

Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH)

Best Publication Award for Young Researchers -2025

To encourage academic scholarship and quality scientific publications in social sciences and health studies, IASSH invited applications from young researchers to submit their recent journal publications for the consideration of Best Publication Award. Based on our announcement in September 2025 for the best publication award, we received 42 applications. A screening committee first scrutinized the applications for the eligibility criteria like age (below 35 years), year of publication (2024), single / first author of the paper, etc. and shortlisted 23 applications/papers for the assessment of the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee consisting of five experts reviewed the shortlisted papers and recommended two young researchers for the award, though it was a difficult choice to select two from many high-quality publications in reputed journals. The winners will receive a Certificate and cash prize of Rs. 25,000 each at the next annual conference of IASSH.

The winners are:

- **Shubham Ranjan**, Indian Institute of Technology Mandi, for the paper “*The effect of socioeconomic status, depression, and diabetes symptoms severity on diabetes patient's life satisfaction in India*”, *Scientific Reports* | (2024) 14:12210 <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-024-62814-5>
- **Sumit Kumar Das**, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, for the paper “*Longitudinal analysis of growth and nutritional disparities across socio-demographics from early childhood to adolescence: Findings from the Indian cohort of the Young Lives Survey*”, *Trop Med Int Health*. 2024;1–13. <https://doi.org/10.1111/tmi.14050>

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AWARD WINNERS