada in East Godavari dist with collector and district officials on 14th Feb.

A medical camp on 13th Feb. in Swatrantra SY Bhawan in Vijayawada by Dr. Ravi Kumar of Manikantha Health Care Services, Dr. P. Narasimha Rao of Lakshmi Eye Care Centre, Dr. Anitha Jyothi, Psychologist and Sri. Mothukuri Venkateswara Rao of Seniors Citizens Association.
Senior Citizens Welfare Association, Tanuku, W.G. Dt. has organized on 9th Feb. an awareness programme on Senior Citizens in the local ‘Pragathi Degree College’, in which Smt. M. Puspanjali, Field Officer, HelpAge India spoke. Further, there was an elocution contest on the same subject and the top four performers are suitably rewarded. Conducted by Sri. K.V. Satyanarayana, Secretary, Sri. Aarni Bhaskara Rao, Treasurer and members G. Mageswara Rao, Parvathi and Swathi.

--- Sri. Koduri V. Satyanarayana, Secretary, Tel 9441698263

The Sub-Divisional Tribunal at Narasapuram’s judgment under the MWPSC ACT 2007 against persons who ill-treated their elderly and ordered imprisonment for two months and to vacate the house in two weeks.

--- Sri. V. Narayana Murthy, W.G. dt.

Senior Citizen Vani, a monthly in Telugu from Sri. P. Satanarayana 17/52, Eedepalli, Maslipatnam-521 001W.G. Dt. AP.
New Delhi

The International Digital Safety Day: On 7th Feb Helpage India has organized a training program at Senior Citizens Welfare Association, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi.
Maharashtra

Maha Nagerpalika Mayor Mrs Pratibha Chaudhary sanctioned two Virangula Kendras at Raje Shivaji Sangh and at Professor colony. National President (AISCCON) Principal V K Bhadane felicitated Pratibhatai, Mr B T Devare, Mr Yuvaraj Mandale, Principal Mohan Bhadane, Mr Lahu Patil, Mr Chandrashekhar Vispute, Mr Yatin Chaudhary, Mr Santosh Mandale and Mr Vinayak Shula.

-- National President(AISCCON) Principal V K Bhadane, Dhule

Senior Citizens attending Savitribai Phule Pune University program on 15th Feb.

District Senior Citizen Coordination and Controlled Committee of Pune

On 23rd Feb. at Pune, the meeting of "District Senior Citizen Coordination and Controlled Committee" took place in the office of the District Magistrate with the District Magistrate, Officers of Social Welfare Department Mrs. Sangeeta Davkhar, Chief Executive Officers of all local bodies of Pune district and FESCOM Mr. Arun Rode and Pune Regional Division President Chandrakant Mahamuni.

Several issues raised by Fescam: 1) The Collector immediately instructed the concerned tehsildars on the phone and ordered them to sign all the identity cards for all buses of ST Corporation. 2) The local self-government bodies should establish village-to-village Wirangula Centers for senior citizens within its space and income. 3) A survey of senior citizens should be done at the village level by all Regional Depts. 4) Officials of Fescam will provide training for all Govt. employees at “District Administrative Training Centre” 5) According to the financial benefit
scheme, all the 60+ should get minimum amount of Rs.3,000/ per month in their bank account, without referring to the condition of Below Poverty Line.

6) The implementation of the Parents and Senior Citizens Maintenance and Welfare Act 2007 should be speedy through the Social Welfare Dept.

Nagpur Fescom East Vidarbha Regional Division Women's Convention’s 400 women have addressed a statement to the Hon. MLA, Mohan Mate regarding the senior citizens, on 26th Feb. President Mr. Vasantrao Kalambe, his office bearer, Mrs. Sunandatai Harne, president of Mahila Samiti, convened this.

