Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health

22nd Annual International Conference

7th to 9th January 2027

at

Birla Institute of Technology (BIT), Mesra, Ranchi

Selected Papers for ORAL Presentations

Note: *All participants must send their full paper to iasshconference@gmail.com by* ***30th November 2026****. The last date for registration is* ***5th November 2026****.*

S. No.	Name	Paper Title
1.	**Dr. A.H. Sruthi Anil Kumar**	Health and Socioeconomic Inequalities in Depressive Symptoms and Later-Life Well-being: Evidence from India
2.	**Dr. AJ Francis Zavier**	Patterns and Predictors of Chhaya Pill continuation Among Married Women in Tamil Nadu
3.	**Dr. Ali Mahdi Naqvi**, Dr. Faiz Abbas Abidi	Liberalisation, Lifestyle and Non-Communicable Diseases in Lucknow: An Interdisciplinary Empirical Study of Urban and Rural Populations
4.	**Dr. Amit Kumar**, Nitu Kumari	Does Migration Matter Maternal Knowledge and Childhood Vaccination? Evidence from a Rural Household Survey in Bihar
5.	**Anandi Shukla**, Prof. Chander Shekhar	Beyond Connectivity: Gender, Education and Economic Inequalities in Digital Engagement among College Students in Kanpur, India
6.	**Anil Kumar Pal**, Dr. Sunil Sarode	Life Satisfaction and Gender Inequalities in ICT Use Among Older Adults in India: Evidence from LASI Wave I
7.	**Anjali Sharma**	Digital Empowerment for Nutrition: A new form of agency or a new form of inequality
8.	**Dr. Anupam Narjinary,** Birkang Hazowary, Dr. Gwmsath Mushahary	Spatial Patterns and Trends in Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation in India: Evidence from NFHS-5 and NFHS-6
9.	**Anurag Yadav**, Dr. Md. Juel Rana	Association between Short-term wet climatic condition and reported fever among under-five children in India: Evidence from NFHS-5
10.	**Prof. Archana K Roy**, Manoj Paul, Sourav Mandal	Beyond Digital Remittances: Reimagining Digital Transformation for Migrants' Welfare, Family Well-being and Health Equity in India

S. No.	Name	Paper Title
11.	**Dr. Arun Kumar Dubey**, Dr. Manushi Srivastava, Dr. Santosh Kumar Mishra, Sazia Khanam	Screening Intentions for Diabetes and Hypertension Among Indian Adults: The Role of Health Identity and Perceived Risk
12.	**Prof. A. Sathiya Susuman**	Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education: Implications for Students' Critical Thinking
13.	**Dr. Asharaf Abdul Salam**	Prospects of Health and Welfare of Ageing Population: Hopeful and Positive Thoughts
14.	**Bharathi K**, Dr. S. Sampath Kumar	Spousal Bereavement and Online Grief Counselling: Experiences of Older Adults in South India
15.	**Dr. Bhawna Tanjea**	Does Natal Family Support Matter for Maternal and Child Healthcare Utilization? Evidence from the India Human Development Survey-3
16.	**Dr. Bhubon Mohan Das**, Tanaya Kundu Chowdhury	An Exploratory Study on Prevalence and Determinants of Malnutrition Among Two Scheduled Tribe Groups of West Bengal, India
17.	**Dr. Dilip Kumar**	Digital Health Access and Health Equity in Rural Bihar: The Role of ABHA, Telemedicine, and Digital Health Records in Reducing Barriers to Care
18.	**Dr. Divya Iyengar**, Prof. Manjushree Palit, Prof. Caroline Agboola, Dr. Soumya T. Varghese	Social Media Use and Marital Relationships of Individuals in India
19.	**Ganesh Khude**	To evaluate the effectiveness of Voice Doc AI in reducing clinical documentation time in high-volume hospital settings.
20.	**Dr. Gautam Kr Ghosh**, Dr. Anand Jaiswal, Ms. Arpita De	Enhancing Primary Healthcare Through Digital Solutions: A Study of Their Impact on Tribal Communities in Eastern India
21.	**Dr. Geetha Rani Prakasam**	Financing Medical Education in India: Public Subsidies, Private Costs and the Rise of Education Credit
22.	**Dr. Gopal Krushna Pattanayak**	A qualitative study of patient satisfaction with follow up cancer care at Acharya Harihar Post graduate Institute of Cancer (AHPGIC) at Cuttack, Odisha
23.	**Dr. Gwmsath Mushahary**, Birkang Hazowary	Spatial Variation and Temporal Trends in Teenage Pregnancy in India: Evidence from NFHS-5 and NFHS-6
24.	**Dr. Jayanta Kumar Basu**	Strengthening Digital Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) System in Bihar, India: A Systematic Assessment of Bottlenecks and Last-Mile Service Delivery
25.	**Dr. Jitender Prasad**	Treatment Gap in Non-Communicable Diseases among the Older Adults in India
26.	**Dr. Luku Morang**	From Screen Violence to Digital Repetition: Contemporary Bollywood Cinema and the Psychological Well-being of College Students

