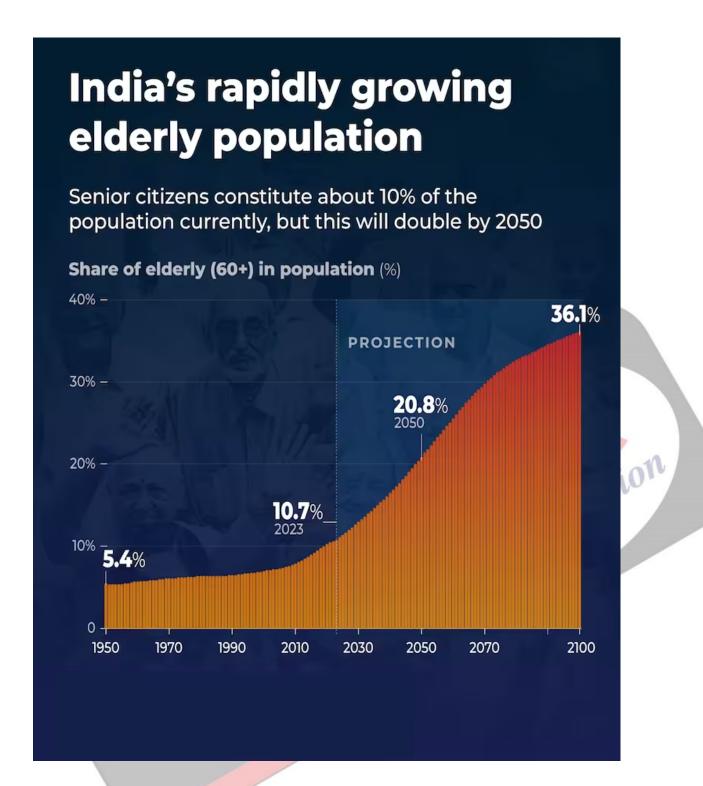


## **International Day of Older Persons 2024**

## **Source: PIB**

The <u>Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment</u> observed <u>International Day of Older Persons</u>
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 <u>UN General Assembly</u> on 14th October, 1990, it is based on the <u>Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing (1982)</u> and the <u>UN Principles for</u> <u>Older Persons</u>.
- Commitments & Global Framework:
  - The <u>UN Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030)</u> aligns with <u>SDG-3</u> on Good Health and Well-Being.
  - India formulated the <u>National Policy on Older Persons (NPOP)</u> in 1999 and is a signatory to the <u>Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (2002)</u>.
- 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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