

**DAY 2: 27 AUGUST 2013, MULTIPURPOSE HALL,  
India International Centre 40, Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi-110001**

**TIME: 4:30-5:00 PM**

## Valedictory

**Valedictory:** Mathew Cherian

With an immense increase in population of India, due to the high birth rate and increase in life expectancy, the aged women survive under dreadful circumstances. They are expected to live longer without any health or security benefits. Elder person require emotional support and respect from family and their children are an essential part of their later years. A grievance authority needs to set up and address the concerns of the aged in India. Moreover, cultural activities, health education exercises and separate geriatric care need to be encouraged.

### Issues addressed

- Poverty,
- Neglect,
- Isolation,
- Financial security,
- Social security,
- Physical security.

# Resolutions

## 1. **Session-** Empowerment: Health and Well Being

**Name:** Dr. Massouda Jalal

Affirmative action policy and programs for aged women empowerment as they are more vulnerable to discrimination, violence, poverty and crisis.

## 2. **Session-** Empowerment: Health and Well being

**Name:** Ferdous Ara Begum

1. Government should ensure older women's access to basic needs, such as, access to housing, health, security and empowerment on equal terms with men. So that older women may age with dignity.
2. Government should adopt age and gender friendly policies and programs on the basis of national and international instruments including general accommodation. Number 27 of the CEDAW Convention.
3. Government should allocate adequate budget for ageing population and implement policies and progress for the protection of human rights of older women.

## 3. **Session-** Caregiving & Elderly Care

**Name:** Anjali A Raje

1. A percentage of the 2% of the CSR of industries/ corporates earmarked under the New Companies Act must be allotted for senior citizen's programmes/projects.
2. The sensitization of school children should be a nationwide programme in which senior citizens act as 'teachers' to inculcate moral views amongst the youngsters – to help rebuild the deteriorating moral fabric of our country- to have respect for elders, for women, for hard work.

## 4. **Session-** Gender Responsive Policies, Programmes and Practices

**Name:** Sangita Nirola

1. To revise Senior Citizen and make it more rights based rather than welfare based.
2. Have a desegregated data on ageing population
3. Ask for UN Convention on Ageing Population
4. Devise plan of action for ageing population

5. Mainstream elderly in policy and programmes

**5. Session- Elder Abuse**

**Name:** Lily Thapa

1. To look into the Ageing Women with Gender perspectives.
2. Provide a platform for elderly people to reduce isolation.
3. Sensitize business houses to promote Ageing Friendly employment opportunities.
4. Promote Day Care concept for elderly people to avoid them going to old age homes.
5. Form a network of organization working for the elderly women in the South Asian Region
6. Submit a recommendation to SAARC to address the issues of witchcraft