**Director’s Engagements**

New Initiatives, Events / Activities Organized & Participated

* National Level Entrance Exams for admission to the UG/PG programs on 13th September 2021
* Inspection of the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) at the Institute on 17th September 2021
* Talents Day program on 11th June 2021
* International Yoga Day celebration at the Institute on 21st June 2021
* *56th Annual Day of AIISH* on 9th August 2021
* Graduation Day 2020 on 9th August 2021
* Implemented a battery-operated vehicle service inside the campus for the general public
* Released a Hearing Screening App on 9th August 2021
* Released Newborn Hearing Screening Report, test materials & public education resources on 9th August 2021
* Inauguration of Inclusive Therapy Park *on* 9th October 2021
* Vigilance Awareness week from **26th October 2021** to 1st November 2021
* **Coordinated the** NAAC Peer Team visited AIISH for Institutional Assessment and Accreditation for Cycle – II f**rom 29th to 30th December 2021**
* World Autism Awareness Day on 2nd April 2021
* World Voice Day on 16th April 2021
* International Day of Sign Languages on 23rd September 2021
* World Cerebral Palsy Day on 6th October 2021
* World Mental Health Day on 10th October 2021
* International Stuttering Awareness Day on 22nd October 2021
* The culmination of International AAC Awareness week on 1st November 2021
* International Day for Persons with Disabilities on 3rd December 2021
* World Hearing Day on 3rd March 2022

**Meetings with the Parent Ministry**

* Organized and attended the Departmental Promotion Committee meeting for appointment of Stores and Purchase Officer and financial up-gradation of a Group ‘A’ Officer under MACP Scheme as Member Secretary, chaired by Ms. Preeti Pant, Joint Secretary (H), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi on 7th June 2021 in virtual mode.
* Interacted withMs. Preeti Pant, Joint Secretary (H), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi, on Institute matters on 14th June 2021 invirtual mode.
* Organized and attended the Meeting of the Review Committee on the progress of work on setting up of the off-campus center of AIISH, Mysuru at Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh as member Secretary, chaired by Ms. Preeti Pant, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi, on 16th June 2021.
* Interacted withMs. Preeti Pant, Joint Secretary (H), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi, onpending agenda items of 50th and 51st Standing Finance Committee Meetings of the Institute on 6th July 2021.
* Organized and attended the Meeting of the Review Committee on the status of the Up-gradation of DHLS Centre to BASLP Centre as Member Secretary, chaired by Ms. Preeti Pant, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi, on 19th July 2021 through virtual.
* Organized and attended the Meeting of the Review Committee on the progress of work on setting up of the off-campus center of AIISH, Mysuru at Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh as member Secretary, chaired by Ms. Preeti Pant, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi, on 23rd July 2021.
* Organized and attended the meeting on Brief Introduction of AIISH with Shri Harmeet Singh, Joint Secretary (H), and Ms. Saritha Nair, Deputy Secretary (NCD-I), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi in virtual mode on3rdSeptember 2021**.**
* Organized and attended the Meeting of the Review Committee on the progress of setting up of AIISH Kanpur as Member Secretary under the Chairmanship of Shri Harmeet Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Indiaon 7th September 2021 in virtual mode
* Organized and attended the meeting to review the setting up of AIISH Kanpur, under the chairmanship of Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon’ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, Govt. of India, in the office of Hon’ble Minister, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi on 5th October 2021.
* Organized and attended the meeting on initiating 100 outreach service centers of AIISH across the country with Hon’ble Joint Secretary and Deputy Secretary at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi on on 5th October 2021.
* Organized and attended the meeting of the Review Committee on setting up of AIISH Kanpur held under the chairmanship of Shri Harmeet Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Indiaon 15th & 29th November 2021 in virtual mode.
* Attended the meeting of the Expert Committee on Deafness at the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi, in connection with establishment of 100 outreach centers of AIISH across the country on 10th December 2021.
* Organized and attended the meeting of the Review Committee on setting up of AIISH Kanpur held under the chairmanship of Shri Harmeet Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Indiaon 6th January 2021 in virtual mode.

