

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – Panel discussion and Report release at JISPH on 14.06.2022

The Help age India has organised ‘World Elder Abuse Awareness Day’ program in association with the IPHA (State branch) and the Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, JIPMER at Auditorium, 4th floor, JISPH building on 14th June 2022 from 10 am - 1.30 pm.

The aim of the program was to understand the overarching gaps that prevents the elderly from living, happy and productive lives. The theme for this year is #Bridge the Gap.

Chief guest: Mr. Vallavan, IAS (District Collector cum Magistrate, Puducherry)

Special guest: Dr. Gautam Roy, President, Puducherry state branch, IPHA

Panel discussion:

The panel members were Ms. Deepika - IPS, Mr. Sureshraj – Municipal commissioner, Oulgaret, Mr. Deivasigamani – Deputy Director, Dr. Swaroop Kumar Sahu – Additional Professor, Dept of PSM, JIPMER, Dr. Venugopalan – Assistant professor, Geriatric medicine, JIPMER and Ms. Manjula – Advocate. The panel discussion has opened up the opportunity to understand the various facets of elder abuse, existing laws, schemes and initiatives to stop elder abuse.

Help Unite Generations;

A campaign to bridge the gap between the young and the old. A call for college students and young professionals to adopt an elderly person. MBBS students and MPH have participated in this campaign.

By attending the two-hour session, students will get sensitized on:

- Problems faced by elderly people
- Experts views on problems of elderly & their views on addressing it
- Approach needed to sensitize communities on elders’ issues
- If interested, the volunteers are to keep in touch with the adopted elders through phone or regular visits, inquire about their health, help them with their medical appointments.



