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Social Problem of Older People Vis a Vis Family and Community

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Abstract:

Indian society has always been a role model for the Western civilization for its rich culture, traditions, ethics, and values. Joint family system has strengthened our bond and affinity among family members. Family is the most emotionally attached and Universal Social Institutions. It is the backbone of our rich social structure. However, in our society, family offers exclusive Social Security to elderly members of joint families, but in the current day, the complex modern notion of family, impacted by a variety of variables, has created a threat to our elderly. In fact, emerging prevalence of nuclear families in the recent years has exposed them to psychological, physical and financial insecurity. Traditionally, our older people were Head of the family, advisory authority and occupied huge amount of powers prestige in the family. Now days, they have become burden and curse for young generations of the family and community. It is found that old person in cures the displeasures and hatred everywhere from the family, Community to work place, and Government. Now a day, the older people are abused by their family members. This paper aims to comprehend the major issues that elderly people encounter, as well as their views on health care and how they are treated by their family and community.

Keywords: Social Structure, Old Age Person, Physical and Financial Insecurity, Socio-Economic Problem, Displeasure Government.

Introduction:

Life is like a one way traffic journey and old age is the last station before final destination. With the first of 21st century the older people have lost they are identity and role value in the society and community and even in their own family. Their contribution exemplary sacrifice wisdom long track of experience were deliberately neglected by their progenies on the pretext that they have exhausted, disgusting, conservative, orthodox and entirely unfit in this galloping world where

relationship is a salable commodity. They are no more cherished, respected rather treated vulnerably as parasite and worthless by their family members as well as the community. They are becoming the victim of exasperation of their family members and Community. They are not taken care of properly at this most Sensitive age literally evening of their life. The health of older people is deteriorated considerably owing mental agony and old age dejection. Family members are thrown them to the road side from their own house, confiscate all their belongings, repudiate to live under same roof and eventually send them off to old age homes, The helpless older people sometimes suffer from hunger and mal nutrition, paucity of prompt medical treatment, a safe roof over their head and above all, lack of mental peace at eleventh hour of life. The society eludes these innocent older people and langur of milieu for the rest of part of their life. It is found that, the older person incurs the displeasure and hatred everywhere from family and community.

There prevail a number of plans, programmes, schemes, laws and provisions in our country to revive the status and dignity of the older people. However, there is hardly any solace to the suffering of them.

Under such circumstances, a number of questions may be arisen to our mind:

1. Are they getting adequate respect and dignity from youngsters?
2. Are they leading a peaceful life?
3. Are they feeling secured in the family, community and society?
4. Are they adequate requirement from the family, community, and the government?

Currently not, their suffering are getting multiplied day by day such they are lots family and community.

It is found that, there are 81 millions older people in India. 40% of older people are being abused by their family members but it is sad to say that 1 to 6 cases are coming to the lime light. Hence it is a major social issue in the present scenario.

Objectives of the study:

- 1 To learn about the primary socioeconomic issues that elderly people confront.
- 2 To know the reasons which are obstructing to abridge gap between old and new generations?
- 3 To gain a better understanding of senior citizens' perspectives on the sources of problems and their pessimistic outlook on life.
- 4 To analysis the Government plans and Programmes laws and Provisions for Protection of rights of older people.
- 5 To find out different suggest measure regarding such social issues.

Let us analysis certain Pertinent problems that **the older** people are falling hard.

1. Economic Problem:

Those are the problem of loss of employment, and economic security.

2. Physical problems:

They include health and medical problems, nutrition deficiency and problems of adequate housing,

3. Psychological problems:

The older people are suffering from lack of emotional and mental support from their family and Community. Even they are being verbally abused by their own son and daughter-in-law.

Major Causes are promoting the problem at older people:

1. Rapid Westernization:

Youngsters are becoming materialistic nature. They are gradually losing their traditional moral values, cultures along their forgetting duties and responsibilities towards and parents.

2. Poverty:

It's also another problem which is resulted into various socio-economic problems the older people's life.

3. Degeneration of Joint Family:

It breaks our family co-operations, love, affection, sacrifice nature, duties and responsibilities between old Parents and their family members.

4. Inter generational conflict:

It's also another cause for stimulating the problems of the older people day by day. In modern society, young fellows are more materialistic in nature and they did not like to follow their idealistic life of their old parents. Hence, it creates unnecessary tension or conflict. Psychological depression and Social detachment between two generations.