S. No.	Name	Paper Title
27.	**Dr. M. N. Megeri**, Smt. Pooja R Pagad	Relation between Urbanization and Economic development in Pre and Post laterization of Southern region of India: An Econometric Analysis
28.	**Dr. Maganlal S. Molia**	Environment, Climate Change and Health
29.	**Prof. Mainul Islam**	Climate Change Anxiety and Pro-Environmental Behaviour Among Generation Z Population in Selected Climate-Vulnerable Districts of Bangladesh: A Mixed-Methods Study
30.	**Manish Lekhwani**, Dr. Dipti Govil	Spousal Well-Being Among Older Adults in India: A Dyadic Perspective from LASI Wave-I
31.	**Dr. Manushi Srivastava**, Dr. Priya Srivastava	Smartphones in Hands but are Youth health competent?
32.	**Dr. Md. Juel Rana**	Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana: An Appraisal
33.	**Dr. Mintu Kr. Das**, Dr. Jecob Konwar	Interpersonal Relationships and Human Wellbeing in the Fast-moving Virtual World
34.	**Monika Lakhotia**	Navigating Infertility in the Age of Digital Media: A Qualitative Study of Women Seeking Care in Delhi, India
35.	**Mumtaz Parveen**, Shanto Baksi	Sahridaya: A Community-Based Geriatric Club Model for Promoting Active Aging in Urban Slums in Telangana
36.	**Dr. Nasim Mondal**	Overshooting: A New Hypothesis on Migrant Completed Fertility Outside the Origin-Destination Corridor
37.	**Dr. Navya Vyas**, Divya Narayanan	Assessment of coping capacity of the public health system during floods in a northern district of Kerala
38.	**Dr. Neha Shri**	Assessing heterogeneity in self-reported and measured morbidity prevalence among older adults in India
39.	**Prof. Niraj Gupta**	The Future of pharmacy in digital india: from medication dispensing to ai-enabled precision care
40.	**Mr. Nitesh Kr Verma**, Dr. Sibasis Hense	How eSanjeevani is bringing healthcare access closer to the rural population: a mixed-methods study in Jharkhand
41.	**Dr. Nivedita Paul**	Digital Access and Unmet Need for Care among Older Adults with Functional Disability in India
42.	**Dr. Pankaj Kumar Soni**	Climate Justice, SDGs and Disability: An Intent Consideration for Scientific Policies and Governance in India
43.	**Dr. Pazhani Murugesan**, Rathi Prithiksha, Ganga Devi, Shribalaji	Examining the Effect of Digital Dopamine Detox Gamification Interventions on Attention Span and Procrastination Among Young Adults
44.	**Dr. Pintu Paul**	Digital Access and Life-Course Transitions Among Adolescent Girls in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, India

