

## Press release

### Observation of the International day for older person

Date 1.10.2015: The older people above 60 years of age and their percentage will increase up to 21.5% in the world by 2050. At present, the population of older people more than 60 years in the world is 901 million and by 2030 it is expected to rise by 1.4 billion. 16.5% of older people population of the world will live in developed countries. By 2050, it will be 2.1 billion. Nowadays, throughout the world people are moving to urban sector. Out of 10 people, 5 will be living in the urban areas by the end of 2030. It is being expected that by 2050 around 900 million older people who are at the age of more than 60 will reside in the urban areas.

Every year International day of Older Persons is observed throughout the world on 1<sup>st</sup> October. The objective of this is day to create awareness, providing them security in the family and society, as a result of which they can get their rights and lead a life of dignity. Some of the important work contributed by older people is supporting family, volunteering, experience and knowledge sharing & upgrade the upcoming generations.

Today, People's cultural Centre [PECUC] along with Rotary Club of Heritage, Bhubaneswar, and SSB Hospital organized an eye check up camp at Johala village near Pahala. Mr B.K. Sahu, the Director of SSB hospital spoke how to take care of one's eyes and how important this is for any person. Also kitchen garden seeds and plants were distributed to them.

Mrs. Anuradha Mohanty, Executive Director of PECUC said that, "The elderly should not be treated as liabilities and different programmes can be carried out for bringing the older people into the mainstream of the society".

Sri.Dibyarajan Das, of Rotary Heritage said that, "older people are part of society and family therefore everyone should respect them."

In this programme more than 100 nos. of older men and women had participated.