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Understanding the role of architectural design in enhancing place attachment for senior citizen cases of senior living communities in Ahmedabad

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ABSTRACT:

Long India, like many other countries worldwide, is experiencing a significant demographic shift. The aging of its population in India is expected to grow substantially in the coming years, leading to increased demands for specialized senior living environments. As the elderly face unique physical, Emotional, and social challenges, the role of architecture in enhancing their well-being and fostering a sense of placement becomes crucial. In senior living developments, design interventions can be incorporated to increase accessibility, safety, comfort, social interaction, and a sense of identity and belonging. According to research, social isolation and loneliness in senior citizens are linked to poor health and mental performance. The relationship between place attachment and the well-being of senior citizens in India is significant and multi-faceted. Some key aspects of defining the relationship are emotional well-being, sense of identity and purpose, social support, and interaction with familiarity and comfort. Creating supportive and age-friendly environments that foster attachment and enhance the quality of life becomes essential.

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