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# All India Senior Citizens' Confederation (Central Council)

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To AISCCON Central Council Members, affiliated units, other eminent senior citizens and our well wishers

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## Monthly Letter

Dear friends,

**Great news** – 1] AISCCON congratulates Dr. KR Gangadharan, our advisor, who has been unanimously elected as the President of the International Federation on Ageing, during their Conference in Prague on May 27. 2] We have signed last month MOU's with ISU3A and the Bharat Pension Samaj to work together for the benefit of senior citizens and to actively participate in each other's activities.

**Year 2014 is round the corner** - the year 2014 is important as it is the elections year. During the last decade our concerns and issues have been largely ignored by our rulers. The Central Government has not lived up to the commitments made by it to the international community under MIPAA. While it has taken some half hearted steps most of the States have remained indifferent towards our issues. It is probably so because our policymakers are still not conscious of our numerical strength, our vote power which is the only language they understand.

We have to make them realise our vote power but before that we ourselves have to be convinced of it. We are today around 10% of the population. By 2014 we will be around 11.5% amounting to 17% of the electorate or around 35% of the persons who really go to vote. Moreover, we, elders usually are the heads of families and thus decide, to a great extent, the family pattern of voting. We thus are a very significant minority which can not be ignored.

I suggest that to make this fact known to our colleagues and the politicians, we should put the following slogan on banners and display them in our offices and meeting places. Such banners should also be displayed prominently in all conferences/seminars etc which we may organize. Following is the suggested slogan --

**In another 2 years we will be around 11.5% of the population amounting to more than 17% of the electorate or around 35% of the population which actually goes to vote. Moreover, elders being heads of families generally decide its pattern of voting, thus we are a minority with decisive vote power.**

**Our 22,000 Crores being enjoyed free by Banks and other Public Utilities –** According to media reports more than 22,000 crores are lying unclaimed in various accounts as per following details,

With nationalized Banks	1,739 Cr
Stock Investment & Dividends	800 Cr
Income Tax refunds	1,300 Cr
Mutual Funds	453 Cr
Employees Provident Fund	16,000 Cr
Life Insurance	1,724 Cr
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,016 Cr</b>

In fact the amount may be much more as some accounts such as Post Office Savings and FD's, PPF etc have not been considered. Obviously this amount largely belongs to Senior Citizens, therefore, we demand that it should be used to create a fund return on which should be used for the welfare of Senior Citizens. The NPOP 1999 has also mandated creation of such a fund.

**Legalised Elder Abuse** - The Indian Parliament enacted in 1983 an anti dowry criminal law known as IPC 498A which is **non-bailable , non-compoundable (complaint can't be withdrawn) and cognizable**. There have been countless instances where, the police has arrested elderly parents, unmarried sisters, pregnant sister-in-laws and other members of the family without bothering to verify whether the complaint lodged by the disgruntled daughter-in-law is genuine or frivolous

In the year 2005, 1,34,757 people including 4744 senior citizens underwent arrest in 58319 complaints under Sec 498-A and Dowry Prohibition Act. The conviction rate was only 2% remaining were unnecessarily harassed. There could not be a worse case of Elder Abuse.

Along with IPC 498A, Domestic Violence Act also has become a cause of worry for the innocent elders on whom false cases under these laws are often booked. Even UNO has recognized this situation and has quoted the above laws in India as major cause for rampant elder abuse. The movement against these atrocious laws is being spearheaded by a NGO known as MASI [Mothers and Sisters initiatives] and AISCCON has extended full support to it. We as members of the Core Group constituted by the National Human Rights Commission to advise them about matters concerning welfare of senior citizens, are approaching NHRC to advise the GOI to suitably amend these laws so that at least the senior citizens are not arrested without proper investigation.

Meanwhile, all affiliates and associates of AISCCON are requested, while observing the Elder Abuse Awareness creation programme during this month, to consider including the above in their agenda and take up the matter with the authorities demanding suitable amendment to these laws.

**August 16, the Senior Citizens National Protest Day** – The support to our programme has been pouring in from all over, the latest have been from the Dignity Foundation, Dr. Sajjan Singh, President IS U3A and the President of the Federation of Associations of Senior Citizens of North Eastern States, Sri Dhirendra Nath Chakravorty. Our major issues will be **1] The right to Pension, 2] Implementation of NPOP and MWPSA Act 3] Affordable Health Care**. Our focus this year will be the non-performing States. You will hear more about it from Mr. M.B.Kulkarni, convener, Mr. Sailesh Mishra and Mr Anil Kaskhedikar, co-ordinators.

**Facilities for different categories of Donors** – AISCCON survives largely on donations from the well wishers of the senior citizens. The following facilities are provided to different categories of donors with the objective of honoring them and keeping them involved in our activities

Categories>>> Facilities	Patrons	Grand Patrons	Chief Patrons	Privileged members[individuals]	Sustaining members[corp]
Min Donation	Rs. 2500	Rs 5000	Rs. 10,000	Rs. 25,000	Rs 25,000/year
Representation in Central Council	1:50 Co-terminus	1:10 with	1:3 the Executive	1:2, for >50k 1:1 Committee	1:1 for 1 year
Aisccon News	Life time	Life time	Life time	Life time	Life time
Mention in Aisccon News	once	once	Once	Every month	Yes during the year
Freeadvertisement In Aisccon News	No	No	No	One full or two half pages	One full or two half pages
Mention on board in JNB	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes for 1 yr
Invitations to Aisccon Functions	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes for 1 yr
Circulars	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes for 1 yr
Stay in JNB max for 2 nights for one with concession	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes for 1 Yr For one nominee

**Our Annual Conference in Trivandrum** - I hope you have sent your registration papers. All Central Council Members & Patrons are requested to register as Reception Committee members

Yours sincerely,

  
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