



# International Day of Older Persons 2024

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The [Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment](#) observed [International Day of Older Persons 2024](#) on **1<sup>st</sup> October 2024**.

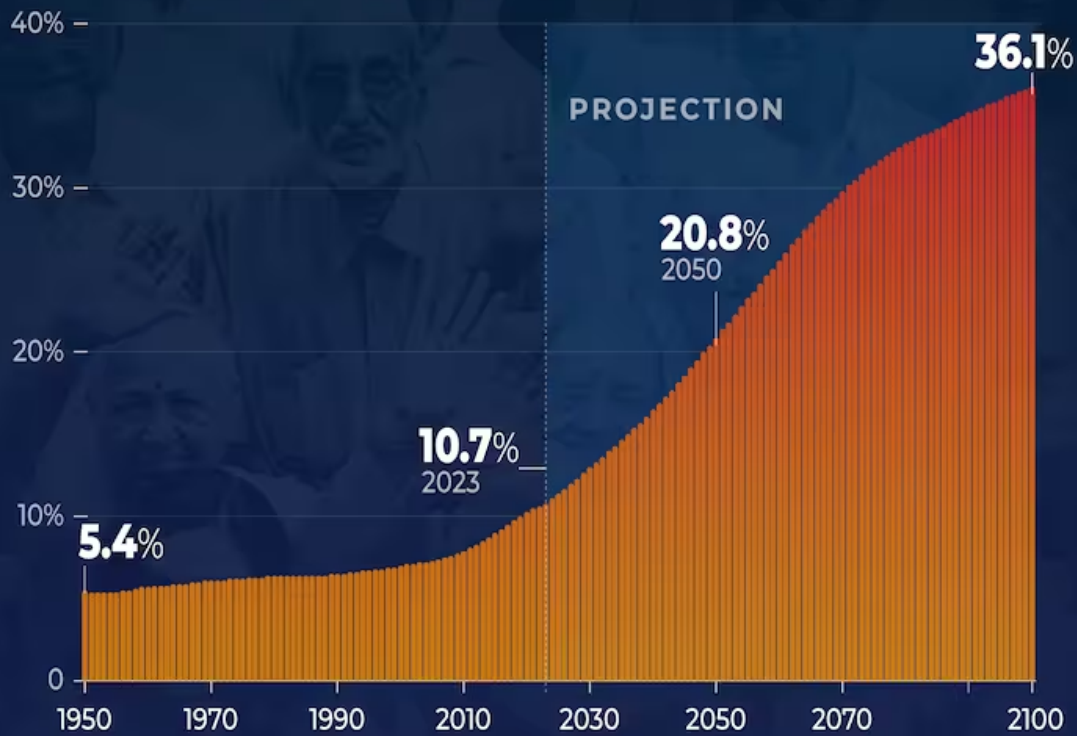
- **Theme for 2024: Ageing with Dignity:** The Importance of Strengthening Care and Support Systems for Older Persons Worldwide
- **About International Day of Older Persons:**
  - This day is celebrated to recognise the contributions made by older people and promote the need for inclusive and age-friendly societies.
  - Designated by the [UN General Assembly](#) on **14th October, 1990**, it is based on the [Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing \(1982\)](#) and the **UN Principles for Older Persons**.
- **Commitments & Global Framework:**
  - The [UN Decade of Healthy Ageing \(2021-2030\)](#) aligns with [SDG-3](#) on Good Health and Well-Being.
  - India formulated the [National Policy on Older Persons \(NPOP\) in 1999](#) and is a signatory to the [Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing \(2002\)](#).
- As of December 2023, India has **153 million** elderly individuals (60+), projected to rise to **347 million by 2050**, making up **20.8% of the total population**.
  - Globally, the elderly population rose from about 260 million in 1980 to **761 million in 2021**, with projections indicating it will increase from under 10% in 2021 to around **17% by 2050**.

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# India's rapidly growing elderly population

Senior citizens constitute about 10% of the population currently, but this will double by 2050

## Share of elderly (60+) in population (%)



Read More: [Empowering India's Elderly.](#)

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