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Details of speech and hearing camps organized at different places for the year 2014-15

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| **Sl. No.** | **Date** | **Place** | **No. of cases seen** | **No. of Hearing aids issued** | **No. of Earmolds made** | **No. of cases referred to AIISH** | **No. of certificates issued** |
| 1. | 26.6.2014 | Hospet | 457 | 195 | 111 | 80 | 12 |
| 2. | 27.6.2014 | Mysore City Corporation, Jayanagara, Mysore | 186 | - | - | - | 30 |
| 3. | 24.7.2014 | Periyapatna | 42 | - | - | 7 | 5 |
| 4. | 25.7.2014 | Mysore South (N. T. M. S Higher Primary School), Mysore | 196 | - | - | - | 33 |
| 5. | 30.7.2014 | H. D. Kote | 20 | - | - | - | - |
| 6. | 31.7.2014 | Hunsur | 102 | - | - | 30 | 22 |
| 7. | 1.8.2014 | K. R. Nagara | 78 | - | - | - | 27 |
| 8. | 4.8.2014 | T. Narasipura | 46 |  | - | 8 | 20 |
| 9. | 5.8.2014 | Mysore Taluk | 77 | - | - | 5 | 25 |
| 10. | 6.8.2014 | Mysore North | 53 | - | - | 7 | 19 |
| 11. | 7.8.2014 | Nanjangud | 89 | - | - | 16 | 23 |
| 12. | 20.12.2014 | Calicut | 452 | 126 | 151 | 15 | 37 |
| 13. | 26.3.2015 | Udupi | 166 | 85 | 131 | 6 | - |

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**Media Focus on AIISH**

**A Unique Tableaux of AIISH at International Dasara Procession - 2014**

**Tableaux with a Human Touch**

All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), which is an autonomous institute funded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, proposes to come-up with a unique way of educating the public on issues related to multiple communication disorders and dwell on clinical services available at the institute.

Targeting the parents whose infants are born with speech and hearing impairment and individuals who developed communication disorders mid-way, AIISH plans to design a Dasara tableaux that depicts the miserable journey of a child, who is cursed with speech and hearing impairment, and how he/she can fight their way out and overcome the difficulties and lead a normal life with the help of AIISH.

This will be told like a story in an artistic way through drawings on all sides of the tableaux, which will be a part of the Mysore Dasara procession. The front side of the tableaux will have Dashamukha (10 faces) throwing light on the sufferings of a child with speech and hearing disorders. A child fully wrapped with bandage inside the cell of human brain will be shown. The top of the tableaux will have an image of Mysore Palace in the background. The middle cell, which is painted in black, conveys that a person with communication disorders is compelled to lead a gloomy life.

The two sides of the tableaux will have huge mikes releasing high decibel sounds and some visuals, which depict the harmful effects of loud noise on a child’s speech and hearing. At some place of the tableaux, soldiers will be shown fighting these harmful sounds and defeating them. The AIISH doctors will be shown treating the child and the high decibel sounds will then pass through a giant ‘AIISH’ ear, which filters the harmful sounds. On the back side, the tableaux will show a ‘happy’ child wearing headphones and enjoying the music after getting fully cured with the help of AIISH.

**AIISH SCULPTURE AT DASARA EXHIBITION GROUND 2014**

All India Institute of Speech and Hearing is erecting a stone sculpture at a space measuring 10 ft. x 20 ft at the Dasara Exhibition premises with the objective informing the public about the services offered by the institute and create awareness about speech and hearing problems.

This artistically executed structure depicts a man is a resting position. One of his ears is pressed by a powerful hand giving an impression that the ear is closed or prevented from hearing because of the oppression. This part of the visual symbolizes hearing defect.

The oppressing hand is tied with a rope and is being pulled by AIISH (symbolically shown in letters here) as if to take it off the ear which symbolically communicates that AIISH is fighting against speech and hearing defects.

On the backdrop behind the structure there is a mnemonic ‘AIISH 50” created to celebrate 50 years of existence of AIISH. There are also symbolic images of a person speaking and another person listening on the backdrop.

