

## People Retired but Active Nationalist (PRAN)

Our religion- the way we live and preach is the best in the world. All the time we talk about 4 Varnas e.g. childhood- Bahmcarya, Married life- Grihastha, retired-Vanyaprastha, and renouncing-Sanyas. These ashrams are not only for talk but also to practiced. Most of the people I know only talk about it and after retirement also still involved with their respective children, or worrying about them. Who themselves are grownup women or men. I am not asking anyone to abandon their children and stop enjoying their family life, as they seem fit.

What I really want to ask the retire persons is to spend some time -a part of their 24-hour in a day to serve others without looking for some returns. I can assure you sir s and Madams that the work they will do to serve others will be very satisfying work they would have done in their life. There is so much to do with your experience that can help lot of other people, where as your own household have the opinion that they have learnt enough from you, nothing more is there to learn from you.

Everybody should have their children as their first priority, but second priority should be towards their neighbors at large, especially when their own children have become adults.

Many of us have notions and questions what we can do with the so much time we have at our disposal. Children are busy with their own life and are capable. Our own life at this stage seems like loosing its importance. By doing some social work we can make our retired life more meaningful. It means putting our efforts and experiences where it is needed.

In west lobby of retired persons is very strong because they have lot of spare money and experiences. Seniors there get lot of issues and things accomplished by having a united front. (Voice) They get rebate upto 10% on every thing they purchase. It is possible because they are united. How about starting such an organization in India, with a headquarter and its branches all over the big and small cities. You will be surprised that annual dues of ARRP are only \$10.00/yr. we can start with the amount as low as RS 25 per year. The following things can be achieved. About 25% of our population are over 60 now, and have largest amount of disposable Money.

1. 10% rebate for seniors.
2. Providing Guidance to persons (young adults) who are interested in your chosen field.
3. Try helping less fortunate with some money and time.
4. Unity has its own advantages.
5. To foster the retirement home to be built on Government land or susidiesed lands.
6. To fight for higher old age pension to non-organized sector persons.
7. To maintain the Legal fund to fight on behalf of suppressed retirees.
8. To organize fun activities and other type of entertainment to its members.
9. To fight corruption at all stages of life in general as we have nothing to loose by doing so.
10. To clean up politics and policies.
11. To facilitate various experts advice- lectures by inviting them to member's assembly.

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