5. Impact of Mass Media:

It is found that unlike the older people youngsters are highly addicted the pop culture like different TV Programmes, films, music, shows Parties, and outings. Thus there is an increasing mismatch between their interest and linking which in turn allow no scope for sharing thoughts and ideology of the one another.

6. Modern educational system:

Youngsters are more practical in modern techno-craft era. They don't like to follow their hereditary education and occupation. Further creates the gap between both generations and creates conflict.

Legal provisions for the protection the rights of old age people.

1. Maintenance and welfare of parents and senior citizen Act 2007.
2. The National police on senior citizen 2011.

Constitutional provisions for protection:

Article 41- Right to work

Article 46- Right to education

3. Maintenance and welfare of parents and senior citizens announcement Bill, 2019

Suggestive Measures:

Family, government, and the media are expected to take serious steps to alleviate the suffering of the elderly in our society.

Expectation from family:

1. Family should tender respect, Prestige and better care to their needy Old Parents,
2. The sons and daughters are staying away from the parents. They should maintain their regular Communications with their old parents in order to know their problems.
3. The youngsters in the family should discuss their problems with their parents to arrive at better solutions to their problems, since the old Parents highly experienced.
4. The youngster should create certain time to eat together to share pain and pleasure with their old parents.
5. The present day daughter-in-law should treat them as their own parents.

Expectation from Community:

1. Community should provide adequate Prestige status to the older people.
2. Community should build old age clubs. As a result of which all the older people of that community can meet together and share their pain and pleasure with one another.
3. At least twice in a year a get together should be arranged by community by which older persons and young fellow should share their thoughts ideology with one another.
4. Regular awareness Programme should be launched by Community so that one can know the rights and obligations.
5. Older people have better experiences in life. Hence Community should seek suggestions from them for the welfare of the community.

Expectation from Government:

1. The Government should be identified the problems of needy older people.
2. The Government should regularly review the functioning of the ongoing plans, Programmes, schemes, laws, Provisions are bringing necessary modification for reviving the dignity of the older generation.
3. Govt. should concentrate more on certain awareness Programme by which older people and Youngster able to know their rights responsibilities respectively.
4. The Govt. should build more old age homes for needy older people.
5. New rules, regulations, plans Progoammes and, schemes should be executed as per the need of the time.
6. Any of the rights of the older people should be strictly dealt with.

Expectation from Mass Media:

In the modern techno world mass media is expected to play a larger role far.

1. Mass media should bring a clear picture of old peoples suffering to lime light.
2. Mass media lunch certain awareness Programme for the older peoples and Youngsters to their rights and obligation respectely.
3. Mass media should encourage the needy Older people to raise their voice against any sorts of abuse.
4. Different socio-cultural awareness Programme should be arranged to promote Co-operations, love and affection between older people and the youngsters.

Expectation from older people:

Aside from that, every older person is required to adapt to changing conditions in life and, to the extent possible, live in harmony with the younger generation.

1. The older people should change pre-conceived ideas and adjust to the changing patterns of family and society.
2. They should understand the economic condition of the family and try their best to adjust with their family members.
3. The older people should treat their daughter in-law with love and affection like their own daughter.
4. They should try to solve the problems of the youngsters in the family as far as possible.
5. The older people should actively participate in every aspects of the community.
6. They should try to serve the cause of the Community.

Govt. Schemes launched for the benefits of senior citizens.

1. Pradhan mantri vaya vandana scheme.
2. Indira Gandhi National old age pension scheme (INOAPS).
3. National programme for the health care of elderly (NPHCE)
4. Varishta mediclaim policy
5. Rastriya vaya Shri yojana
6. Varishta pension Bima Yojana
7. Rastriya swasthya Bima Yojana
8. Senior citizen health insurance scheme.
9. Pradhan mantri Jan arogya Yojana.

Conclusion:

In a nutshell, the problem of the older people should address with urgency and utmost care. They should not treat as a burden for the family. However, they should get adequate Prestige Power and dignity of the family as a guardian of the family and community, side by side, the older people

should utilize their resources, experience for the betterment of the society. There is a need to raise awareness about the changing needs and rights of the elderly. Simultaneously, the child should become aware of difficulties related to old age.

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