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**Two - Day National Workshop on
“CHALLENGES BEFORE SOCIAL SCIENCES”
&
YOUNG SOCIAL SCIENTIST AWARD
CONTEST (YSSAC)**

Organised by Indian Social Science Association (ISSA)

**in collaboration with
Madhyanchal Sociological Society (MSS),
June 21 – 22, 2025**

Indian Social Science Association – ISSA is committed to promote Young Social Scientists in the country by inculcating among them skills of writing and presenting research papers. The Association not only awards outstanding research papers but also supports publication of papers in print Journals – *Social Science Gazetteer / FUSION / Samaj Vaigyaniki (Hindi)*. These Awards are awarded after presentations made during Conferences / Seminars / Webinars / Workshops. For evaluation, writing carried 75% weight and presentation 25%. All the papers were meticulously reviewed and rigorously evaluated on (i) *relevance of the topic chosen*, (ii) *writing of abstract*, (iii) *methodological frame* (iv) *nature of content/ narrative and continuance of arguments*, (v) *findings and inclusion of insight* and (vi) *references*. Presentations were made on June 21 – 22, 2025 before panels that included Members / Trustees viz. Professor Rajiv Gupta, Jaipur; Professor K N Bhatt, Jhushi; Professor S T Bagalkoti, Dharwad; Professor Y S Bhadauria, Lucknow; Professor Mahesh Shukla, Rewa; Professor Dhruv Kumar Dixit, Jabalpur; Dr V B Hans, Mangalore; Professor Jyoti Sidana, Kota; Dr Ajay Trivedi, Bareilly; Professor Meenakshi Srivastava, Agra; Dr Rupesh Singh, Lucknow; Dr Muhammad Nayim, Jhansi and Dr Aman Prasad, Agra. Panelists - Invitees / Guests included Professor Anand Kumar, Delhi / Goa; Professor Payod Joshi, Rajasthan; Professor Meeta Mathur, Jaipur;

Professor Dhananjay Rai, Vadodra; Professor Poornima Jain, Agra; Professor N Rajaram, Vadodra; Professor Manish Sinsinwar, Jaipur; Dr Suraj Beri, Nagaland; Professor Sangeeta Sharma, Jaipur; Professor Manju Singh, Vanasthali; Professor Sanjay Lodha, Jaipur; Professor B K Nagla, Rohtak. Managing Editor, Social Science Gazetteer, Professor Arvind Kumar Joshi, Varanasi; former Editor Dr Richard Pais, Mangalore and Advisor Professor Ashish Saxena, Prayagraj also gave their inputs. Professor Anand Kumar, eminent social scientist, delivered the Keynote Address and Professor Sanjay Lodha Chaired the Valedictory Session.

Young Social Scientist Awards

❖ ISSA - PROFESSOR RADHA KAMAL MUKERJEE YOUNG SOCIAL SCIENTIST AWARD

MS. SUMEDHA PRIYADARSHINI	Assistant Professor Miranda House University of Delhi	Re-Imagining State- Citizen Relation through the Politics of Risks: A case study of sanitation system of Gurugram
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❖ ISSA - GOLDEN JUBILEE YOUNG SOCIAL SCIENTIST AWARD

MS. RIMA BARDHAN	Research Scholar Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow	Debunking the Gendered Health Discourse: A Case Study of Migrant Women of Indian Sundarbans
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❖ ISSA - MUKUL SRIVASTAVA MEMORIAL YOUNG SOCIAL SCIENTIST AWARD

MR. ADBHUT PRATAP SINGH	Research Scholar Department of Education University of Lucknow	Critical Realism As The Philosophy Of Social Inquiry With A Cross- Cultural Resonance From Indian Philosophical Traditions
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❖ **ISSA – PROFESSOR S P GUPTA MEMORIAL YOUNG SOCIAL SCIENTIST AWARD**

DR. JYOTSNA VERMA	Assistant Professor Jai Minesh Adivasi University Ranpur, Kota	Addiction of Online Media on Youth and its Consequences: A Social Study
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❖ **ISSA – DR BINDESHWAR PATHAK MEMORIAL AWARD FOR BEST PAPER**

DR. CHANDRABALI DUTTA	Assistant Professor Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College For Women, Kolkata	Decolonizing Social Sciences in India: Reclaiming Language, Knowledge and Relevance
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❖ **MSS – YOUNG SOCIAL SCIENTIST AWARD – FOR PAPERS IN HINDI**

DR. RUCHI JAIN	Assistant Professor Aklank College Of Education, Kota	सामाजिक विज्ञान शिक्षा में प्रोद्योगिकी की भूमिका": इतिहास के विशेष संदर्भ में
DR. ABHISHEK GUPTA	Teacher Govt. School, Sahaspur	वर्तमान में युवा वर्ग का मानसिक स्वास्थ्य एवं व्यसन की चुनौतियां

The Association applauds the sincere effort and spirit of all the Contestants from across the country and genuinely appreciates the hard work and time bound writing of the research paper for the National Workshop and Contest.

Team ISSA is sanguine that it will keep receiving *Insights on Society Sustainability and Accountability* and the publications of the Association will keep flourishing.

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Decolonizing Social Sciences in India: Reclaiming Language, Knowledge and Relevance

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Abstract: *The enduring shadow of colonialism continues to impede the progress of 21st-century Indian social sciences. This manifests as a persistent Western intellectual hegemony that marginalizes indigenous knowledge systems, erects linguistic barriers and also sever the connection between social science and the lived experiences of its people. A critical factor exacerbating this challenge is the insufficient emphasis on native languages. This linguistic neglect limits accessibility to social science discourse, detaches research from rich cultural contexts, and further marginalizes invaluable indigenous knowledge. Consequently, the potential for impactful policy engagement and meaningful public discourse is diminished. Against this backdrop, this paper investigates the contemporary trend of native language displacement by the growing prevalence of English and hybrid linguistic forms among young Indians. Through a qualitative study involving 50 Bengali children and youth (aged 15-25) in Kolkata, this research seeks to*