

HEALTH CARE POLICIES FOR THE ELDERLY

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UNITED NATIONS has proposed 2021-30 as THE DECADE OF HEALTHY AGEING to improve the lives of older people, their families and their communities.

The National Programme for Health Care for the Elderly (NPHCE) is a modest attempt by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare by way of introducing a comprehensive health care set up completely dedicated and tuned to the needs of the elderly in 2010-11

VISION:

- To provide accessible, affordable, and high-quality long-term, comprehensive and dedicated care services to an Ageing population;
- Creating a new “architecture” for Ageing;
- To build a framework to create an enabling environment for “a Society for all Ages”;
- To promote the concept of Active and Healthy Ageing;

OBJECTIVES:

To provide comprehensive and holistic health care for elderly with adequate capacity of health care professionals alongside convergence with other departments

NEWER INITIATIVES-

1) ATAL VAYO ABHYUDAY

i) Scheme of Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC)

(ii) State Action Plan for Senior Citizens (SAPSrC)

(iii) Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY)

(iv) Livelihood and Skilling Initiatives for Senior Citizens

(V) Promoting silver economy

(VI) Channelizing CSR funds for Elderly care

2) National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP):

Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS)

Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS)

3) Rashtriya Varisth Jan Swasthya Yojana

NCA-New Delhi, Chennai, Varanasi

POLICIES IN TAMILNADU

STATE POLICY ON SENIOR CITIZENS, 2022

Integrated Geriatric Management Scheme (IGMS). The State shall introduce a new scheme IGMS (similar to ICDS)

Provision of Elder Card to all senior citizens