Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH)

Prof. K. Mahadevan Award for Best Publication - 2026

The Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH) is a professional association of social scientists with more than 1300 life members (**www.iassh.org**). IASSH is happy to announce the competition for *"Prof. K. Mahadevan Award for Best Publication"* authored by young researchers on **field-based research**. Prof. Mahadevan was a renowned anthropologist, demographer and author of many books and publications. He was the Head of the Department of Population Studies at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati and mentored a good number of Indian Demographers. To encourage field-based research, academic scholarship and scientific publications in social sciences and health studies, we invite applications from young researchers to submit their published journal articles for the consideration of the award.

Eligibility Criteria

1. The applicant should be an **Indian Citizen** and currently doing Ph.D. or working in an Indian institution/university.
2. The paper should be fully based on **field-based research** conducted by the author/s.
3. Applicant should be below **35 years** of age as on **1st January 2026 (**for women, the age limit is **38 years**).
4. The paper submitted for consideration of award should be published in a refereed academic journal in the **year 2025**.
5. The applicant should be the **single author / first author** of the published paper.
6. The paper should broadly be dealing with **social sciences and health issues**.

The publications will be evaluated by an Expert Committee appointed by the IASSH. The author of the selected best publication will be awarded with a certificate and cash prize of Rs. 25,000.

The young researchers may submit the applications to the IASSH secretariat **(Email: iassh2004@gmail.com)** by **15thAugust 2026** by sending their **Curriculum Vitae, Published Article and Date of Birth Certificate.**

The winner of the award will be announced on our website in September 2026 (**www.iassh.org**) and will be invited to receive the award in the next Annual Conference of the IASSH.