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Findings

Population ageing was once a phenomenon of developed countries, but presently the process could also be observed in various parts of developing countries with several major issues. Therefore, a study was conducted in Jaunpur district of developing country with the objectives to assess the level of loneliness and depression, status of social mobility, health conditions among elderly persons, comparison of loneliness, depression, and social mobility among elderly people across gender and domicile, economic dependency, attitude of elderly towards the life and the attitude of society towards the elderly. The findings of the study manifests that elderly of Jaunpur feel lonelier in urban areas as compared to rural areas. Mild depression among elderly was recorded high (52.86 per cent) in rural areas than the urban areas of the district, while, problem of severe to very severe depression among elderly across residences was high in urban areas of Jaunpur district. Elderly of rural areas have recorded high horizontal social mobility (30.95 per cent), while elderly of urban areas have experienced high vertical social mobility (74.29 per cent) in Jaunpur District.