S. No.	Name	Paper Title
45.	**Dr. Ponnambala Thiagarajan**	An Inquiry into Contraceptive Prevalence and Family Planning Counselling in Odisha
46.	**Dr. Priyanka Kumari**	Beyond Surgery: Hysterectomy, Multiple Gynaecological Morbidities, and Educational Inequalities among Middle Aged Women in India
47.	**Prof. Pushpanjali Swain**	Out-of-Pocket Expenditure and Health Insurance among Older Adults in India: A Four-State Study
48.	**Dr. Rajeshwari A Biradar**	Inadequate Dietary Diversity and Its Associated Factors Among Preconception Young Married Women in India: Evidence from NFHS-4 and NFHS-5
49.	**Dr. Rakesh Kumar**, Md. Eklakh Hussain	Factors Associated with Prevalence of Stunting among Scheduled Castes Children under 5 in Gaya District, Bihar
50.	**Rithu Sathiyamoorthy**, Arathi P Rao, Vasudeva Guddattu, Chythra R Rao	Beyond knowledge: Social patterning of infant and young child feeding among particularly vulnerable tribal groups in The Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu
51.	**Sahiba Marwah**	From Silence to Agency: Reclaiming Female Identity in Girish Karnad's Plays
52.	**Sarika Rai**	Digital technology use and readiness among older adults in India
53.	**Dr. Sathya T**, Dr. Selvamani Y	Association between Hospitalization and Mental Health among Older Adults in India: The Mediating role of Multimorbidity
54.	**Dr. Saurabh Singh**	Data Quality of Reporting Sensitive Questions in Large-Scale Survey of India
55.	**Dr. Shadhaf Akhtar**	Ageing Offline in a Digital India: Can Ayushman Bharat Reach Older Adults with Chronic Illness?
56.	**Dr. Shanta Badaik**	Digital Transformation and Its Impact on Healthcare Delivery, Health Behaviour and Health-Seeking Practices in Dhanbad District, Jharkhand, India
57.	**Dr. Shashi Punam**, Dr. Sandeep Sharma	Climate Change and Youth Well-Being: Health, Education, Livelihoods, Mental Health and Social Work Responses—A Social Work Perspective
58.	**Sibasis Mandal**, Dr. Preeti Dhillon	Patient-Reported Quality of Care Among Telemedicine and Conventional Outpatient Users in Rural West Bengal: A Comparative Study
59.	**Sonam Lavtepatil**	Navigating the Regulatory Framework: An assessment of compliance among e-pharmacies in India.
60.	**Dr. Suresh Jungari**	Women's Digital autonomy and intimate partner violence among women in India: Evidence from the National Family Health Survey
61.	**Dr. Suryakant Yadav**	Public Perspective on Suicide during pre- and post-pandemic period based on Social Media Analysis in India
62.	**Swati Chourasia**, Dr. Tina Dutta	Association Between Climate Change, Diarrhoea, and Childhood Stunting: Evidence from Gujarat, India

S. No.	Name	Paper Title
63.	**Tanaya Kundu Chowdhury**, Dr. Bhubon Mohan Das	Health status and it's socio-demographic determinants: Cases of Oraons of North 24 Parganas, West Bengal
64.	**Dr. T.B. Singh**	Social Determinants of Health and Digital use in Bihar: at a Glance
65.	**Dr. Ujjwal Das**	Gender Nutritional Inequality and Muscular Wasting Among Rural Children in India: Evidence from NFHS-5
66.	**Dr. Uma**	Digital Divide, Health and Well-being
67.	**Dr. Umakanta Sahoo**, Sushanta Kumar Pradhan	Cardiovascular Risk Prediction among Older Adults in India: An Explainable Machine Learning Approach Using LASI Wave 1 Data
68.	**Dr. Vandana Thakran**	Oral Health Inequity Among 527 Platform and Frontline Workers - Disease Burden, Tobacco Exposure, and Treatment Completion
69.	**Prof. Varghese Manaloor**, Shabin Paul	Food and nutrition security in an era of climate change: health and nutritional benefits of millets
70.	**Vikas Ashok Kamble**, Prof. Murali Dhar	Predictive Performance of Machine Learning Algorithms in Cardiovascular Disease: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis
71.	**Dr. Vishnu N Ramani**, Seema Banu Gafurjiwala, Shameemudheen C K	Beyond Digitalisation: An Institutional Analysis of Data Governance in India's Digital Health Ecosystem and Its Implications for Social Justice
72.	**Dr. Y Selvamani**	Housing and Neighborhood Disadvantage on Subjective Wellbeing among Older Adults in India
73.	**Dr. Strong Pillar Marbaniang**	Is dietary diversity associated with the nutritional status of children between the age 6-23 months in India: Evidence from Indian Demographic Health Survey

Selected Papers for POSTER Presentations

*Note: All participants must send their full paper to iasshconference@gmail.com by **30th November 2026**. The last date for registration is **5th November 2026**.*

