

Workshop on 'Caring the Elderly' held at IMC

BY A STAFF REPORTER

The Indian Merchants' Chamber, Ladies Wing in association with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) and the Lions Club of Bombay of Vasundhara and Family Welfare Agency jointly organised a day-long workshop last week on 'Mumbai Cares For Its Elderly'.

The keynote speaker for the workshop was Dr. Siva Raju from the TISS who presented the research study on 'Networking of organisations working towards caring for the elderly'. He revealed that in the course in his study, 70 organisations were found to be functioning in the city out of which 11 are age old homes, 45 are senior citizen asso-

ciations, 12 are associations of retired persons and two are day-care centres.

"A number of findings were revealed, he said, the most important being that the facilities for the elderly were predominantly non-residential with senior citizens associations being the major group. Most of the residential organisations have reported about their strengths... they are the ones that are relatively old but have a regular source of income.

But it was the senior citizens associations for retired persons who have expressed their inadequacies in dealing with problems faced by the elderly."

The workshop also brought out a number of important

factors that should be considered about homes for the elderly in the city. These included the duration of establishment, status of registration, availability of medical professionals, financial sources, number of beneficiaries, inadequacies and readiness of organisations for networking.

Other speakers included President-IMC Mrs. Rashmi Jolly, Chairperson, Maharashtra State Commission for Women Mrs. Nirmala Prabhavalkar, Lion Perviz Talati, Lion Bharat Parmar, Dr. Gita Shah from the Family Welfare Association, Director-TISS Prof. R.R. Singh and Mrs. Perveez Aggarwal who the convenor and co-ordinator of the workshop. ■

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Ashokraj Building, Goregaon, 8 p.m.

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Pravina Meeklai, National House,
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