--- Shri. Arun Rode, President Fescom

Odisha

Baristha Nagarika Mancha, Kandarpur’s 6th annual function on 29th Jan. 2023 in their premises. A popular social worker and renowned physician Dr. Jagabandhu Sahoo was the chief guest. Sj. Bipin Bihari Hota, IIC, Kandarpur PS was the guest of honor and the President of Sankhapur Panchayat Baristha Nagarika Mancha, Sj. Hrudananda Jena, Jagatpur dist. was the chief speaker. Besides, two eminent personalities like Byanga Kabi Sj. Pratap Ch. Behera and Sj. Chittaranjan Bhoi, an artist and designer of various home designing articles and useful and beautifully decorated utensils out of waste materials, especially out of coconut shells. One memorable event is that at Barabati Stadium in an ODI match between India and West Indies, the coffee cup made by him out of coconut shell and beautifully decorated was selected by the organizers of the match to serve coffee to both the team players. The meeting was presided over by the Mancha President, Sj Santosh ku Tripathy; the annual report was presented by the Gen Secy Sj. Rabindranath Bhoi and vote of thanks was given by the Auditor of the Mancha Sj. Dr. Trilichan Behera.

TIGIRIA S C COUNCIL, Cuttack’s Annual Meeting at Jagannath Temple premises on 7th Feb. with the presence of Sri Jagabandhu Tunga Samant in the chair. Dr P K Das, General Secretary and RK Samantroy, Jt. Secretary of FOSCAO have attended as chief guests and the Speaker with Sri Bishnu Mohan Das Samant from S C Cuttack Mahasabha as guest of honour. Council Secretary Sri Sushil Kumar Nanda presented the Report of their activities, followed by fruitful discussions by members and guests. Finally, the VP Sri Subodh Kr Pattanaik has proposed the vote of thanks.
On 13th Feb. **Mahavir Baristha Nagarik Sangh, Rajsunakhala**, Nayagarh celebrated its 4th Annual Function, which was attended by the Collector of Nayagarh Sri Rabindra Nath Sahu, as chief guest. Other dignitaries are Dr P K Das, the General Secretary, RK Samantroy, Jt Secretary and Sri Basant Kumar Barik, Zonal Secretary on behalf of FOSCAO, Sri Umakant Mallik, Addl. SP, Nayagarh, Zilla Baristha Nagarik Sangh President Sri Pramod Kumar Pattanaik and General Secretary Sri Duryodhan Sahoo with other Govt officials and the local representatives of the people. The programme included felicitating very senior citizen members, distribution of identity cards issued by Police Department, best performer in the field of social service, journalism and other fields. The President Sri Basant Kumar Mohaptra, Secretary Sri Arakhita Muduli and the organiser Sri Madan Moha Sahoo have provided all support.

--- Dr P K Das, General Secretary, FOSCAO.

Activities of FISCAO on 16th Feb., Odisha

The State Government of Odisha has resumed senior citizens ‘Tirthayatra’ programme. One train with about 800 senior citizens has started it's journey from 27th Jan.

--- Sri. Kripa Sindhu Sahoo, CC member AISCCON.
AISCCON Executive Committee meeting at Tapaswini Hall, Sambalpur, hosted by Paschim Odisha Barista Nagarik Mahasangha.

Sj Suresh Pujari, Hon’ble MP (Lok Sabha) and Prof B.B. Mishra, Vice Chancellor, Sambalpur University as chief guest and guest of honour; and the students of Rotary Public school, Bargarh & members of the Federation from various districts.

The office bearers of AISCCON at Panthaniwas, Sambalpur

-- Shri. Prahallad Mahapatra
Senior Citizen Society Barnala:

Panjab

SCC, Bathinda held its monthly meeting in M.S.D School with Shabad Gayan by Amarjit Khurmi & the song “Ae Mere Watan Ke Shahido” sung by Parmjit Bhangu & Devmani. The Samagam was dedicated to Sir Chhotu Ram “Kisana Da Masiha”.

On 26th Feb. meeting of SCC Bathinda in Dashmesh Public School. Dist. Bathinda Planning Commission Chairman Sh. Amritpal Aggarwal as Chief guest with President and governing body members. A clock on the map of Punjab with “35 Akhri” can be seen the dice.
A group of about 50 from **Senior Citizens' Welfare Association Ludhiana** led by Shri. S P Karkara, President, Mrs. Neelam Khosla and Vice President Er. R S Behal visited Maharaja Dalip Singh Memorial in village Bassian on 25th Feb.

--- Shri. S.P. Karkara

Shri. Nikhil Thakur of Helpage India talked about safeguards against the Cyber crimes and also distributed booklets. Shri. Simran Singh also from Helpage India gave awareness about Elderline No.14567 for about 40 members.

