

Aged's Oldage Problems and their Attitude towards Life: Data From Bhavnagar City of Maharashtra, India

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ABSTRACT The steady increase in aged population is the result of increasing life expectancy of an average person. This trend along with technological revolution and urbanization has created problems for both family and society. The high cost of living, limited living space, breaking up of joint families and the changing attitudes of younger generation towards the aged have made it difficult for the families to look after the needs of aged. The society also needs to cater to the needs of its senior citizens by providing adequate support services. The present study focuses on the health, financial, psycho-social, and managerial problems faced by the aged and also attempts to assess the attitude of the aged towards ageing. It further attempts to identify needs felt by aged regarding their welfare. It also examines the impact of various socio-economic variables on the nature of problems experienced by their aged attitude toward ageing. The results revealed that nearly half of the respondents were satisfied with their financial status. Magnitude of social problem was more than health or managerial problems. The age, marital status and occupation had affected health problems while age and marital status had affected social problems. Financial problem was directly related with family income. Education and occupation played a major role in the formation of attitude towards ageing. The problems faced by the respondents were directly related to their attitude towards ageing.