

KUSUMA YOUNG RESEARCHER'S AWARD

Partner:	Kusuma Foundation
Location:	Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India
Target Group:	Research Scholars, who are M.Phil / Ph.D Students or young faculty members, from Universities / Institutes accredited by the University Grants Commission
Number of Beneficiaries:	1 Research Scholar
Grant Period:	1 April 2009 - 31 March 2011
Grant Amount:	£14,210 (2 years)



Objective

To award young scholars for outstanding research work in the areas of social work, child development and education.

Description

The Kusuma Young Researcher's Award (KYRA) is a national competition, which recognises academic research into the areas of social work, child development and education.

The competition is open to Indian citizens under the age of 40 and especially those in the fields of social sciences and humanities.

Shortlisted papers from researchers and scholars are assessed through a series of judging rounds, before an international panel of distinguished academics selects the winning submission and its runner up.

Progress of KYRA 2010

First Level

From the 31 applications received, 21 research papers were shortlisted by Kusuma Foundation.

Second Level

These 21 papers were then separately assessed by four evaluators, who each had an individual set of five (or six) papers. Their role was to shortlist one paper each.

Third Level

The four shortlisted research papers were reviewed by a two-member judges' panel, which selected the winner and runner up in May 2011.

Results

KYRA 2009

Dr. K. Arockia Mariachelvi, a lecturer at the Department of Human Development, from Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore won for her paper "Facilitating the Subsistence of Street Children Through Life Enrichment Education".

KYRA 2010

The winner of the award is Dr. Chandrani Dasgupta whose paper is titled: "Resilience and vulnerability of children living in Kashmir - a study of mental health amidst political violence". The runner up is Mr. Javid Rashid whose paper is titled "Torture and imprisonment: a study of incarcerated children in Kashmir".

Challenges

- Managing the process effectively
- Identifying a media company for PR
- Coordinating between universities and the judging panelists

New Development

The Award Ceremony took place at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi on 1 December 2011.



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