

## Campaign against ill treatment of elders

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As part of the campaign against abuse of elders, the Cuddalore chapter of HelpAge India organised an awareness programme here recently. Speakers at the function dwelt at length on the problems faced by the elders, ranging from scant regard to outright rejection by the family members, advancing age and the attendant ailments, loneliness and so on.

While the number of elders in the country was increasing, concern and care for them were declining drastically. It was a sad reflection on society that senior citizens, who till recently had led dynamic and purposeful life, should be so sidelined and unattended by those who mattered.

Therefore, to stem such a social malaise, the gathering took a vow to take adequate care of the elders and to prevent the abuse against them. S.Arunachalam of the Elders for Elders Foudnation, presided, and Dayanidhi, organiser, participated.

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