# 'Looking after parents does not exert undue influence': Supreme Court

Taking care of elderly parents will not amount to exerting "undue influence" on them if the aged parents decide to sell or will their property in the name of their caretakers. By this ruling, the Supreme Court said that such a view was necessary in today's situation as otherwise, the elderly will be the object of neglect. Treading a cautious path, a bench of Justices Navin Sinha and Indira Banerjee were called upon to decide a fight between two siblings over the land they inherited from their parents. The father of the siblings died on April 21, 1971, well beyond the age of 80. Before his death, he registered a sale deed over his property in favour of one of the sons. This was not found to the liking of the other son who eyed the property. He questioned the sale deed on the ground that by taking care of his parents, his sibling exerted "undue influence" on his father owing to

which he ended up getting the the apex court felt that any property. The sale deed was executed on March 2, 1970, and within the next 10 months, the father Vaijai breathed his last. The case against the sale deed was brought up by one of his sons Raja

tinkering with this position had farreaching repercussions. It said, "In the changing times and social mores, to straightaway infer undue influence merely because a sibling was looking after the family elder,



Ram, while the son who benefitted was Jai Prakash Singh. Raja Ram failed to convince the trial court and the Allahabad High Court following which, he appealed to the apex court. Finding no reason to interfere with the concurrent findings of the two courts below,

is an extreme proposition which cannot be countenanced in absence of sufficient and adequate evidence. By inferring a reverse burden of proof on those who were taking care of the elders as having exercised undue influence can lead to very undesirable consequences."

Justice Sinha, writing the judgment for the bench, noted that in every caste, creed, religion and civilised society, looking after elders of the family is considered a sacred and pious duty. Also, the Parliament recognised this right by enacting the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. By holding undue influence against those siblings who take care of the family elder, "...it may not necessarily lead to neglect, but can certainly create doubts and apprehensions leading to lack of full and proper care under the fear of allegations with regard to exercise of undue influence." Dismissing the appeal of the son who failed to get the property, the bench felt that there is bound to be more affinity between the elders and those who look after them daily and this cannot be termed as deceit or fraudulent conduct.

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Radha sriniwasan was 49 when she first noticed symptoms of the menopause, in 2002. But a bout of hot flushes passed quickly and Radha, a librarian for the University, soon presumed the worst was over. In 2004, though, the flushes returned with a reprisal; this time she suffered a month long, along with lack of energy, poor concentration and mood swings. "I'd be at the counter handling readers when suddenly I'd become totally infused with intense heat," Radha recalls. "No sooner had I got over one flush than the next would come. I always felt hazy and losing control over myself."

The average age at onset of menopause is 51, and its seen that that about 50 per cent of menopausal women are sufficiently troubled by symptoms - hot flushes are among the most common – and need some form of treatment; the most common treatment prescribed is a hormone replacement therapy (HRT). However, there are many women who either do not find HRT giving results and there are few who do not want to go for it. There are many alternative therapies available which show promising results for treating the symptoms of menopause. The reason why some female do not want to go for

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recommend HRT for a long time is because studies show that long term HRT causes more health problems that it treats. This especially applies to the treatment plan which combines oestrogen with a progestogen. Studies show that HRT might reduce the risk of bowel cancer and osteoporosis, but it increases the risk of heart disease, stroke and breast cancer.

Usually women take hormones for one or two years during the menopause. Oestrogen alone is usual for women who do not have a uterus, but combination therapy is usual for others. Hormones can help relieve the hot flashes and sweats that commonly happen as the body

adjusts to the changes of the menopause. People who do not want to go for hormone replacement therapy or its not recommended for them, can go for one of the many alternative therapies which have promising results.

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this age especially in India are hesitant to report such problems but they also have the equal right to live with peace and in health. It's important to take advise and treatment so the symptoms do not add to the agony of the lady going through this change. Help is needed so she is able to assume a daily routine and enjoy this change rather than feeling troubled and miserable with menopause symptoms. A moral support from the spouse and children and keeping yourself involved in various activities is also a great help for a lady going through these changes.