--- Shri. Gurdip Singh Bhogal Zirakpur

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**SCC Rupnagar:** Birthday and marriage anniversaries in the month in H M T Resort.

--Shri. Karnail Singh
सीनियर स्टेजिंग वैजेयपेर एसोसिएशन ने 51वां सिलाई महीना वितरण समारोह करवाया
अब तक अनेक परिवारों को संस्था द्वारा दी जा चुकी है सिलाई महीनों में: मास्टर जसोंत रनीहर

समाप्ति, 1 फरवरी (आज). सीनियर स्टेजिंग वैजेयपेर एसोसिएशन ने राजस्थान भाग्यभर जनकी मिर्जा की अध्यक्षता में 51वां सिलाई महीना वितरण समारोह का आयोजन किया। यह समारोह के लिए निम्नलिखित पहली दिन "भारत सभा" के अन्दर ही किया गया?

राजस्थान

-- Shri. KK Gaur

वरिष्ठ नागरिक संस्थान जोधपुर

जोधपुर में वरिष्ठ नागरिक संस्थान राजस्थान का प्रांतीय सम्मेलन 9 अप्रैल को नवजीवन/महासभा/महासभा द्वारा किया गया। यह सम्मेलन के लिए अध्यक्ष भरत सरकार थे और उनके अलावा वरिष्ठ नागरिक संस्थान राजस्थान के वरिष्ठ नेताओं ने भी सम्मेलन का हिस्सा लिया।

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- Shri. Bhanwarseth & Shri. Madanlal Khatod

वृक्षी नववर्षातित/ उदयपुर: महायान प्रति वरिष्ठ नागरिक संस्थान के तत्तावास में विजयन समिति में आयोजित बैठक में सदस्यों ने हाल ही में आयोजित साधन अभिव्यक्ति का संस्थापन समेत संस्थापन सम्पन्न किया। श्रीमती बृहदीश राजनी जोशी ने इस बैठक की निगम से कियी। तपश्चिमा संस्थान के प्रभावी जीती श्रीमती दिनलक्षण सेट एवं पूथा में ने बृहदीश राजनी का विशेष वरिष्ठ का निर्देशन दिया। वरिष्ठ संस्थान के प्रभावी जीती श्रीमती दिनलक्षण सेट एवं पूथा में ने बृहदीश राजनी का विशेष वरिष्ठ का निर्देशन दिया।

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दर्शठजन कल्याण समिति कोटा की मासिक आमसभा आज दिन 25वीं Feb. को इंजीनियर्स भवन में हुई थी। इस मौके पर श्री जी.डी. पटेल एवं श्री सी. बाहेते, डॉ० वेदप्रकाश गुप्ता, सेवानिवृत्त न्यायाधीश गडंबा गौड़, जी.डी. हीरेंद्र मापुर एवं एस.जी. राजेंद्र गौड़ ने अपने विचार प्रकट किए। नए सदस्य चीफ इंजीनियर जी.पी.टी. जी. और पी.सी. गौड़, वज्रदत्त हाड़ा, इंजीनियर श्रीमती गुप्ता, गैरा साहिब (FCI) का माला पहनाकर श्रद्धांजलि किया गया।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय U3A(युनिवर्सिटी ऑफ थर्ड एज) के राजस्थानी उपाध्यक्ष एवं जनता की आवाज समिति, महिला शक्ति व युवाशक्ति के राजस्थानी समन्वयक श्री शंकर आस्कन्दानी द्वारा कोटा शहर की स्थानीय संस्थाओं की सम्मानित आमसभा व योजनापत्र सदस्य एच.पी. जी. गौड़ ने बारंबार रोड रैली विलयकांग हाउस पर 26वीं Feb. को आयोजित की गई जिसमें समाजसेवी जी.डी. पटेल, प्रदीप कुमार कुमारवर्धन, हीरेंद्रसिंह दादरेर, डॉ० एम.एल. परिहार और महिलाशक्ति की सुजाता तायरे एवं युवाशक्ति के पूजन में विज्ञापार्थार्थ। शंकर आस्कन्दानी और डॉ० एम.एल. परिहार को उनकी उत्कृष्ट सेवाओं के लिए विशेष स्मृति चिन्ह देकर सम्मानित किया गया।

--Shri. Shankar Askandani-7977921037
Lives matter. We care. We’re there.” David Beasley, WFP Executive Director. Within 24 hours from the time the earthquakes hit on 6 February, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) was on the ground providing hot meals and ready-to-eat rations to the victims, thanks to the kindness of people like you. Thanks to our global family of supporters, 142,000 people received emergency food assistance in the days following the quakes. Since then – with your support – WFP’s operation on the ground has accelerated.

