

DIRECTOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

New Initiatives taken up, major events organized and participated

- ❖ **Tele-assessment and Tele-rehabilitation:** Initiated Tele-assessment and Tele-rehabilitation program at the Institute during the lockdown period to reach to the people who were availing clinical services at AIISH. Seven WhatsApp groups were created and nearly 400 people availed the tele-services.
- ❖ **Standard Operating Procedure:** Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) was initiated and the Institute clinical activities were monitored according to the standard operating procedure. The SOP meetings were conducted regularly and took necessary precaution to prevent the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ **Setting up of COVID-19 Day Care Centre:** Instrumental in setting up of COVID-19 Day Care Centre at AIISH Guest House for COVID-19 positive cases among the students and staffs, to provide emergency support till they get admitted in the



hospital. The unit was equipped with oxygen cylinders and other necessary support. The Guest House rooms were provided for staff and students required isolation with free food & accommodation.

- ❖ **Induction Training:** Introduced an induction training / orientation program for the newly joined staff members under regular service of the Institute.
- ❖ **Social Media and Other Mass Media Platforms:** Institutional accounts were created on all the major social media platforms and they were extensively used for providing orientation on communication disorders to the public during the lockdown period. More than 20 videos in Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, English and Hindi were uploaded every month. In addition, print and digital mass media such as news papers, magazines, television channels and radio channels were extensively used for public orientation. This initiative reached a wide audience of thousands of people across the country and abroad.
- ❖ **Support for the Student Inmates:** Nearly 400 students stayed in the hostel campus during the lockdown period were monitored, arranged psychological counselling and extended emotional support.
- ❖ **Daily Orientation for the Walk-in Patients:** A daily orientation programme was initiated for the walk-in patients regarding the COVID-19 guidelines on wearing mask and maintaining social distancing.
- ❖ **Online Entrance Examinations:** National level online entrance examinations were introduced for admitting students to the BASLP and M.Sc (Audiology), M.Sc. (Speech-Language Pathology) programmes.
- ❖ **Executive Council and Standing Finance Committee Meeting:** The 57th Executive Council (EC) and 51st Standing Finance Committee meetings of the Institute were conducted successfully in virtual mode. The EC met after a gap of four years.
- ❖ **World Hearing Day Celebrations & World Hearing Forum Membership:** The World Hearing Day, 2021 was celebrated by organizing a number of events. The celebrations received international attention and the Institute obtained membership in the prestigious World Hearing Forum.
- ❖ **New Outreach Service Centres:** Seven new Outreach Service Centres were opened across the country.

Meetings with the parent ministry

- ❖ Interacted with Shri. Alok Saxena, Joint Secretary to discuss the activities of the Institute on 9th July 2020 through virtual mode.
- ❖ Interacted with Shri Alok Saxena, Joint Secretary to discuss the matters of entrance examinations, revised recruitment rules on Clinical Supervisor and Research Officer and the 51st Standing Finance Committee meeting agenda on 20th August 2020 through virtual mode.
- ❖ Interacted with the committee to review the status of capital expenditure under the Chairmanship of Shri Alok Saxena, Joint Secretary on 24th August 2020 through virtual mode.
- ❖ Interacted with Shri Alok Saxena, Joint Secretary, Ms. Bindu Tewari, Director and Shri Dharminder Singh, Under Secretary to discuss the matters of the entrance examination for UG & PG programmes 2020-21, Assessment Promotion Scheme for faculty, up-gradation of diploma program to B.ASLP and the status of Centre of Excellence Building on 10th September 2020 through virtual mode.
- ❖ Interacted with Shri N.B. Mani, Deputy Secretary to discuss the activities of the Institute on 22nd September 2020 through virtual mode.
- ❖ Interacted with Shri Alok Saxena, Joint Secretary to discuss conducting of the 51st Standing Finance Committee meeting of the Institute on 26th September 2020 through virtual mode.
- ❖ Interacted with Shri Alok Saxena, Joint Secretary, Ms. Bindu Tewari, Director and Shri Dharminder Singh, Under Secretary to discuss the matters related to the proposed amendments to the MOA, rules and regulations and bye-laws of AIISH on 30th September 2020 through virtual mode.
- ❖ Interacted with internal committee constituted for 51st Standing Finance Committee regarding agendas related to infrastructure, HR initiatives, enhancement of internal revenue, honorarium and allowances on 4th November 2020 through virtual mode.
- ❖ Interacted with Shri Vishal Chauhan, Joint Secretary to discuss about the activities of the Institute on 5th December 2020 through virtual mode.
- ❖ Interacted with Sri. Vishal Chauhan, Joint Secretary, Sri. Alok Saxena, Joint Secretary (NACO), Ms. Vandana Jain, Joint Secretary (Nominee of AS-FA) and Sri. M.B. Mani, Deputy Secretary, in connection with remaining agendas of 51st SFC on 16th December 2020 through virtual mode.
- ❖ Interacted with the Expert Committee to comprehensively review the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD) and strengthening of

outreach programmes of AIISH, Mysuru under the Chairmanship of Shri Vishal Chauhan, Joint Secretary (NCD) on 18th March 2021.

- ❖ Interacted with Shri. Vishal Chauhan, Joint Secretary (NCD) to review progress of construction of Speech and Hearing Museum of the Institute on 22nd March 2021.

