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Cross-cultural impact of old age pension on the livelihood chances of geriatrics in Haryana

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Abstract : Population ageing is a worldwide phenomenon experienced by almost all the nation throughout the world and reflects social, economic and health achievements. Economic security is the major challenge of population aging in India. National Old Age Pension Scheme is the primary source of income of the elderly. The research examines the perceived consumption pattern of basic items, geriatric satisfaction with the quality of basic items, and the cross-cultural impact of the old age pension on the livelihood indicators. The cross – cultural study was conducted in the Mewat and Bagad zones of Haryana state. A total of 200 Old age pensioner (age >65 years) were selected randomly for the study. The study revealed that majority of the geriatrics was residing with their children in both the zones. The Improved Quality Index for Muslim dominated area *i.e.*, Nuh was 41.0 per cent and for Hindu dominated area *i.e.*, Hisar was 63.0 % hence the quality index of geriatrics for Hisar was better than the Nuh. In Nuh, maximum improvement was observed in mobility domain whereas in Hisar maximum improvement was observed in health and nutrition domain.

Key Words : Old age pension, Quality, Quantity, Livelihood domains, Improved quality index

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