It is note worthy that the institute Sculpture won the First Prize for its sculpture adjudged by the Dasara Exhibition Committee.

District Incharge Minister V. Srinivas Prasad handed over the prize to A R Keerthi, Publicity and Information Officer, AIISH at the recently held function. H. S. Mahadev Prasad, Minister for Co-operation, Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, President, Zilla Panchayat and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

I took initiative in covering all the major activities of the institute in the print media and also in the electronic media i.e., TV.

1. ***‘The Times of India’*** an English daily and ‘Prajavani’ a leading Kannada daily state level paper published a leading article on ‘***Kids with Autism don’t have Dedicated School’ and “Indu Autism Jagruthi Dhinacharane”*** respectivelyon 2nd April 2014 in connection with the ***“World Autism Day”.***
2. All India Institute of Speech and Hearing Mysore was awarded with ***‘Karyalay Jyothi Smrithi Chinh’*** Award for its best publication in Hindi. The award was presented in the Official Language (OL) workshop conducted from 20th April to 1st May 2014, organized by Rajabhasha Sansthan, New Delhi held at Jim Corbett Park, Nainital, Uttarkhand. Dr. H. P. Uma Saraswathi and Mrs. N. Parimala were participated in the workshop. Dr. H. P. Uma Saraswathi won the Best Paper Award for her presentation on ***“Language Technology and Transcreation”***.
3. ***“Preschool Graduation Day”*** was celebrated on 25th April 2014. Sri. B. N. Shivarame Gowda, Block Education Officer, Mysore Sourth was the Chief Guest. Dr. S. R. Savithri, Director, AIISH presided over the function. All national and local dailies gave an excellent coverage by publishing a detailed report along with colour photographs.
4. A five day workshop on ‘**Drama therapy for children with Special needs – Opening the windows to strength”** was organized from 26th May 2014 to 30th May 2014. **Dr. Parasuram Ramamoorthi** was the resource person from Madurai, who is an expert in the field of drama therapy for children with special needs, especially children with Autism.
5. ***‘Prajavani’*** a leading Kannada daily published a leading article on ‘Academic Program’ in it’s regular edition on 30th May 2014. This gives a wide overage and lots of enquiry about the program.
6. ***‘Samyukath Karnataka’*** a Kannada daily published an article on ***‘Academic Programs’*** on 3rd June 2014.
7. ***‘Samyukath Karnataka’*** a Kannada daily published an article byname ***‘Speech Palace’*** on institute activities on 28th June 2014.
8. A workshop on **‘Fine tuning of digital hearing aids-For individuals with hearing impairment’** was conducted on 16th July 2014. The participants were oriented on the use of digital hearing aids, solving simple problems faced with hearing aids and recent advance in hearing aid technology. In addition, fine tuning of the digital hearing aids was also carried-out for clients depending on the availability of the software. During the program a quiz was conducted for the participants.

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1. ***‘Times of India’*** an English daily published a leading article ***“AIISH lines up big projects ahead of its golden jubilee year”*** in connection with the celebration of ***‘49th Anniversary’*** and stepping into 50th Year on 8th August 2014.
2. ***‘Prajavani’*** a Kannada daily published a leading article ***“AIISH Suvarna Sadagara”*** in its special supplement in connection with the celebration of ***‘49th Anniversary’*** and stepping into 50th Year on 9th August 2014.
3. ***‘Janamana’*** a Kannada daily published a leading article (Front Page full article) ***“Chinnada Hosthilalli AIISH”*** in its special supplement in connection with the celebration of ***‘49th Anniversary’*** and stepping into 50th Year on 9th August 2014.

1. Media people were attracted to give a wide coverage regarding the ***‘49th Anniversary’*** of the institute celebrated on 9th August 2014. Dr. A. K. Panda, IAS, Additional Secretary (H), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India presided over the function. Prof. Sri. Sudesh Mukhopadhyay, Chairperson, Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi and Prof. Gautam Biswas, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati were the Chief Guests. Dr. S. R. Savithri, Director AIISH was present. As part of the anniversary celebrations swallowing Disorders Laboratory, Parent Infant Program, Assistive device for Museum for visitor with Hearing Impairment, Academic MOU with JIPMER-Puducherry, RIMS – Imphal and NSCBMC - Jabalpur and AIISH Signed MOU with IIT Guwahati.

