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When Peers are no More: Some Rambling Thoughts on Old Age

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ABSTRACT An Old German Proverb is: 'An old person who is loved is like a winter with flowers'. Keeping this in perspective, this paper explores the multitudinous dimension of old age with particular reference to India. It argues that along with myriad socio-economic measures, our policies for the old should also focus on integrating the old people with their domestic systems on the one hand and society in general on the other.