

**India's Demographic Transition: Vision Viksit Bharat @ 2047 – ICSSR Sponsored
Field Study of Shree Krishna Anand - Old Age Home (OAH) in Odisha State by IFHE**

The ICFAI School of Social Sciences (ISoSS) project team, in collaboration with the Centre for Social Studies, Surat, conducted a field survey on the Old Age Home (OAH) of Shree Krishna Anand in Bhubaneswar. The field survey is conducted as a part of the collaborative research project titled “Demographic Transition: Changing Family System and the Quality of Life (QOL): A Study of Bihar, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States of India”, sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) on Vision Viksit Bharat @2047, awarded to Dr. Laila Memdani, Associate Professor and Project Coordinator (PC), ISoSS, Dr. Sushanta Kumar Mahapatra, Associate Professor and Project Director (PD), ISoSS, Dr. Gagan Bihari Sahu, Associate Professor and PD, Centre for Social Studies (CSS), Surat, Dr. Debajani Sahoo, Professor and PD, ICFAI Business School and Dr. Tamma Koti Reddy, Dean, Professor, and PD, ISoSS, ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Deemed University, Hyderabad.

The field survey was conducted by Dr. Sushanta Kumar Mahapatra, Associate Professor and Project Director (PD), and Mr. Sadashiba Pati, Field Investigator, ISoSS, who interacted with staff, management, and the inmates living in old age homes, and also those who are living alone with families for the same.

Old Age Home (OAH) Shree Krishna Anand for senior citizens is managed by Seva Dharma Charitable Trust, having three branches located in Bhubaneswar, having a strength of 100 number of senior citizens from all over India and 15 staffs.

The field survey discussion featured an engaging feedback and suggestion segment where the management, staff and inmates shared their perspectives on the impact and potential improvements of old age home and aging population.

The major challenges faced are related to health infrastructure services and a lack of adequate emotional support. Some of them also expressed financial constraints in meeting their old age maintenance expenditure and sought for financial and medical support from the Government.

Though various factors insist on them to stay at OAH, a significant proportion of them expressed that, their having a better alternative to stay at the last part of their life. If more cultural activities can be organised, they will be happier and it may bring back their homely atmosphere. It is observed that India's elderly population could contribute significantly to the economy if their skills and experiences are effectively utilized.

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inadequate health infrastructure services, lack of emotional support and financial constraints.

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The survey conducted by ICFAI School of Social Sciences (ISoSS), Hyderabad in collaboration with the Centre for Social Studies (CSS), Surat at old age home 'Shree Krishna Anand' brought to light the pressing issues faced by the aging population.

The old age home is being managed by Seva Dharma Charitable Trust which has three branches in the city with a total strength of 100 senior citizens from all over the country and supported by 15 staff members.


The team led by associate professor and project director at ISoSS Sushanta Kumar Mahapatra and field investigator Sadashiba Pati interacted with residents, caregivers and management staff of the old age home as well as elderly individuals living independently in nearby communities. The survey found that while the institution provides basic shelter and care, several residents had feelings of isolation and loneliness. Limited access to healthcare, inability to manage daily and medical expenses, and the absence of sustained emotional support were recurring concerns.

"The major challenges faced by the inmates are related to health infrastructure services and a lack of adequate emotional support. Some of them also expressed financial constraints in meeting their old age maintenance expenditure, and sought financial and medical support from the government," said Mahapatra.

The inmates suggested regular cultural and social activities for a more homely and engaging environment, which could also contribute to better mental well-being. "Though various factors insist that they stay at the old age home, a significant proportion of them sought a better and engaging environment during the last part of their life. They can be happy if a homely atmosphere is developed," he said.

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The survey was a part of the ongoing ICSSR-sponsored project 'Demographic Transition: Changing Family System and the Quality of Life: A study c
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