

## ASSESSMENT CAMPS PROVIDING PHYSICAL

### AIDS TO SENIOR CITIZENS HELD

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Assessment camps to provide physical aids and assistive living devices to senior citizens of BPL priority house hold ration card category under 'Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana' were held at Cancona, Sanguem, Quepem and Margao in South Goa District. Response for these assessment camps was very much high.

Camps will also be held at S.D.H. Ponda on September 22, 2017; Cottage Hospital, Mormugao on September 23, 2017 and at P.H.C. Dharbandora on September 25, 2017 for the benefit of the people in these talukas.

The total No. of beneficiaries assessed at Canacona were 261, Sanguem 73, Quepem 79 and more than 100 at Margao.

The distribution camp will be held later at the district headquarters wherein the physical aids and living devices will be provided by the implementing agency, i.e Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO).

'Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana' is a Central Government scheme meant to provide physical aids and assistive living devices to senior citizens with BPL/Disability/disorder so as to provide senior citizens into active life age friendly society. The main aim of this scheme is to address the different types of disability like loss of vision, hearing impairment, loss of teeth and locomotors disability.

Aids like walking sticks, crutches, wheel chairs, artificial dentures, spectacles etc. will be provided to the senior citizens of BPL/Disability/Disorder category and assessed at camps under the scheme financed by the Central Government through Senior Citizens Welfare Fund.

The beneficiary has to be 60 years or above and should carry Aadhar Card or any other proof of ID and BPL proof -Ration card/DSSS beneficiary. The beneficiary should also bring certificate/prescription/recommendation from Medical Officer after assessment.

This scheme is formulated for bringing senior citizens into active life and to build an age-friendly society by providing them with devices to maintain near normalcy in mobility, communication and independence. The assistive devices will be of high quality and conforming to the standards laid down by the Bureau of Indian Standards, wherever applicable.