



SACRED Portal for Elderly

Why in News

In a first of its kind move, the government has come up with an **online employment exchange platform to cater to senior citizens** seeking job opportunities.

- The portal developed by the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** is named **Senior Able Citizens for Re-Employment in Dignity (SACRED)**.
- The **International Day of Older Persons** is observed on **1st October** each year.

Key Points

▪ About:

- **Citizens above 60 years of age can register** on the portal and find jobs and work opportunities.
- The Employment Portal will serve **not only the senior citizens** seeking employment, **but also the employers**, the [Self Help Groups \(SHGs\)](#), the senior citizens gaining skills, and other agencies or individuals.
- An **amount of Rs. 10 Cr** would be provided for funding for the **platform development** along with **maintenance grant of @ Rs. 2 Cr per year for 5 years**.
- The portal is shaped **on the recommendations of the Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) report on startups for the elderly**.

▪ Need:

- There is a **sharp rise in India's elderly population** and thrust is on creating an ecosystem that supports their needs more holistically.
- There are **110 million elders in this country**, who are above the age of 60.
- According to the [Longitudinal Ageing Study of India \(LASI\)](#), India will have over 319 million elderly by 2050 compared to the 120 million now.
- **More than 50% senior citizens are found active** as per the LASI report 2020. Many senior citizens having experience, time and energy can be used by the business enterprises looking for stable employees with experience.

▪ Other Recent Initiatives:

- [Elder Line](#): The first Pan-India toll-free helpline number (14567) for Senior Citizens.
- [SAGE \(Seniorcare Aging Growth Engine\) Portal](#): It will be a "one-stop access" of elderly care products and services by credible start-ups.

▪ International Day of Older Persons (1st October):

- **Theme 2021**: Digital Equity for All Ages
- The [United Nations General Assembly](#) has declared **2021-2030** the **Decade of Healthy Aging**.

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