

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY 2023



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed every year on June 15. On this day the world voices its opposition to the suffering meted out to some of our older generation.

A one-day workshop was organized on the "Role of Police in combating Elder Abuse, with special emphasis on Cyber Safety of the Elderly", jointly by the Elders Helpline 1090 and Elderline (National Helpline for Senior Citizens) - both projects of Nightingales Medical Trust, along with the Bangalore City Police. The event was held at the Conference Hall, Office of the Commissioner of Police, #1, Infantry Road, Bengaluru. Shri B Dayananada (IPS), Commissioner of Police was the Chief Guest. Nearly 125 senior citizens took part in this event.

Dr. Radha S Murthy, Managing Trustee, NMT, gave her remarkable observations about the journey of the Elders Helpline. In her address, she expressed concern over the upward trend of crimes against elders. She also thanked Bengaluru City Police for their consistent support.

Shri Govindaraj, Inspector, Yelahanka Police Station, threw light on the role of police in combating elder abuse. He informed the audience about the Maintenance Tribunals and its functions. Shri Santosh, Inspector, Cyber Crime Division, spoke about cyber crimes and how the elderly are easy targets of criminals. He also showed some tips for the elderly to stay safe while making financial transactions.

Shri Dayananda, Commissioner of Police, BCP, in his address mentioned that in the coming years we could create a positive trend by celebrating World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. He also advised the elders gathered to not trust deals that are 'too good to be true'.

Finally, Shri Premkumar Raja, Secretary, NMT, thanked senior citizens for being part of this journey. He thanked all the dignitaries, guests, senior citizens, and volunteers who were part of this event.