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School of Health Sciences and Rural Development
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organizes

National Conference on NAVIGATING INDIA'S AGEING POPULATION: A ROADMAP FOR VIKSIT BHARAT 2047

in collaboration with



Heritage Foundation
Hyderabad



Department of Social Sciences
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Madurai



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About the Conference

The Gandhigram Rural Institute

The Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed to be university was established in 1956 as one among the 14 Rural Institutes started by the Government of India. The Institute was declared to be a deemed university in August 1976 under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956 in recognition of its exemplary services and contributions in Rural Higher Education. GRI was Accredited by the NAAC with “A++” Grade in the fourth cycle (2025) and fully funded by the Ministry of Human Resource Development through UGC, Government of India, Delhi.

Department of Applied Research

Established in 1976 under the Faculty of Rural Development, it supports the Institute’s mission of sustainable rural development. It offers programmes such as B.A. (Hons) in Demography and Development Studies, PG Diploma in Applied Gerontology, and Ph.D. degrees. With its interdisciplinary and multifaceted research and publications, it remains a key hub for applied and development-oriented research.

Heritage Foundation, Hyderabad

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Department of Social Sciences, Lady Doak College, Madurai

A legacy-rich department promoting women’s education for over 60 years, Offers Undergraduate to Postgraduate programs in Psychology, Social Work and Counseling, with good academic excellence, competitive skill building and training programmes for wholistic development .

About the Conference

The National Conference “Navigating India’s Ageing Population: A Roadmap for “Viksit Bharat 2047”” responds to UNIDOP 2025 theme: Older Persons Driving Local and Global Action, that moves beyond ageing as a burden towards a demographic dividend. This conference will bring together stakeholders to build a national roadmap that ensures the well-being, dignity, and active participation of older persons.

Goal

To create a comprehensive roadmap integrating the wisdom and experience of elders into India’s development agenda, guiding policy, research, industry, and civil society.

Objectives

- To analyse social, economic, psychological, and health challenges.
- To showcase innovative models and programs in elderly care.
- To foster collaboration among government, academia, NGOs, and the private sector.
- To formulate evidence-based policy recommendations.
- To develop a roadmap towards an inclusive and prosperous India 2047.

Themes and Sub-Themes

Theme 1: Health and Well-being: A Holistic Approach

- Building a robust geriatric healthcare system and infrastructure.
- Promoting mental health and combating loneliness and depression.
- Nutritional security and wellness programs for a healthier aging process.
- Accessible and affordable long-term care facilities and home-based care models.
- Telemedicine, e-health platforms, and remote patient monitoring.

Theme 2: Social Inclusion and Intergenerational Solidarity

- Combating ageism and promoting positive public perception of aging.
- Creating community-based support systems and senior citizen associations.
- Fostering intergenerational mentorship and knowledge transfer programs.
- Addressing and preventing elder abuse and neglect through community vigilance.

Theme 3: Empowerment, Financial Security, Technology, and Innovation

- Financial literacy and Retirement planning for all seniors.
- Leveraging the "Silver Economy" to create new markets and services and promoting second careers, entrepreneurship, and flexible work opportunities
- Formalizing the care economy and professionalizing the caregiver workforce.
- Promoting digital literacy, Assistive technologies, and smart home solutions for independent living and to empower seniors and reduce the digital divide
- Innovations in senior housing and care services leveraging automation and data.

Theme 4: Human rights and Inclusivity: Co-creating the Environment

- Promoting Self-Help and Independence
- Upholding Dignity in Everyday Life
- Co-creating Age-Friendly Environment and Age-Inclusive Policies
- Ensuring Human Rights and educating on Welfare and Legal safeguards

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