

## DR. AMIT SENGUPTA FELLOWSHIP ON HEALTH RIGHTS



Health as a fundamental right is still a distant dream. Access to healthcare is fraught with inequities resulting in denial of healthcare and gross violations of basic human rights. Much of the national and global architectures are geared towards perpetuating these inequities. Hence, the struggle for a more equal world continues. In the words of Dr. Amit Sengupta – “The struggle for health is the struggle for a more caring world”.

Dr. Amit Sengupta was one of the founding members and Associate Global Coordinator of Peoples’ Health Movement (PHM). He was the Co-Convenor of Jan Swasthya Abhiyan (JSA), the Indian Chapter of PHM. Dr. Amit also led the Delhi Science Forum (DSF) and All India Peoples’ Science Network (AIPSN). Trained as a medical doctor, Amit dedicated his life to the struggle for right to health and universal access to health, and worked on issues related to public health, pharmaceuticals policy and intellectual property rights. His life and work has inspired many young activists and researchers to join Health and science movements in India and around the world.

In memory of Dr. Amit Sengupta, his family has instituted an annual fellowship. The fellowship would be awarded to a young health activist who works in the area on health rights, particularly for the vulnerable sections of the society, demonstrating leadership qualities and commitment to bring scientific temper and awareness about health rights. The Fellowship will be awarded for a duration of one year with a stipend up to INR One Lakh only.

### **Terms of Fellowship**

The duration of the Fellowship would be 12 months.

The awardee would have to undertake action research on health rights during the period of the fellowship. The fellow would have to submit a progress report every four months. At the end of the Fellowship period of 12 months, the fellow should submit the research work along with a presentation. There will be a technical expert committee constituted to monitor the action research over the period of the Fellowship.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Only Indian citizens can apply
- Applicants should be below 35 years of age;
- Should possess at least 3 years of experience of working among vulnerable communities
- Preference would be given to applicants from the marginalised groups including SC/ST/Religious minorities and women

**Application process:**

Applicants are invited to send –

- Filled in application form
- Brief curriculum vitae (CV) and
- Two references who have professional association with the applicant, but are not related to the applicant.

The application and CV can be in English, Hindi, any other national language.

Email/ letter should contain the subject line: **Dr Amit Sengupta Fellowship on Health Rights**

The application should be sent to the following email id: [asgfellowships@gmail.com](mailto:asgfellowships@gmail.com)

***The Deadline for receiving applications is 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022***

**Selection Process:**

- Candidates will be shortlisted on the basis of pre-determined criteria, set out by the Selection Committee
- The Selection Committee will conduct online interviews of shortlisted candidates
- Final selection will be based on the combined evaluation of application and interview

The fellowship will be announced on the occasion of Dr. Amit Sengupta's birthday i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> July