Donate now: I speak for everyone at WFP when I say how moved we are to see people around the world giving so generously to help children and families who have lost everything overnight.

--- Mr. Halcyon Garrett, Supporter Care, United Nations World Food Programme supportercare@wfp.org Via C. G. Viola 68 Parco dei Medici - 00148 Rome, Italy.

From: Dr. M. Singa Raja, Chennai
Telangana
Amma Eye, Organ and Body donation Promoters Organization
Cadaveric dissection is an important element of the teaching in medical Colleges. It aids the medical students to understand human anatomy and consequently utilize the knowledge for their clinical subjects. The surgeons also require to update their knowledge. We wish to create awareness among people about voluntary body donation for teaching and research purposes.
On 26\textsuperscript{th} Feb. Eye, Organ and Body Donation awareness at Senior Citizen Association, Bhavya Anandam Nizampet Hyderabad, with Nizampet Counselor Rajitha Garu.
Sri. Ganji Eswara Lingam. Founder & President in Telangana, Andhera pradesh and Maharashtra. 94910 74940 & 9550 89 4940. email.ammaeyeorganbody@gmail.com

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1. Health checkup camp at AIRRF office Chilkalguda sec-bad on 4\textsuperscript{th} Feb. thanks to all the staff of Yashoda Hospital in Hitech-Tech city.
2. AIRRF President and Vice President AISCON Sri. S. Sreedhar had a meeting with Sri. Anil Kumar Lakoti, Chairman & CEO, Railway Board at New Delhi to discuss important issues pertain to pensioners/ senior citizens. - Sri. S. Sreedhar, President, AIRRF & Vice President, AISCCON

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Digital Safety Trg. on 12\textsuperscript{th} Feb with 37 participants with Senior Citizens Association HUDA Complex, Hyderabad.
Help Age India’s Digital Safety trg. to the Sr. Citizens Assn. of KPHB, phase 3, and Mayurmarg, Begumpet Hyderabad for 76 participants, on the occasion of World Safer Internet Day, on 8th Feb.

--- Sri. Shyam Helpage India.

Meeting with Aasara officials in GHMC

All the Circle Committees’ presidents and secretaries and Aasara Central Committee members Dr. G. Nageaswara Rao, Vice President, Sri. Kandibanda Narasimha Rao, Gen. Secretary, Sri Govinda Rajulu, Treasurer and Smt. M.Vijayalaxmi, Joint secretary have met GHMC Director Aasara Mrs Soujanya and Sri Aleem, Aasara in-charge P.O. on 6th Feb.

*A meeting of the Aasara Circle Committee seniors with the DGP Sri. Mahdusudhana Swamy on 2nd March.

*Aasara Central Committee met Sri. S.Venugopala chary, Chairman, Irrigation Development Corporation on 7th Feb.

On 4th Feb. Sri KL Narayana Garu of Sainikpuri colony from Kapra circle has participated in the 5th National Masters Swimming Competition conducted by Masters Aquatic Federation of India at Gachibowli Swimming pool and secured first position in all three events i.e. 50, 100 and 200 meters freestyle in the age group 75-79.

