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## A project/ study on the oral health status of geriatric Parsees

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The Parsee community has, though very small in number, played a significant role in the development of independent India. Numerous studies have been done on the Geriatric Parsee population, chiefly to determine what is responsible for the longevity in lifespan of this particular community. However, no studies have been attempted/ done, on the oral health status of Geriatric Parsees. This author has, because of being closely associated with the Parsees, in fact belonging to this community, undertaken this study, with a view to gather and compile data on this unique community, which has an existing population of less than 70,000 in the world. The data collected and collated, will serve as an invaluable point of reference for all future studies.

### Biography

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