A cultural program was organized, retired employees of the AIISH and employees who have completed 25 years of service were honoured. Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar, Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music & Performing Arts University, Mysore, Prof. D. Shrijay Devaraj Urs, Registrar (Evaluation), University of Mysore, Prof. H.S. Umesh, Eminent Theater Personality, Retd., Principal, Sharada Vilas Teacher’s College, Mysore were the Chief Guests. Dr. S. R. Savithri, Director presided over the function.

1. The Department of Speech – Language Pathology and the Special Clinic for Motor Speech Disorders conducted a two day seminar on ***“Role of Assistive Technology in the Management of Persons with Cerebral Palsy”*** on 26 - 27 August, 2014. The Speech-Language Pathologists working with persons who have cerebral palsy participated in the workshop. . The seminar focused on the assistive aids and devices which can be used by persons with cerebral palsy to improve their functional capabilities and the overall quality of life.

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1. A ***‘Hindi Week’*** was conducted from 15th to 19th September 2014. Dr. S. R. Savithri, Director of the Institute inaugurated the Hindi Week on 15th instant by lighting the lamp. The events, and slogans were displayed on the AIISH network daily during the week. Many innovative Hindi Competitions viz., Written quiz on Hindi Grammar, Pick-N- Speak, One minute game, Group singing of Hindi film songs, writing ‘Word a day in Hindi’ were conducted for staff and research fellows in different categories from Region A & B and Region C.

The valedictory of the Week long programmes was conducted at the institute on 19th September 2014 at 4.30 PM. Sri H.C. Tiwari, Assistant Director (OL), RMP, BARC was invited as the Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion, he said that we all form an unique part by being Indians. Hindi in Devanagari script is our official language. Being a part of the Central government, it is our duty to abide by the Constitutional provisions in making extensive use of Hindi in our daily works. Mother tongue no doubt carries the premier position in uplifting an individual. Dr Uma Saraswathi coordinated the events.

1. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon’ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of India inaugurated a newly built ***‘Audiometric Block’*** and ***‘Knowledge Park’*** and laid the foundation stone for the ***“Centre of Excellence and Museum”*** at Naimisham Campus on 17th October 2014.

Sri. U. T. Khader, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka, V. Srinivas Prasad, Revenue Minister and District incharge Minister, Government of Karnataka and Sri. Pratap Simha, Hon’ble Member of Parliament, Mysore and Kodagu were the Chief Guests. Dr. S. R. Savithri, Director, AIISH was present.

1. A ***“WALKATHON (a Noise Awareness Rally)”*** was organized in connection with ***‘Deepavali’*** festival on 18th October 2014. The rally was organized to spread the message of preventing noise pollution. Dr. Jayashree C Shanbal, HOD, Department of Prevention of Communication Disorders, AIISH flagged the rally.

The rally started from Govt. Ayurveda college, Mysore and ended at Ramswamy circle, Mysore. Along the rally the students of AIISH presented a street play. The street play depicted adverse effects of noise on hearing and other systems due to crackers and noise effects on physiological systems of humans as well animals around. A pamphlet regarding adverse effect of noise was distributed among the public.

1. ***‘The Hindu’*** a leading national daily published an article in its all India editions on ***‘Stuttering Problem’*** on 29th October 2014 in connection with the ‘International Stuttering Awareness Day’. Due to this a large number of readers and patients enquired about the treatment for stuttering problem.

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1. A 2 days seminar on ***“Bringing Applied Behaviour Analysis to Home, School and Play”*** was organized on 30th - 31st October 2014. Smt. Radhika Poovayya, a Speech Language Pathologist inaugurated the workshop and said behavior is not a result of internal changes in the mind and mainly controlled by the environment. Dr. Asha Yathiraj, Director in-charge was present and advised participants to ignore negative behavior in children. All national and local dailies gave excellent coverage.