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## बुजुर्ग वर्ग का सम्मान, लिया गोद, रखेंगे स्वास्थ्य का ध्यान

बुजुर्ग हमारे लिए किसी वृक्ष से कम नहीं हैं जो मार्गदर्शन के रूप में छाया प्रदान करते हैं, लेकिन कुछ समय से समाज के इस महत्वपूर्ण अंग की अनदेखी हो रही है, जिसे लेंकर सभी को प्रयास करना होगा। बुजुर्ग का सम्मान हमारे संस्कारों में शामिल है। यह संकल्प रोटरी क्लब ऑफ सोनीपत अपटाउन द्वारा जन्नत पार्टी लॉन में बुजुर्ग सम्मान समारोह के दौरान दिखा। मीटिंग चेयरमैन राजीव शर्मा एवं मुख्य अतिथि पूर्व गर्वनर रोटेरियन सुभाष जैन ने सभी का स्वागत करने के साथ ही आह्वान किया कि अपनी संस्कृति का और बेहतर बनाने के साथ हमेशा बुजुर्ग वर्ग का सम्मान करें। घर का माहौल बेहतर बनाए, क्योंकि बड़ों को देखकर ही बच्चे सीखते हैं, अगर आज घर में बुजुर्ग का सम्मान नहीं हुआ तो संभव है कि जब खुद बुजुर्ग तब उन्हें भी वह सम्मान हासिल नहीं हो। इस मीटिंग में पूर्व प्रधान संजय आंतिल, राजेश खुराना, मंजीत सिंह, संजीव जताना, सतपाल जैन, आशू नागपाल, राजेश कटारिया, खुराना, प्रदीप चौधरी, कुलविंदर, गिरीश, संजय अरोरा, शशिपाल , निशित, संजय गर्ग, विशाल बेदी, महेश मुंजाल, आशीष गुप्ता, भवे चोपड़ा, मोहिंदर ढल, नितिन कटारिया, नवीन शर्मा, आश्रतोष सिंह, एमपी गर्ग एवं एएसआई जगत सिंह आदि उपस्थित थे। सोनीपत. जन्नत पार्टी लॉन में बुजुर्ग को सम्मानित करते हुए। नियमित होगी स्वास्थ्य जांच, नि:शुल्क चश्में भी मिलेंगे

क्लब प्रधान संदीप आहुजा ने कहा कि पूरे साल की सब्जी क्लब की ओर से आश्रम को प्रदान की जाएगी। वहीं क्लब के पूर्व प्रधान राजकुमार पांचाल ने बताया कि यह आयोजन महज एक बार सम्मान तक सीमित नहीं है, क्लब की ओर से एक रूप में इन बुजुर्ग को