**Other External Meetings**

* Attended the 16th Meeting of the Executive Council of ISLRTC under the Chairmanship of Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, DEPwD,on 21st May 2021 in virtual mode
* Attended a meeting with Dr. Sapna, M.S., Professor & Coordinator, Radio Manasa-Community Radio Station, University of Mysore, Mysuru on collaboration program on Radio Manasa on 29th July 2021
* Attended the 3rd Meeting of the Task Force on ‘Cognitive Science Research Initiative’ (CSRI) of the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India on 19th July 2021in virtual mode.
* Attended the Meeting with Prof. Mahadeva Prasanna, Dean IIT, Dharwad and Dr. Ajish K. Abraham, Professor of Electronics on collaborative project on the development of AAC devices on 19th and 21st June 2021.
* Chaired the meeting in connection with the signing of MOA for the work of setting up of AIISH-Kanpur, UP and CMD of NPCC has authorized Shri. Shashank Swarnkar, Zonal Manager, SZO, Bangalore to sign the MOA with AIISH on 3rd September 2021

**Major Internal Meetings**

* Chaired the Meeting of the Pre-Review Committee on the progress of setting up of Off-Campus Center of AIISH, Mysuru at Kanpur on 15th June 2021.
* Chaired the CPWD meeting in connection with Center of Excellence on 14th September 2021
* Conducted and attended the Selection Committee meeting for the posts of Professor and Assistant Professor posts in Speech Language Pathology, Head-patent cell and Professor in ENT chaired by Mr. Vikas Sheel, IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India on 9th October 2021
* Conducted and attended the Selection Committee meeting for the posts Professors & Associates Professors in Audiology chaired by Mr. Vikas Sheel, IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India on 13th November 2021 in virtual mode.

**Academic Engagements**

* Served as Chairperson, NAAC Peer Team for the accreditation of the Institute of Health Sciences, Bhubaneswar (c-39729) from 6th to 7th April 2021.
* Served as Chairperson, NAAC Peer Team for the accreditation of Vithal Rao Vikhe Patil Foundations College of Physiotherapy, Ahmed Nagar, Maharastra from 11th to 12th August 2021.
* Conducted a meeting with College Development Council, University of Mysore, Mysuru on 24th August 2021
* Conducted the AIISH Entrance Examination, 2021 *on* 13th September 2021
* Coordinated the RCI  inspection for the affiliation for DHA & ET and B.ASLP programs 17th September 2021
* Attended the meeting of the Board of Appointment of Examiners (BOAE) in Faculty of Education to constitute the BOE and to prepare the list of examiners for UG/PG exams to be held during the year 2021-22 at University of Mysore, Mysuru on 9th November 2021
* Attended the meeting of the Board of Appointment of Examiners (BOAE) in Faculty of Science & Technology to constitute the BOE and to prepare the list of examiners for UG/PG exams to be held during the year 2021-22 at University of Mysore, Mysuru on 10th November 2021

**Media Engagements**

* Served as a resource for the Live Phone-in-Program from AIISH on cleft lip and palate as a part of observing Cleft Lip and Palate Awareness Month on 16th July 2021.
* Delivered a talk on AIISH Activities on Clubhouse Talk, Mysuru on 1st October 2021
* Public Orientation on speech and hearing disorders, prevention and treatment on Clubhouse Social Media platform, organized by Shivamogga Today on 8th , 18th, 19th , 26th & 30th September, and 3rd October2021.
* Public Orientation on stroke and stroke management on Clubhouse Social Media platform on 14th October 2021.
* Conducted a Public Orientation Program on speech and hearing disabilities on the Clubhouse Social Media platform along with Ms. Ramana Kumari, Special Educator and Ms. Ramadevi, Audiologist Grade-I on 22nd October 2021
* Delivered a talk on Hearing Screening for Newborns on 17th October 2021
* A live phone-in-programme was held for general public about AIISH activities through Janadhwani Radio Station, Mysuru on 30th October 2021
* Delivered a talk in the talk show programme organized by mPower, Mysuru’s first online talk show platform on 12th December 2021.
* Coordinated the production of a video titled *Aatada Jothegondu Paata* (Learn Lesson through a Game) for special children and dessimated via social media. The *Mysuru Mithra,* *Star of Mysore* and *Vijaya Karnataka* newspapers published a news report about the video on 9th , 15th and 16th June, 2021, respectively.
* An article titled *Awareness of hearing problems in individuals affected with Covid-19* was published in *TheVijaya Karnataka* Newspaper on 29th June 2021
* An article titled *Employment opportunities for diploma holders, B.Ed., M.Ed. and UG/PG graduates in the area of speech and hearing* was published in The *Vijaya Karnataka* newspaper on 24th July 2021.
* An article titled **ತೊದಲಿನಬಗ್ಗೆನಿರ್ಲಕ್ಷಬೇಡ** *(Stuttering)* was published in *The Andolana* newspaper on 11th November 2021.

