

# Agewell programme awareness among elderly

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■ **ABSTRACT** : The elderly in India are a heterogeneous population with variations in morbidity across several dimensions, gender, location and socio-economic status in particular, as well as great diversity in cultures, religions and languages. The size of India's older adult population is greater than the total population of many developed and developing countries. The aging population is a sign of successful development in medical sciences and technology, living standards and education, but the elderly also raise unique social, economic and clinical challenges including a growing demand for increasingly complex healthcare services. In view of the increasing need for intervention in area of old age welfare, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India adopted 'National Policy on Older Persons' in January, 1999. The policy provides broad guidelines to State Governments for taking action for welfare of older persons in a proactive manner by devising their own policies and plans of action. However, this study has been designed to investigate the elderly knowledge about the agewell programme and to know about their attitude and practices towards Agewell Programme. Elderly among study area had average information about agewell programme and there is an urgent need of effective training at grassroot level.

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