1. All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysuru, in its Golden Jubilee year hosted the annual symposium of Acoustical Society of India – Acoustics 2014 from 12th to 14th November 2014. The theme of symposium is ***“Acoustics for better speech”***. Objective of this symposium is to have a deep insight on the acoustic activities in the country and to trigger future research activities in this field.

The inaugural function of the Symposium held on 12th November 2014, at Seminar Hall, Knowledge Park. Dr. Vishwa Mohan Katoch, Secretary, Department of Health Research and Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi and Padmabhushan Dr. V. K. Aatre, Former Scientific Adviser to the Defence Minister and Former Director General, DRDO, Govt. of India were the Chief guests*.* Dr. K. S. Rangappa, Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore, Mysuru was the Guest of honor. Dr. S.R. Savithri, Director, AIISH & Dr. V. Rajendran, President, Acoustical Society of India were present. Professor Ajish K Abraham was the convener of the symposium.

Valedictory function of the Symposium was held at Seminar Hall, Knowledge park, AIISH, Mysore. Dr. Manell Zachariah, French technical expert, who attended the symposium and delivered an invited talk. Dr. Ganesh Kumar, Vice President, Acoustical Society of India mentioned that the symposium will be written in golden letters in the history of the Society. Dr. S. R. Savithri, Director, AIISH & Dr. Mahavir Singh, General Secretary, Acoustical Society of India were present.

1. The Department of Clinical Services organized a multi speciality camp for children with ***‘Cerebral Palsy’*** on 24 -25 November, 2014. All national English and Kannada dailies published a news item.

1. Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram Unit, Under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India has conducted a training program in collaboration with the institute. As part of the training program institute conducted a ***“National – Level Consultation for Speech Pathology and Audiologists”*** from 22nd to 31st December 2014. Premjith, Information Education Communication (IEC) Officer, Technical Wing, RBSK Unit, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India inaugurated the program. Dr. S. R. Savithri, Director and Dr. Jayashree C Shanbal, HOD, Department of Prevention of Communication Disorders were present.

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1. A national seminar on ***“Celebrate Hearing”*** was conducted for Cochlear Implant receipients and prospective implant candidate. The seminar was organized in collaboration with the ***‘Cochlear India’***. The event was attended by about 60 care takers of children with hearing impairment. Dr. S. R. Savithri, Director, AIISH inaugurated the seminar.

1. ***‘Open Day’*** was conducted on 16th December 2014. Smt. Rashmi V Mahesh IAS, Director General, Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Mysuru inaugurated at the Therapy park, Naimisham campus of AIISH, Mysuru. Sri. H. R. Basappa, Deputy Director of Public Instructions, Mysuru was the Guest of honour. Dr. S. R. Savithri, Director AIISH presided over the program. Prof. Ajish K Abraham, Coordinator Open day 2014 and Vice-President AIISH Gymkhana was present. About 4000 children from various high schools and colleges in and around Mysuru participated in Open Day 2014 function. About 1000 special children also participated in the events specially organized for them. A spectacular ***‘Open Day’*** exhibition from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. organized to help and to learn ***‘WHAT, WHY AND HOW’*** of Communication disorders. An exclusive orientation program was arranged to educate each group of students about the services provided by AIISH to persons with communication disorders.
2. Prof. Dr. Habil. Ulrike M. Ludtke, Faculty of Humanities, Department of Speech- Language Pathology, Leibniz Universitat, Hannover, Germany and Ms. Kavitha Maithily, Assistant Professor, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigal, Tamilnadu visited the institute from 22-23 January, 2015. Ms. Kirsten Beta, Ph.D. student of Dr. Ulrike also visited the institute. The visit was organized in connection with AIISH and Leibniz University collaboration for establishment of Early Child Communication Lab for research and development.
3. M. Mahadeva, Assistant Library and Information Officer was felicitated on superannuation. Dr. S. R. Savithri, Director, AIISH, Prof. Asha Yathiraj, Professor of Audiology, K. Purushotham, Assistant Registrar and Radhakanth, Assistant Administrative Officer and other staff were present on the occasion. ***‘City Today’*** published a news item along with photograph on 21st January 2015.
4. ***‘City Today’*** an English daily eveninger published an interview with the Director Dr. S. R. Savithri as special feature article on 18th January 2015 in a banner headline ***‘AIISH-Aiding Effective Communication’***.
5. A national workshop on ***“Pediatric Voice Disorders: Assessment and Management”*** was organized on 12-13 Feb 2015. Dr. Girish N. Kulkarni Senior Conusltant and Chief ENT Surgeon, Apollo BGS Hospital, Mysuru inaugurated the workshop and released the proceedings. Dr. K. C. Shyamala, Director i/c presided over the function. Dr. N. Sreedevi, HOD- Speech Language Sciences, Co-ordinated the program. More than 100 delegates from all over the country participated in the workshop. The program was covered in all local and national dailies.