**Meetings and Visits in connection with the expansion of outreach services**

* Held a meeting with Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Director, AIIMS, Jodhpur in connection with the proposed Outreach Centre along with Sri Dr. K. Arunraj, Audiologist on 1st April 2021 in virtual mode.
* Held a meeting with Dr.Jasbinder Kaur, Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Chandigarh in connection with the proposed Outreach Centre along with Sri Dr. K. Arunraj, Audiologist on 1st April 2021 in virtual mode.
* Held a meeting with Dr. Rakesh, Government Institute of Medical Sciences, Greater Noida, U.P. in connection with the proposed Outreach Centre along with Sri Dr. K. Arunraj, Audiologist on 9th April 2021in virtual mode.
* Held a meeting with Ravikanth, AIIMS, Rishikesh in connection with the proposed Outreach Centre along with Sri Dr. K. Arunraj, Audiologist on 9th April 2021in virtual mode.
* Held a meeting with Dr. Gurumani, HOD-ENT, Andaman and Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences (ANIIMS) in connection with the proposed Outreach Centre along with Sri Dr. K. Arunraj, Audiologist on 16th April 2021in virtual mode.
* Held a meeting with Chandigarh Medical College, Chandigarh in connection with the proposed Outreach Centre along with Sri Dr. K. Arunraj, Audiologist on 12th May2021in virtual mode.
* Held a meeting with AIIMS, Raebareli in connection with the proposed Outreach Centre along with Sri Dr. K. Arunraj, Audiologist on 29th June 2021in virtual mode.
* Held a meeting with Dr. Robert Rebello, Administrative Medical Officer-cum-ENT Surgeon,Sub-divisional Hospital, Kundapura along with staff of the POCD in connection with the proposed Outreach Centre on 20th July 2021in virtual mode.
* Held a meeting with Dr. P.K. Rathore, Professor of ENT, Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan Hospital, New Delhi in connection with the proposed Outreach Centre on 18th August 2021in virtual mode.
* Held a meeting with Dr. Ramanesh Murti, Dean & Professor, Government Medical College & Hospital, Chattisgarh, Surguja in connection with the proposed Outreach Centre on 23rd August 2021in virtual mode.
* Held a meeting with Dr. Subodh Kumar, Plastic Surgeon, G.S. Memorial Hospital, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh in connection with Manpower training to provide technical support to G.S. Memorial Hospital (Memorandum of Understanding) on 25th August 2021 in virtual mode.
* Held 2nd phase meeting with the officials of the sub-divisional taluk hospital Kundapura, Udupi for initiation of OSC on 3rd September 2021in virtual mode.
* Inspected the proposed outreach service centre at Sub-divisional Taluk Hospital, Kundapura, Udupi, along with Dr. N. Sreedevi, Head, POCD on 20th September 2021.
* Held a meeting with the District Health Officer, Kundapura and Lions Club and Rotary Club officials in connection with the proposed Outreach Centre on 21st September 2021.
* Visited the Loknayak Hospital, New Delhi in connection with the proposed outreach service centre on 24th September 2021
* Visited the Government Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS), Noida in connection with the proposed outreach service centre on 25th September 2021
* Held a meeting on establishment of an outreach service centre at Koppal, Karnataka on 8th October 2021 in virtual mode.
* Held a meeting on establishment of an outreach service centre at at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 21st October 2021in virtual mode.
* Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with AIIMS, Jodhpur on behalf of the Institute for the establishment of Outreach Service Centre on 28th October 2021.
* Chaired a meeting for the initiation of Outreach Service Centre at Balodh, Chattisgarh on 15th November 2021 invirtual mode.
* Held a meeting with the officials of the AIIMS, Bhopal in connection with the establishment of Outreach Service Centre on 1st December 2021in virtual mode
* Held a meeting with the officials of the AIIMS, Bibinagar, Telangana in connection with the establishment of Outreach Service Centre on 14th December 2021in virtual mode.

**Expert Talk / Guest Lectures delivered:**

* Delivered a speech on the Symposium on *National Program for Prevention and Control of Deafness*  at the Central Health Education Bureau, New Delhi, on the occasion of Internation Day of Sign Languages 2021 on 24th September 2021.
* Served as a resource person for the Live Phone-in-Program of AIISH, Mysuru **o**n 16th July 2021 on account of Cleft Lip and Palate Awareness Month.
* Served as a resource person for the *International Webinar on the Impact of COVID-19 on Speech & Hearing: Profession, Professionals & Patients,* organized by the JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysuru from 14th to 15th June 2021
* Delivered the Role Model Talk (Women Scientists in India) at the Vigyan Jyothi Programme, organized by the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mysuru,on 30th July 2021 invirtual mode
* Delivered an orientation lecture for 27 KAS Officers on ‘RPWD Act’ and ‘About AIISH’ on 17th September 2021
* Delivered an Orientation Lecture about the AIISH Academic Programs, organized by Shivamogga Todayon 23rd September 2021

**Other Meetings and Engagements**

* Served as the Chief Guest of the Program on Distribution of Customized Wheel Chairs to Disabled Women at Chamaraja Nagar, Karnataka organized by Margadarshi, the Association for Physically Challenged, Chamaraja Nagar, in association with Motivation India Organizationon 27th August 2021.

**Research Publication**

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