S. No.	Name	Paper Title
1.	**Abdul Rahique,** Dr. Sushanta Kumar Banerjee	Friendship in Short Supply: Prevalence and Correlates of Not Having a Close Friend Among Indian Adults
2.	**Abin Dev P K**, Mayanka Gupta	Childhood adversities and non-communicable diseases among adults in India: a cross-sectional study
3.	**Abinash Jena**	Poverty Does Not Explain It All: Tribal Disadvantage in Child Nutrition in Odisha, NFHS-5
4.	**Ajit Sharma**, Dr. Ajeeta Srivastava	Digital Healthcare Access and Health Outcomes among the Sahariya Tribe in Madhya Pradesh: A Health Economics Perspective
5.	**Akriti Singh Rajpoot**, Prof. D. W. Bansod	Major Depressive Disorder and Social Frailty among Indian Older Adults: Evidence from LASI Wave-1
6.	**Amit Kumar Raja**	From Recognition to Referral: Community and Frontline Perspectives on Maternal Emotional Wellbeing in Rural Nawada, Bihar, India
7.	**Ankit Gupta**	Migration, Urbanisation, Employment and Health
8.	**Ankit Kumar**, Dr. Shashi Punam	Social Determinants of Health and Drug Addiction among Youth: A Social Work Perspective
9.	**Anshika Rai**, Vineet Kumar Pathak	Iron Deficiency and Iron Deficiency Anemia in Exclusively Breastfed Term Infants Aged 3–6 Months in India and Other Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Narrative Review
10.	**Anshika Singh**, Dr. Aditya Singh	Explaining social group disparities in ever tobacco use among women aged 45 years and older in India: A nonlinear decomposition analysis
11.	**Anubhav Verma**	Marriage, Gender and Family Formation among the Baiga: Social Contexts Relevant to Health and Well-being in an Indigenous Community of Madhya Pradesh, India
12.	**Apurva Raj**	Social determinants and maternal healthcare utilisation in Palamu district, Jharkhand: a comparative study of NFHS-5 & NFHS-6
13.	**Ashish Raj**, Dr. Vinay Kumar	"Digital India, Health Equity, and Well-Being: Reimagining Social Determinants of Health and Their Implications for the Indian Equity Market"
14.	**Asim Kumar Sinha**, Dr. Manushi Srivastava	Conformity to Masculine Norms and Psychological Well-being among Young Adult Males: A Cross-Sectional Analytical Study
15.	**Basil Thomas**, Sumeetha Mokkil Maruthur	Who borrows to be treated? Occupational heterogeneity in distress financing among informal-worker households in India, 2017-18 to 2025
16.	**Birkang Hazowary**	Socioeconomic Factors and Modern Contraceptive Use among Couples in the Bodoland Territorial Region, Assam

S. No.	Name	Paper Title
17.	**Bishwajeet Besra**, Dr. Sashi Kala Saroj, Dr. Lucky Singh	Gender and Social Inequalities in Cognitive Ageing in India: A Decomposition Analysis of Pooled WHO SAGE Waves
18.	**Dharmendra Kumar Pal**	Political Determinants of Health: An Analysis of Childhood Mortality across the Parliamentary Constituencies of India
19.	**Eugine Paul**	Ageing in a Digital India: Rural–Urban Inequalities in Digital Participation and Implications for Health Equity - Evidence from LASI Wave 1
20.	**Gita Naik**, Dr. Jagannath Behera	An Exploratory Study on Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (ASRHRs) of Lodha Tribe and Status of National Adolescent Health Program in Safeguarding ASRHRs
21.	**Kalpendra Singh**	From Entitlement to Access: eSanjeevani, Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, and the Institutional Conditions of Platform-Mediated Care
22.	**Komal Dnyandev Devkate**, Pravin Panditrao Ghunnar	Utilisation of Maternal Health Services among Nomadic and Denotified Tribal Women: A Study of Dharashiv District, Maharashtra.
23.	**Komal Sureshrao Gajbhiye**, Dr. Pradeep S. Salve	Determinants of High Fertility among Homeless Women in India
24.	**Krishna Kumar**	To understand barriers and motivations to death registration in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh
25.	**Mr. Krishna Prasad Ram**, Dr. Gayatri Nayak	Rural-Urban Differences in Out-of-Pocket Expenditure Among Households with Non-Communicable Disease: Evidence from NSSO Data
26.	**Krishna Yadav**, Dr. Manik Kumar	Unpacking Coverage Gaps and Targeting Errors in India's Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).
27.	**Madhurima Sharma**	Working Life Expectancy among Older Adults: A Decomposition Analysis of Gender Differences and Residential Heterogeneity across Major States in India
28.	**Mahtab Alam**, Dr. Srinivas Goli	Does Freedom Save Mothers and Children? Sen's Instrumental Freedoms and Maternal and Child Mortality across Indian States, 1990–2020
29.	**Mohammad Sajid**	Breaking from Origins? Intergenerational Educational Mobility among Informal-Sector working Migrants from Uttar Pradesh in Mumbai
30.	**Mohd Asfahan Nomani**, Dr. Mohammad Hifz Ur Rahman, Dr. Anjaneyulu Konuri, Dr. Takkella Nagamma	Does Social Cohesion Shape the Association between Spirituality and Health and Well-being among Older Adults in India?
31.	**Nancy Sharma**, Prof. Akbar Hussain	Suggestible Appetites: The Mediating Role of Social Media Influence on Eating Behaviour in the Relationship Between Suggestibility and Food Addiction Symptoms
32.	**Naveen Linda**, Dr. Pushpendra Kumar Singh	Healthcare Access and Financial Distress among Scheduled Tribes in Jharkhand: A District-Level Analysis