--Dr. G. Nageeswara Rao, Vice President & Sri. Kandibanda Narasimha Rao, General Secretary
Senior Citizens Association, Kothagudem distributed food items to the inmates of Muthabai Memorial Old Age Home on Friday, 3rd Feb. --Sri. Hanumanthrao

On 25th Feb. the TSGREA State office bearers, Sri Damodar Reddy president, Sri. C. Chandra Shekhar, Secretary General and others met the Hon. Minister Sri Harish Rao garu and gave a representation. He promised to take one from the Association as the member in EHS Trust. Sri Gangareddy, treasurer, Sri V.Vishwanath associate president, Sri Seetharamaiah V.P., Sri G Mohanreddy VP, Smt. Bhagyalakshmi V.P., Sri Venkatreddy president, Nalgonda dist., Sri Sudarshanreddy president Suryapet dist., Sri Thakur Inder Singh, Hyd District, president and Sri Prabhakar garu Adilabad district were in the team. -- Sri. Inder Singh Thakur, Hyderabad

The Rotary Club of Jubilee Hills in Hyderabad has organized a function on 11th and 12th Feb. to distribute highly developed Prosthetic hands. These hands are highly developed and operate with a battery. --- Sri. R.N. Mital, former President of AISCCON, rnmittal@gmail.com

Haryana Governor Sri Bhandari Dattatreya garu releasing a book by Dr. Shobha Perindevi of AOSC on 21st Feb. in Hyderabad.
Eviction Orders in favour of Senior Citizens:
GO Ms No.40/2023 dated 30.12.2022 by the Gov. of TS
The Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI has asked the State Governments to give better protection to the senior citizens as per Section 22 read with Section 32 (2) (f) of the Act, as this matter is under the Concurrent List of the Constitution. The Model Rules gave to the State Police the responsibility to plan protection of life and property of senior citizens. The same was adopted by many states. But as the "property matters" are of Civil in nature and the Police cannot settle these matters without filing an FIR in the Civil Court. But as per section 27 of the Act, the Civil Courts have no jurisdiction in the cases falling under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act of 2007 and the Advocates are not permitted to represent the parties before the Tribunals, as per Section 17 of the Act. Thus the subject matter became nobody's baby.
First, Panjab and Haryana State and then, the Government of NCT of Delhi have amended their Rules giving this powers to the District Magistrate through the Action Plan. This is supported by Chandigarh and also by Delhi High Courts. Sri Rattan Lal Kataria, Minister of State for Social justice and Empowerment also declared this Amendment in Parliament, in 2019. But, still the Rules of some States are not amended accordingly. With the initiative of some senior Citizens of Hyderabad, this matter is taken up by the State Government and issued a GO MS No. 40/2022 dated 30.12.2022, amending Rule 21(3), giving these powers to the District Magistrate through an Action Plan. As per this, now the parents and senior citizens, on complaint, can get their children and relatives evicted from their principal residence, if they do not maintain or ill-treat them.

Senior Citizens issues at
Dr. Marri Chenna Reddy Human Resources Development Institute, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad on 15th Feb.

Permanent Help Centre: If any aged person or couple find themselves harassed, abused or abandoned, please contact for help and advice at Srinivasa Samaja Seva Trust in Hyderabad from 10 to 13 hours.
----- Sri. D. Parthasaradhi on 9491117461. sarathidummala@gmail.com

Senior Citizens Association, Karimnagar, Telangana meeting on 13th Feb. at the Pensioners' Bhavan: President Sri. S. Janardhana Rao urged the members not to transfer the property to their children as they would sell the property and neglect their parents. Ex-Secretary Sri Thota Lakshmmana Rao wanted the closed library to reopen and would like to donate Rs.10,000 for obtaining some books and furniture. There was an awareness programme on 2007 Act with Sri Anjaiah, Mahendra Reddy and several other members.
--- KJ Swamy kjswamy48@gmail.com
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Uttarakhand

Monthly Birth Day & Wedding Anniversaries at the Day Center of Senior Citizen Forum Haridwar on 30th Jan.

Shehjaar Homes Haridwar’s weekly program “Kuchh Bhi Boliye” at its center in C 107 Antariksh City, 0n 8th Feb.where Sh M K Mittal ex director BHEL narrated some of his life events.
‘Kuchh bhi boliye’ at Shehjaar center on 22nd Feb. where Shri. A K Jain ex G M BHEL and author of many books spoke on Happiness. Mrs Usha Jain an eminent poet and writer sang melodiously. Sh Deepak Nehra from Adarsh Shiksha Sanskar Manch explained how the Manch is taking our culture to the young children through online program with the help of 5000 teachers in 12 states.

---Shri. Suresh Palgay

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