national policy statement

strengthen the legitimate place of old people in society.

allow them to live their last years with peace, dignity, purpose

similar to "quality of life" principle in Old Americans Act in USA

guiding principles of NPOP

Affirmative action plan for elderly, especially for females (triple neglect: gender, old age, widowhood)

empowerment, active and productive participation and involvement of old people

Age integrated society, building of care-giving capacity

partnership of individuals, families and communities with the govt.

client-oriented and user-friendly services for the aged

" life cycle as a continuum"

views 60+ age as an integral part of life cycle

productive aging- philosophical keystone of NPOP

financial security

better return on provident fund

expansion of pension coverage under strong regulatory authority

tax relief from medical deductions

income generation after retirement

long term saving instruments

rights of elders to be supported by their children

healthcare and housing and education

long term management of illness at home	10% urban and rural low income housing for elders	information and continuing education
heavily subsidized for poor elders	ground floor apartments	education material to strengthen intergenerational bonds
primary health care services, special counters for elders at hospitals	community based amenity needs	outreach programmes in schools to interact with elders
medical professionals to be trained in geriatric care	group housing of older persons	welfare fund for elders
NGOS-mobile health services, special health camps		contribution of elderly will be highlighted in media
		encouragement of informal neighborhood groups