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Website comes up for senior citizens

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Now the senior citizens' associations will use technique to mobilise the aged people and make the masses aware about the apathy of senior citizens. With the objective of senior citizen's welfare, Governing Body of Federation of Senior Citizen's Associations of Punjab (FEDSEN-PUNJAB) and Welfare Association Ludhiana (SCWAL) has launched a website here today.

The website of FEDSEN contained not only information about the federation but also about all Acts, policies and concessions available to the senior citizens.

In this meeting of Governing Body of Federation of Senior Citizen's Associations, 20 presidents of the federated Associations from across the state, Federation office-bearers and some special invitees were present.

Dr AS Khehra, federation president said, "Population as well as problems faced by elderly has been increasing over the years. Senior Citizens are already more than 10 percent in Punjab (next only to Kerala). Increasing migration, changing family structure, falling family structure, falling family values, increasing elder abuse and declining family support systems have added to problems of the elderly." SP Karkara, president of Senior Citizens' Welfare Association said, "Ironically, a majority of senior citizens are economically poor. In fact, the senior citizens form most vulnerable group within each section of the society is least organised. The government, society and the senior citizens themselves must plan and act to tackle the emerging problem. With appropriate policy formulation and effective implementation the increased population of the senior citizens can become an asset rather than a burden."