S. No.	Name	Paper Title
33.	**Nitish Kumar**, Dr. Aditya Singh, Meerambika Mahapatro	Household Energy Poverty and Depressive Symptoms among Adults Aged 45 Years and Older in India: Evidence from LASI
34.	**Pinki**, Neeraj Gautam, Mano Ashish Tripathi	Enhancing Academic performance via Digital Well-being: A strategic model among Engineering students in Jalandhar (Punjab)
35.	**Prakhar Patel**, Dharmendra Kumar Yadav	Chewing Difficulty and Depressive Symptoms among Adults Aged 60 Years and Older in India: Evidence from LASI Wave 1
36.	**Pramit Chhetri**, Rajiv Gurung, G Raghavender Raju, Ashish Singh	Role of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Promoting Healthy Aging in India: A Mixed-Effects Multilevel Analysis
37.	**Prashant Rai**, Chayan Roy Choudhury, Illias Kanchan	The Missing Denominator: Addressing Data Gaps in Estimating the Intellectual Disability in India
38.	**Preeti**, Dr. Preeti Dhillon	Family Type and Unpaid Care in India: Gender Differences in Participation and Intensity
39.	**Saif Nihal**	Unveiling the Inequality in Quality Antenatal Care in India: Exploring the role of digital empowerment of mothers
40.	**Sakthi Malaviga S R**	GYNECOLOGICAL MORBIDITY AND MENTAL HEALTH BEHAVIOUR AMONG OLDER ADULTS IN INDIA
41.	**Dr. Sandeep Sharma**, Dr. Shashi Punam	Climate Change, Environmental Degradation and Emerging Health Risks in the Himalayan Region
42.	**Shailja Jhaldiyal**	From Availability to Adaptation: Understanding User Engagement with Digital Healthcare Services
43.	**Shashi Kala Saroj**	Frontline Health Worker Engagement and Equity in Maternal Healthcare Utilization among the Urban Poor in India: Evidence from NFHS-4 and NFHS-5
44.	**Shipra Saini**	Liquefied Petroleum Gas Use and Maternal Healthcare Service Utilization among Poor Households in India: Evidence from the National Family Health Survey-5
45.	**Sikha Panda**, Sonali Panda, Arun Kumar Acharya	Digital Health Monitoring and Maternal and Child Healthcare among Tribal Communities in Odisha: Assessing Poshan Tracker Implementation
46.	**Subhankar Barman**	Preparing the System for Digital Mental Health: A Review of Institutional and Frontline Worker Readiness in India
47.	**Dr. Sumit Kumar Das**	Evaluating the Comparability of Cognitive Functioning Measures Across Demographic Subgroups: Evidence from the Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI), Wave I, 2017-18

S. No.	Name	Paper Title
48.	**Swati Pal**, Bishwajeet Besra, Dr. Lucky Singh	Multimorbidity Pattern and its association with Mental Health among older adults in India: A Latent Class Analysis
49.	**Tridip Mitra**, Dr. A.H. Sruthi Anil Kumar, Sajeetha Kumari R., Rajiv Janardhanan	Plastic-Use Practices During Pregnancy and Gestational Diabetes Mellitus: A Hospital-Based Cross-Sectional Knowledge, Attitude and Practice Study
50.	**Utkarsh Jain**, Dr. Aditya Singh, Anshika Singh, Rakesh Chandra	Ambient $PM_{2.5}$ Exposure and Child Stunting in India: Evidence from NFHS-5 Linked with Satellite-Derived Air Pollution Data
51.	**Dr. V. Saravanakumar**	Assessment of the Functioning of District Hospital CEmONC Centres in Tamil Nadu
52.	**Vaishnavi A**	Digital Divide and Barriers to Healthcare Access among Women in India: Evidence from NFHS-5
53.	**Vikrant Kumar**, Tanya Suman	Healthcare without Autonomy? Caste, Mobility Restrictions, and Maternal Healthcare under Janani Suraksha Yojana in India
54.	**Vivek Kumar**, Dr. Soumen Mukherjee, Sudipta Bag, Sija Mandal	Bridging the Last Mile: A Consent-Based Digital Micro-Insurance Model for Informal Sector Workers in West Bengal
55.	**Y. Kowsalya Julie**, N. Raja Kumar	State-wise Trends in the Nutritional Status of Women Aged 15–49 Years in India: Evidence from NFHS-4 to NFHS-6 (2015–16 to 2023–24)