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1. A national Science Day was arranged on 27th February 2015. Dr. S. K. Shivakumar one of the distinguished Scientists behind India’s successful Mangalyaan Mission and Director, ISRO Satellite Centre, Bengaluru was the Chief Guest and delivered a lecture on ‘Indian Satellites and Success of Mars Orbiter Mission’. Dr. S. R. Savithri, Director, AIISH was present. Staff and students of the institute participated in the program.
2. ***“Go for Hearing Aids-Proclaims Mini Marathon”*** organized on 7th March 2015. Sri. V. Srinivas Prasad, Hon’ble Revenue Minister and District In-charge Minister inaugurated the mini marathon at the palace circle. Dr. S. R. Savithri, Director, AIISH, Mysuru and Prof. Ajish K. Abraham, Vice President of AIISH Gymkhana were present. The mini marathon covered a distanceof 5 kilometers starting from Mysuru Palace Circle going through Devaraja Urs Road, Ramaswamy Circle, Basaveshwara Circle, Harding Circle and back to Mysuru Palace Circle. About 300 students and staff of the institute participated in the Mini Marathon.
3. A seminar on ***“Livelihood Programmes for Individuals with Special Needs”*** was organized on 13th March 2015. Dr. Thressiakutty, Faculty from National Institute of Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the program. Dr. S. Thukaram, Director, State Resrouce Centre, Karnataka was the Guest of Honour. Dr. S. R. Savithri, Director, AIISH was present. Media gave an excellent coverage for the program.
4. A National workshop on ***“Acoustic Analysis of Speech”*** was organized on 26th March 2015. Dr. Lingaraja Gandhi, Director, College Development Council was the Chief Guest. Dr. S. R. Savithri, Director was present.
5. A National workshop on ***“Rehabilitation of Children with Cleft Lip and Palate”*** was organized on 30-31 March 2015. Dr. V. H. Sathish, Plastic Surgeon at Vikram Jeev inaugurated the workshop. Dr. S. R. Savithri, Director presided. A range of topics from experienced professionals from Speech-Language Pathology, Plastic Surgery, Orthodontics, Psychology and Audiology addressed the gathering.
6. ***“AIISH AAWAAZ – 2014”*** organized from 13 – 15 March 2015. Smt. Sudha Baraguru, Internationally renowned humourist inaugurated the program and entertained the audience by her comics. Sri. Avinash Diwakar, Noted Kannada film actor was the Guest of Honour. Dr. S. R. Savithri, Director, AIISH presided. The programme included cultural and literary competitions such as Group Dance, Variety Entertainment, Fashion Show, Skit, Quiz, Pencil Sketching, Poster Making, Antakshari, Dumb Charades and Mock Press. The program was reported with photographs in news papers.

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Sri. Badal Nanjundaswamy, Renowned artist and Sri. Namadeo Dinesh Kumar, Deputy Zonal Head Bank of Baroda, Karnataka Zone were the chief guest for the valedictory of ***‘AIISH Aawaaz – 2015’***.

In addition to the above main events, print and electronic media gave excellent coverage of the programs and activities of the institute like (Monthly Public Lecture series program, inter institutional sports tournament, hearing aid repair workshop, orientation programs, workshops, seminars etc.,) and also extensively covered the visit of VVIPs to the institute.

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