INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH (IASSH)

Award Announcement

IASSH Best Youth Publication Award – 2026

The Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH) is pleased to announce the recipients of the **IASSH Best Youth Publication Award – 2026**. The award aims to recognise and encourage high-quality research contributions by young scholars in the fields of social sciences and health.

In response to the call for submissions, IASSH received entries from **46 authors, comprising a total of 53 published research papers**. Following a preliminary screening against the prescribed eligibility criteria, **19 papers** were shortlisted and placed before the Evaluation Committee for detailed assessment.

The Evaluation Committee, comprising five eminent experts, undertook a critical evaluation of all 19 shortlisted papers, taking into consideration their research quality, originality, methodological rigour and contribution to the fields of social sciences and health. Following this rigorous evaluation, the Committee selected **two research papers** for the award.

The awards will be presented during the **22nd Annual International Conference of IASSH**, scheduled to be held from **7 to 9 January 2027** at the **Birla Institute of Technology (BIT), Mesra, Ranchi**. Each award recipient will receive a **certificate and a cash prize of ₹25,000**.

The Winners of the IASSH Best Youth Publication Award – 2026 are:

Sourav Biswas, Aparajita Chattopadhyay, Kathrin Schilling and Ayushi Das (2025). "Investigating the association between groundwater contaminants and hypertension risk in India: a machine learning-based analysis." *Journal of Exposure Science & Environmental Epidemiology*, Vol. 36, pp. 125–142. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41370-025-00776-0

Dilwar Hussain and Sanjeev Sharma (2025). "Flood exposure and childhood malnutrition in India using composite index of anthropometric failure (CIAF)." *Environmental Research*, Vol. 276, Article 121527. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envres.2025.121527

Congratulations to the Award Recipients!

IASSH warmly congratulates **Sourav Biswas** and **Dilwar Hussain** on this well-deserved recognition. Their publications demonstrate the value of rigorous, innovative and policy-relevant research in addressing important public health and social development challenges. IASSH wishes both award recipients continued success in their academic and research endeavours and hopes that this recognition will inspire more young scholars to pursue excellence in interdisciplinary research at the interface of social sciences and health.