

(16) Near universal social security pension would be significant in expanding the public support for the elderly in the country. Dismiss

Increased life expectancy in India (32 to 70 in last 80 years) & Demographic transition (18% of old age people by 2036) underlines the necessity of social security pension in future

Even though Atal pension Yojana is featureistic, however National social assistance programme which covers elderly, destitute, widowed women is not with exclusion errors

- Targetting BPL families, ~~with~~ ^{based on} list old as 20 years
- Poor & illiterate elderly unable to register with scheme
- Not considering deprivation within households
- very low budget spending 0.05% (200-300 ₹ per month per head)

Increasing mental health issues, suicidal cases, depression are ~~consequence~~ of the

However expansion of social security person into near universal can bring changes in elderly life

For example Tamil Nadu which achieved near universal (75-80%) coverage of widows & elderly person with benefit of ₹1000 is proven in the field

"Self declaration" by person & time bound verification by local authorities which eliminates Exclusion errors.

Increasing monetary support & also disability aids, recreational facility, old age day care, & support NGOs working in this field can make elderly to lead dignified life

Recent Ministry of Social Justice & empowerment SACRED scheme provide opportunity to senior citizen to search for a job on virtual platform. State should work towards achieving spirit of DPSP as 'assistance to old age, disable is one of it.