

Shikshan Prasarak Sansth's  
**Padmabhushan Vasantodada Patil Mahavidyalaya**  
**Kavathe Mahankal**

**Department of Sociology**

***Study Tour/Field Visit***

Date of Visit: **11 October 2025**

Name of Old Age Home: **Matoshri Old Age Home**

Location: **Kolhapur**

**Objective of the Visit:**

The primary objective of the field visit was to understand the living conditions, emotional well-being, and social interactions of the elderly residents, as part of our sociological study on ageing and social support systems.

**Participants:**

The field visit was conducted by [Number] students and [Number] faculty members from the Department of Sociology.

**Activities Undertaken:**

1. Interaction with residents to understand their daily routines and social experiences.
2. Observation of facilities such as living areas, medical support, recreational spaces, and dining facilities.
3. Interviews with staff to understand the challenges of caregiving and the organisational structure of the old age home.
4. Group discussions on the psychological and sociological issues faced by the elderly.

**Key Observations:**

1. Most residents expressed a sense of companionship among peers but missed regular interaction with their families.
2. The old age home provides basic amenities, healthcare services, and recreational activities, though some residents desired more mental engagement and social events.
3. Staff members were dedicated, but the institution faced resource and funding limitations.
4. Social support and emotional fulfilment are as crucial as physical care for the elderly.

**Sociological Insights:**

1. The visit highlighted the growing relevance of institutional care in the context of nuclear families and urban lifestyles.
2. Loneliness and emotional neglect are significant issues that need community-driven solutions.
3. Encouraging intergenerational bonding and societal awareness about elderly care can improve their quality of life.

**Conclusion:**

The field visit provided valuable practical understanding of ageing and the functioning of old age homes. It strengthened our awareness of the social responsibilities towards the elderly and the importance of community support in enhancing their well-being.

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<b>Key Observations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Companionship among residents but lack of family interaction.</li><li>2. Basic amenities, healthcare, recreation available; need for more mental engagement.</li><li>3. Dedicated staff but resource and funding limitations.</li><li>4. Emotional fulfilment is as essential as physical care.</li></ol>
<b>Sociological Insights</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Institutional care is increasing due to nuclear families and urban lifestyles.</li><li>2. Loneliness and emotional neglect require community solutions.</li><li>3. Intergenerational bonding and awareness can enhance elderly well-being.</li></ol>
<b>Conclusion</b>	The visit provided practical understanding of ageing and old age home functioning. It highlighted social responsibility and the importance of community support for elderly welfare.

