

INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH (IASSH)

 Award Announcement

Prof. K. Mahadevan Award for Best Publication - 2026

To promote field-based research, academic scholarship, and high-quality scientific publications in the fields of social sciences and health, the Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH) invited young researchers to submit their published journal articles for consideration for the *Prof. K. Mahadevan Award for Best Publication – 2026*.

Following the announcement in June 2026, IASSH received 113 applications. A Screening Committee evaluated the applications against the prescribed eligibility criteria, including age (below 35 years), year of publication (2025), focus on field-based research, and single or first authorship. Following the screening process, 20 papers were shortlisted for final evaluation by the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee, comprising five experts, carefully reviewed the shortlisted papers and recommended one paper for the award. The award recipient will receive a **certificate and a cash prize of ₹25,000**, which will be presented at the forthcoming Annual Conference of IASSH.

The Winner of the Prof. K. Mahadevan Award - 2026 is:

Sayendri Panchadhyayi (2025): *Ayahs at the Deathbed – Re-visioning Elder Care: Bereavement Support and Anchorage for In-Home Dying Older Adults in Urban India. Mortality*, Vol. 30, No. 2, pp. 412–428. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13576275.2025.2450224>

Congratulations to Dr. Sayendri Panchadhyayi