अपनाया गया है। अब नियमित रूप से उनका स्वास्थ्य जांचा जाएगा। आश्रम को 51 हजार की मदद रू समाज कल्याण शिक्षा समिति के तत्वावधान में चल रहे वृद्ध आश्रम को भूतपूर्व गवर्नर रोटेरियन स्भाष जैन 51 हजार रुपए की राशि प्रदान की। इस मौके पर आश्रम संचालक आनंद कुमार ने कहा कि वे सभी बुजुर्गों को अपने परिवार का हिस्सा मनाते हुए उनकी देखभाल करते हैं। आगे भी यह सिलसिला जारी रहेगा। बुजुर्ग हमारे लिए किसी वृक्ष से कम नहीं हैं जो मार्गदर्शन के रूप में छाया प्रदान करते हैं, लेकिन कुछ समय से समाज के इस महत्वपूर्ण अंग की अनदेखी हो रही है, जिसे लेकर सभी को प्रयास करना होगा। बुजुर्ग का सम्मान हमारे संस्कारों में शामिल है। यह संकल्प रोटरी क्लब ऑफ सोनीपत अपटाउन द्वारा जन्नत पार्टी लॉन में बुजुर्ग सम्मान समारोह के दौरान दिखा। मीटिंग चेयरमैन राजीव शर्मा एवं मुख्य अतिथि पूर्व गर्वनर रोटेरियन सुभाष जैन ने सभी का स्वागत करने के साथ ही आह्वान किया कि अपनी संस्कृति का और बेहतर बनाने के साथ हमेशा बुजुर्ग वर्ग का सम्मान करें। घर का माहौल बेहतर बनाए, क्योंकि बड़ों को देखकर ही बच्चे सीखते हैं, अगर आज घर में बुजुर्ग का सम्मान नहीं हुआ तो संभव है कि जब खुद बुजुर्ग तब उन्हें भी वह सम्मान हासिल नहीं हो। इस मीटिंग में पूर्व प्रधान संजय आंतिल, राजेश खुराना, मंजीत सिंह, संजीव जताना, संतपाल जैन, आशु नागपाल, सुधीर खुराना, राजेश कटारिया, गगनदीप, प्रदीप चौधरी, विपुल, कुलविंदर, गिरीश, संजय अरोरा, शशिपाल , निशित, संजय गर्ग, विशाल बेदी, महेश मुंजाल, आशीष गुप्ता, भवे चोपड़ा, मोहिंदर ढल, नितिन कटारिया, नवीन शर्मा, आशुतोष सिंह, एमपी गर्ग एवं एएसआई जगत सिंह आदि उपस्थित थे।

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# रेडियस हॉस्पिटल में 102 वर्षीय बुजुर्ग की हुई सफल हिप सर्जरी

लखनऊ: रेडियस ज्वाइंट सर्जरी हॉस्पिटल में 102 साल के बुजुर्ग की हिप (कूल्हा) और कलाई की सर्जरी सफलतापूर्वक की गई। रेडियस ज्वाइट सर्जरी हॉस्पिटल के मुख्य सलाहकार और सीनियर ऑथींपेडिक डॉक्टर संजय कुमार श्रीवास्तव ने बताया कि फैजाबाद निवासी एस. आर. खान के बॉये कूल्हे की हड्डी टूट गई थी। मरीज की उम्र 102



साल होने के कारण हमारे लिए यह सर्जरी काफी चुनौतीपूर्ण थी। अगर सर्जरी न कराई जाती तो मरीज की हालत धीरे—धीरे और खराब हो जाती और उसका हिलना—डुलना मुश्किल हो जाता। 102 वर्षीय एस. आर. खान काफी बड़े अस्पतालों में सर्जरी के इलाज के लिए गए लेकिन उनकी उम्र को देखते

हुए किसी भी अस्पताल द्वारा उन्हें नहीं लिया गया और अंत में वह रेडियस ज्वांइट सर्जरी हॉस्पिटल में आये। रेडियस ज्वांइट सर्जरी हॉस्पिटल के सीनियर ऑर्थोपेडिक डॉक्टर श्रीवास्तव ने कहा कि वह लंबे समय से फेफडों के संक्रमण से भी ग्रषित थे और साथ ही उम्र ज्यादा होने के कारण उसे कुछ अन्य संक्रमण भी थे ऐसे में सर्जरी करने के लिये स्पेशल एनिसथिसियाँ का प्रयोग किया गया जिसमें सीधा नसों में इंजेक्शन देकर होने वाले जोखिम को भी काफी कम कर दिया जाता है। सर्जरी के बाद मरीज के टूटी कलाई पर भी प्लास्टर चढ़ाया गया। 45 मिनट तक चली इस सफल सर्जरी के पश्चात मरीज को तीन दिन के लिए अस्पताल में रखा गया। सर्जरी के तीन दिन बाद मरीज की सेहत में सुधार को देखते हुए उन्हें अस्पताल से छुट्टी दे दी गई। सीनियर ऑर्थोपेडिक डॉक्टर श्रीवास्तव ने बताया की सर्जरी पूरी तरह से सफल रही और कुछ समय बाद एस. आर. खान अपने पैरों के बल पर चलने भी

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Menopause- keep moving

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