

ELDERLY ENGAGEMENT IN SUBSIDIARY ACTIVITIES: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF FIVE MAJOR STATES OF INDIA

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ABSTRACT

The process of ageing was considered as a western phenomenon till the last quarter of the 20th century but now it spreads over all the emerging economies due to their large investment into the field of health and public services. In the process of demographic transition, India is also witnessing Ageing population with the rapid rate. Elderly and their life generally covered in the field of sociology from the social point of view but as it turned a very crucial issue for the policy-makers, demographers are also dealing with the various dimensions of the old age people. Issues pertaining to old age are basically influenced by the various socio-economic factors. This paper will try to identify various factors pushing elderly to work at the later age of life.

KEYWORDS: Elderly, Ageing, Work Force Participation, Fertility, Demographic Transition.

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