

Problems of Elderly and Their Care

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ABSTRACT The process of rapid urbanisation, mobility of the younger generation, employment of women, etc. are some of the factors which influence both the family and social life of an individual. In addition to this, an individual has to face deteriorating health condition due to age related biological decline. This brings about a limitation in carrying on their social and family roles. The aged in these circumstances have to face a number of conflicting situations with which they find difficult to cope. The paper looks into their living arrangements, their self-reported problems and their activity status. It also tries to assess the availability of care provider and fulfilment of expectations by their children. Family type is changing and as such the elderly have to at times deal with their declining abilities by themselves. Children provide care to their ageing parents but the satisfaction level is found to be lower than expected.