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Feminisation of Ageing Population in India: Issues and Concerns



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ABSTRACT

The shift in age structure associated with ageing population has a profound impact on broad range of socio-economic and demographic conditions of the elderly in India. However, such an effect is not homogeneous in respect to the place of residence and sex. Though a higher life expectancy is an indicative of an improvement in health conditions and living standards, the prevalence of poverty, illiteracy, lack of social security and support system, general awareness and amenities have constituted a major problem for the elderly. The present paper intends to highlight these issues of the old age in general and of the women elderly in particular.

KEYWORDS

Old age, female elderly, vulnerability and policies