

### national policy statement

strengthen the legitimate place of old people in society.

allow them to live their last years with peace, dignity, purpose

similar to "quality of life" principle in Old Americans Act in USA

### guiding principles of NPOP

Affirmative action plan for elderly, especially for females (triple neglect: gender, old age, widowhood)

empowerment, active and productive participation and involvement of old people

Age integrated society, building of care-giving capacity

partnership of individuals, families and communities with the govt.

client-oriented and user-friendly services for the aged

### " life cycle as a continuum"

views 60+ age as an integral part of life cycle

productive aging- philosophical keystone of NPOP

### financial security

better return on provident fund

expansion of pension coverage under strong regulatory authority

tax relief from medical deductions

income generation after retirement

long term saving instruments

rights of elders to be supported by their children

### healthcare and housing and education

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| long term<br>management<br>of illness at<br>home | 10% urban<br>and rural<br>low income<br>housing for<br>elders | information<br>and<br>continuing<br>education |
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| heavily<br>subsidized for<br>poor elders | ground<br>floor<br>apartments | education<br>material to<br>strengthen<br>intergenerational bonds |
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| primary<br>health care<br>services,<br>special<br>counters for<br>elders at<br>hospitals | community<br>based<br>amenity<br>needs | outreach<br>programmes<br>in schools to<br>interact with<br>elders |
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| medical<br>professionals<br>to be trained<br>in geriatric<br>care | group<br>housing of<br>older<br>persons | welfare fund<br>for elders |
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| NGOS-mobile<br>health<br>services,<br>special health<br>camps | contribution<br>of elderly will<br>be highlighted in<br>media |
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encouragement of informal neighborhood groups



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