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**OBITUARY / DEDICATION**

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**It is with deep sorrow that we mourn the sad demise of our former Director, Dr.Vijayalakshmi Basavaraj, who left us on 19th March 2011. As the Director of the institute, she contributed immensely towards its progress and development.**

**We dedicate the 46th Annual Report of the institute to Dr.Vijayalakshmi Basavaraj with deep appreciation of her bold leadership, unyielding passion for success and outstanding commitment which helped to fortify the institute’s position as the national leader in the area of Speech and Hearing.**

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About the Institute

Communication disorders are difficulties involving speech, language and or hearing, which have been accepted as a major public health issue as they compromise early childhood development, restrict vocational attainment and attenuate the economic well-being of the society.

The All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysore is the foremost organization in the country, mandated to help and support people with communication disorders. Founded in 1965 as an autonomous institute under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, AIISH has been successfully carrying out its activities for the last forty six years. In pursuit of its mission of ensuring ***effective communication by one and all***, the institute

1. generates and prepares knowledgeable and skilled practitioners in Speech - Language Pathology and Audiology and allied fields, who can provide state-of-the art, client-centred service in multiple settings.
2. conducts both basic and applied research in areas related to communication disorders and disseminates the findings among the local, national and international audiences,
3. provides affordable, accessible and high-quality speech, language, and Hearing clinical services to the needy ones, and
4. develops, implements and evaluates education and outreach programs to address the prevention, intervention and control of communication disorders.

Started as an institute to train the postgraduate students in Speech and Hearing, today AIISH has grown into the largest institute in the country offering various diploma, graduate, postgraduate, PG Diploma, doctoral and post doctoral programs in the field, in addition to rendering clinical services to thousands of persons with communication disorders from all over the country and conducting multi-faceted research to find solutions to the challenges of communication disorders. All these activities are spearheaded by the experts working in 11 departments of the Institute namely Audiology, Centre for Rehabilitation Education through Distance Mode, Clinical Psychology, Clinical Services ,Electronics, Otorhinolaryngology, Prevention of Communication Disorders, Special Education, Speech-Language Pathology and Speech-Language Sciences.

The institute has been recognised as a Centre of Excellence in the area of deafness by World Health Organization (WHO), as a Centre of Advanced Research by University Grants Commission (UGC) and as a Science & Technology Institute by Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India.