Selected Papers for BEST YOUTH PAPER AWARD Competition

*Note: All participants must send their full paper to iasshconference@gmail.com by **30th November 2026**. The last date for registration is **5th November 2026**.*

S. No.	Name	Paper Title
1.	**Abhishek Gupta**	Association between Wet Climatic Conditions and Febrile Illness among Children under Five: Evidence from the National Family Health Survey-2019–2021
2.	**Akanksha Dwivedi**	Reimagining Social Determinants of Reproductive Health and Infertility Care in Contemporary Ranchi
3.	**Anjali Dubey**	From Policy to Plate: A Narrative Review of Social Protection Programs and Equity in Maternal and Child Nutrition in India
4.	**Ankita Dwivedi**	Heat Stress and Health Outcomes in India: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis
5.	**Apurv Barot**	Digital Exclusion/ divide as a Social Determinant of Health: Evidence on Access, Health Service Use and Policy Gaps Analysis in Digital India
6.	**Ashutosh Kumar**	A Geospatial Analysis of Flood Exposure and Childhood Diarrhoea in Bihar, India
7.	**Brijesh Kamal**	Digital price visibility and health equity: branded and generic medicine prices on Indian e-pharmacies against the Jan Aushadhi
8.	**Chandan Kumar**	Live longer, retire later? The Interplay between Environmental Factors and Working Life expectancy among older adults in India
9.	**Forum M Shah**	Mental illness and earnings inequality in India: Insights from ML-based integrated data
10.	**Jahanvi Thakur**	Parental Technology Interference during Family Interactions: Associations with Parent–Child Relationship Quality and Adolescent Well-Being
11.	**Md Mohsin**	Functional Limitation among Older Adults in India: Prevalence, Determinants, and Rural–Urban Disparities
12.	**Nur Alam**	Spatial Suitability Modeling for Location of Healthcare Facility Using a Hybrid GIS-AHP Approach in Alipurduar District, India
13.	**Sazia Khanam**	Family Expectations, Gender and Psychological Well-being among Young Adults in North India: A Social Determinants of Health Perspective
14.	**Sefali Verma**	The Cost of Segregation: Gender Occupational Segregation and Earnings Loss in the Indian Labour Market
15.	**Sophiya Feroz**	Examining Structural Inequity in India's Publicly Funded Health Insurance in the Context of Digital Health Transitions
16.	**Soumen Barik**	Association Between Short Birth Intervals and Childhood Anemia Severity in India: Evidence from the Fifth National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5)
17.	**Syed Taha Mueen**	Financial Protection in India through Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY: Evidence from Large Scale Survey
18.	**Ankita Roy**	Health Insurance Coverage and Healthcare Utilization among Middle-aged and Older Adults with Diabetes in India

S. No.	Name	Paper Title
19.	**Manish Kumar Rai**	Heterogeneous Environmental Policy Instruments, Domestic R&D, and the FDI–Environment Nexus
20.	**Manideepa Mahato**	Migration as a Response to Economic Insecurity among Young Waste Pickers in Mumbai

Eligibility Criteria for the BEST YOUTH PAPER AWARD

- *Single-authored paper: the paper must be a single-authored research paper.*
- *Age: the author must be a young scholar, less than 30 years of age as of 1st January 2027. A copy of the Date of Birth certificate must be attached along with the registration form.*
- *Full paper: the full-length paper (soft copy) must be emailed to iasshconference@gmail.com by 30th November 2026, with the submission marked "For Young Scholars Research Paper Award".*
- *Presentation: the author must present the paper at the conference. The Expert Committee will select the best paper on the basis of the paper and its presentation.*