

CHANDIGARH SENIOR CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION (Regd)

(Room No 9 (FF), Karuna Sadan, Sector 11, Chandigarh-160011)

CHILDREN ARE LEGALLY BOUND TO LOOK AFTER THEIR PARENTS

Chandigarh Senior Citizens' Association (CSCA) organized a seminar in the Auditorium of Govt Museum and Art Gallery today to create awareness about various provisions of the "Maintenance and Welfare of Parents & Senior Citizens Act, 2007".

Sh KK Sharma, IAS, Advisor to Administrator (UT) Chandigarh was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the Seminar attended by nearly 150 senior citizens and others. He appreciated the initiative taken by CSCA in creating awareness about the Act and promised full support to it in all its endeavours.



Sh Ramesh Vinayak, Resident Editor of Hindustan Times was the Guest of Honour. He lauded the role of Chandigarh Senior Citizens Association in drawing attention to the special needs of senior citizens and organizing activities to bring relief to them. He promised the support of Hindustan Times in highlighting the achievements and concerns of this important segment of society.

The panelists included:

- a. Dr Aabha Chaudhary, of Anugraha, Delhi, the Regional Resource & Training Centre on Ageing. She spoke on the background and rationale of the Act.
- b. Sh Pavit Singh Mattewal, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, who spoke on the main provisions of the Act.
- c. Ms Nidhi Srivastava, IAS, SDM (South) who spoke on the implementation mechanism in Chandigarh and gave some case histories.

Immediate Past President and Member, Governor's Advisory Council Maj Gen MS Kandal acted as the Moderator and did the summing up.

Earlier, Brig. Keshav Chandra, President of the Association, introducing the subject detailed the extent of Elder abuse in India and the hopes and expectations aroused by the landmark legislation. He rued apathy on the part of State Governments due to which the Act had yet to be fully implemented in most parts of the country. Even where implemented, enough had not been done to create awareness among the intended beneficiaries.



A dramatic start was given to the Seminar by an “ostensible” gate-crasher who created a commotion and provided a perfect setting for the seminar.

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Secretary General
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