

67% city elders say abuse exists, only 9% admit to being victims: Survey

Mumbai: A Parsi family rues how they had failed to recognise the warning signs when their 90-year-old unmarried aunt living alone in a south Mumbai apartment had first complained about being bullied by her otherwise genial live-in maid a few months ago.

58% OF THEM SAY INCOME ADEQUATE

- 300 seniors surveyed in Mumbai from 4 different wards. Survey results
79% not working, even as 37.5% say have access to employment opportunity
26% willing to work after retirement
58% say income adequate (52% nationally reported inadequate income)
67% report abuse, 9% say are victims
Nationally, 67% reported not having a health cover; 13% under govt schemes



ress including scratch marks on her back and bruises around her genital area raised the red flags that eventually pushed the family to wake up to "unprecedented levels" of elder abuse, expel the maid and seek appropriate care.

While these are not stray incidents anymore, evidence from HelpAge India's latest report 'Bridge the Gap: Understanding Elder Needs' that was released ahead of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, show age and geriatric debilitation make them soft targets of emotional, physical and social abuse that could range from physical assault to neglect, food refusal to financial deprivation, and insult to separation from family.

are frightening stories that Prakash Bargaonkar encounters frequently be it at home, in the streets, or old-age homes. Compared to the national average of 59% elders who agreed elder abuse was rampant, in Mumbai 67% of the elderly surveyed said it is prevalent and that the "biggest" perpetrators were their sons and daughters-in-law.

While 70% of Mumbai's elders felt financially secure and 58% said their income was adequate compared to the national statistics of 52% elders reporting inadequate income, dearth of employment opportunities along with increase in life expectancy, and rising medical expenses were leading causes for decline in the financial abilities of India's elder population who rely on personal savings for their post-retirement living expenses.

Sitting ramrod straight, Gita Parkar (64) who retired as a primary school teacher four years ago, points at her hands and feet to illustrate why she isn't so different from her younger counterparts.

"I'm a divorcee living with my daughter, a software engineer, who lost her job in the pandemic. To stay afloat we've set up a snack stall but why should I be deprived the security of a job and a sense of purpose just because I'm past retirement age?" she asked.

RISING TIDAL LINE RISKS SINKING MARINE DRIVE IN JUST 28 YEARS



It is well-established by now that sea-level rise due to global warming will put coastal cities around the world at risk of flooding. In the recent past, several authorities have projected Mumbai's coastal areas to go under water within a hundred years.

THE STUDY: The agency RMSI carried out a 'What If' modelling study to visualize what Mumbai's shoreline could look like in 2050 if sea levels rise by 300mm relative to 1986-2005

Infographic showing findings: ABOUT 2,500 BUILDINGS AT RISK. Includes maps of Mumbai coastline, charts on buildings at risk, and text about marine drive and city most at risk.

Rural stint binding for MBBS grads, penalty to skip it nixed

Mumbai: A decades-old system of allowing new doctors to skip serving in rural areas for a year in lieu of paying a Rs 10-lakh penalty has been stopped.

Table titled 'HOW DIFFERENT STATES DO IT' comparing 1-Year, 2-Year, and 5-Year bond requirements across various states like Delhi, Rajasthan, etc.



Currently, the state does not enforce the rural bond on MBBS graduates if they get admission within two attempts to a post-graduate programme.

Medical and dental students who join public colleges from 2022 and those availing of reservation and fee concession in private institutes will have to mandatorily serve in the interior pockets of Maharashtra.

The decision will channel about 3,600 MBBS graduates into the rural system four-and-a-half years from now. The lion's share—2,800—will be from the public medical schools and another 800 will be from private colleges.

many stepped up to serve at the border. So the rural service was a national call and was introduced in the aftermath (1972), Maharashtra was the first state to implement it.

A Bombay high court order says candidates must begin posts in their field of super specialty for their rural service. "Most primary health-care centres don't have departments like ENT, dermatology, surgery, ophthalmology.

Even the towering personality won't like the student being kept in jail: HC

Mumbai: Hearing a writ petition by Nashik pharmacy student Nikhil Bhamre over the number of FIRs against him over a tweet, a bench of Justice S S Shinde and Milind Jadhav wondered how a person was kept in prison for a month over this and what gave rise to the FIR.

name) will not like a student being kept in jail. We do not want the towering personality's reputation to go down," the bench said.

had come prepared with a chart of cases to show there are six criminal cases registered against Bhamre and one alleged antecedent.

schief. Four FIRs followed and criminal defamation was added to the charges against him. On June 1, a Thane court rejected bail, saying it would affect the police probe.

17k Covid dropouts in state, schools must check on them'

Mumbai: With more than 17,000 children dropping out of formal education last year during the pandemic, schools have been asked to keep tabs on students who are unlikely to return to their classrooms this year.

Some non-state board schools go online as cases start rising

Mumbai: A few schools, especially non-state boards, which reopened on June 1 have temporarily moved higher classes online due to rising cases of Covid-19 infections.

Sub-variants unlikely to cause havoc, say experts as active cases continue to rise

Mumbai: The Centre has told states that BA.2.12.1 (a subvariant of BA.2, both descended from Omicron), BA.5, and BA.4 are rising in prevalence globally and some have been found in the country.

HOSPITALISATIONS REMAIN STABLE IN CITY

What is BA.2.12.1? It is a sublineage of the BA.2 subvariant of Covid's Omicron variant.

BA.2.12.1 is currently driving the surge in the US, where it has been found in 62.2% of cases recently.

Table showing Covid-19 Update for June 14, comparing Maharashtra and Mumbai with columns for Cases, Deaths, Discharged, and Case fatality rate.

of US cases. It has not been associated with higher severity. "Going by mutations, BA.4 & 5 will probably evade immunity better than BA.1.2.1 and that's probably why we are seeing an increased spread," he said.