ABSTRACT

The population of aged people is increasing continuously in India and also across the globe. India being a developing country is facing more acute problem in tackling this problem. Presently India is a home to one aged person out ten aged persons in the world. As per 2001 Census of India the population of aged people is about 7.8% of the total population.

The increasing population of aged people may lead to certain implications for the person and also to the society and state. This population increase will further create certain problems like social, economical, psychological and health of aged people. In this circumstance government need to enact legislation and adopt dynamic policy which protect dignity and liberty of an individual. It is also necessary to control the element of criminality which is expressed against the aged person being vulnerable to such abuse.

This study made an effort examine and explain and provide the review of Indian law with respect to aged people. Indian legal system is still not a position to cope with the problem of aged people. However, Indian Constitution and international conventions which have been enacted at global level are mandating for the respectful treatment for the elders. Indian constitution provides certain fundamental right irrespective of age and more specifically Art. 21 which guaranteed life and personal liberty to all including aged persons. In addition to this we are having different legislation which are in consonance with the constitutional mandate of recognizing dignity full life for the aged person. Also in India government have implemented different policies and through these various concessions, benefits and facilities etc have been provided to aged people. Since the issue of aged population is a global issue at International Level also various documents and instruments are adopted. This study provides critique of the national legislation and also presents a survey of the Sangli district on this aspect. In order to translate the spirit of the constitutional and human rights conventions some recommendations have been provided.