Media Engagements

- ❖ Attended a phone-in-program of the All India Radio and interacted with the clients and parents of children with communication disorders, broadcasted on 11th August 2020.
- ❖ Provided an interview to the Editor, Prajavani, the reputed Kannada daily regarding the prevention of noise pollution during the celebration of Deepavali which was published on 4th November 2020.
- ❖ Attended a phone-in-programme organized by Prajavani newspaper regarding the institute activities on 8th November 2020.
- ❖ Participated in the Vijaya Karnataka Press Meet on 12th November 2020.
- ❖ Attended an interaction program at DD Chandana regarding an Introductory talk on AIISH on 28th November 2020.
- ❖ Attended an interaction program at DD Chandana regarding the activities of the institute on 29th November 2020.
- ❖ Attended a programme on Red FM 93.2 Radio along with staff members in the institute campus in connection with the precautions to be taken to avoid spread of COVID-19 on 14th December 2020.
- ❖ Attended an interaction program at DD Chandana regarding the activities of the institute and introduction of speech and hearing disorders on 14th December 2020.

Other External Meetings Attended

- ❖ Meeting with Chief Executive Officer, HSCL, Bangalore along with Dr. Ajish K. Abraham regarding the construction of Museum building at AIISH on 18th November 2020.
- ❖ Inspected the proposed Outreach Centre to be initiated at Govt. District Hospital & Community Centre, Nilambur, Kerala along with Sri K. Arunraj, Audiologist on 21st January 2021.
- ❖ Inspected the proposed Outreach Centre at Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Agartala, Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, atna and All India Institute of

Medical Sciences, Bhubaneshwar along with Sri K. Arunraj, Audiologist from 3rd to 6th February 2021.

- ❖ Interacted with the officials in connection with initiation of the proposed Outreach Centre at Government Medical College, Miraj, Maharashtra along with Sri K. Arunraj, Audiologist on 16th March 2021.
- ❖ Interaction with Shri. Prathap Simha, Member of the Parliament regarding the Institute on 22nd February 2021
- ❖ Interacted with the Mrs. Rohini Sindhoori, District Commissioner, Mysuru along with Dr. Sunder Raju, Professor & Dean Infrastructure on 29th March 2021.

Major Academic meetings chaired/attended

- ❖ Governing Council meeting of JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysuru on 6th July 2020 in virtual mode.
- ❖ Meeting with RCI Inspection Team regarding the extension of RCI Affiliation for DHLS, B.ASLP& M.Sc. (SPL) programs on 18th June 2020.
- ❖ Meeting with the officials of the Indian Institute of Science & St. Johns Hospital, Bengaluru on research collaboration on 29th July 2020.
- ❖ Meeting and presentation with the Inspection team for university affiliation, University of Mysore on 24th September 2020.
- ❖ 14th Executive Council meeting of ISLRTC under the Chairmanship of Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, (DEPwD) on 29th September 2020 in virtual mode.
- ❖ Attended the 36th Governing Council Meeting of Dr. S.R. Chandrashekhar Institute of Speech and Hearing, Bengaluru on 9th November 2020 in virtual mode.
- ❖ Meeting with the Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore on academic issues on 24th November 2020.
- ❖ Chaired the Board of Studies meeting (Sp&Hg) and (Aud) on 26th November 2020 in virtual mode.
- ❖ Chaired the Board of Studies meeting (SLP) and (Spl. Edn.) on 27th November 2020 in virtual mode.
- ❖ Meeting with the Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore, Mysuru on academic issues on 2nd December 2020.

- ❖ Interaction with the Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore regarding academic matters on 7th January 2021.
- ❖ Chaired the Board of Examinations Meeting on 11th and 12th January 2021. Attended the meeting of faculty of science & technology at the University of Mysore, Mysuru on 8th February 2021.
- ❖ Attended the meeting of faculty of Education at the University of Mysore, Mysuru on 9th February 2021.
- ❖ Attended National Institute of Speech and Hearing (NISH) meeting on 16th February 2021 in virtual mode.

Scientific meetings attended and presentations delivered

Attended the Webinar on New-born Hearing Screening and delivered invited speech on the Role of AIISH in New-born Screening, organised by Meenakshi Venkataraman Foundation, Hyderabad on 10th, 13th & 17th August 2020.

Attended the Consultation meet on the Challenges facing by NGOs to implement the programs in schools in perspective of National Education Policy 2020, organized by Samagra Shikshana Karnataka on 15th September 2020 through virtual mode.

Attended the Webinar on Ear and Hearing Care, organized by the WHO South East Asia Region and delivered a lecture on Problems and Solutions in the field of Speech and Hearing on 16th September 2020.

Attended the Sensitization Programme for Doctors and Audiologists at the Medical College under the National Programme on Prevention & Control of Deafness (NPPCD) and delivered a lecture on Overview of AIISH on 29th October 2020.

Attended the National Programme on Prevention & Control of Deafness Training Programme, Level -II, 2nd batch and delivered a lecture on AIISH: Objectives and activities to complement NPPCD program on 5th November 2020 in virtual mode.

Attended the International Webinar on Tinnitus and Hyperacusis Assessment and Management, organized by the Institute on 3rd December 2020.

Attended the Seminar on disability and delivered a lecture on Ability & Disability Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 organized by the Administrative Training Institute, Mysore on 8th December 2020

Attended the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2020, organized by the Ministry

of Science & Technology, Govt. of India and delivered a lecture on the Institute activities on 18th December 2020 in virtual mode

Attended the Research Technical Committee meeting of Bangalore Speech and Hearing Trust on 10th February 2021

Co-authored Scientific Presentations : Four Nos.

New Extramural Funded Project Sanctioned: One No.

Publications: Eleven Nos.

Internal Meetings

- ❖ Chaired / Attended 22 Academic-related meetings
- ❖ Chaired 15 meetings of Building and Works Committee on Centre of Excellence, AIISH Museum, Setting -up of AIISH-like Institution at Kanpur, UP and others.
- ❖ Chaired four meetings on Institutional Presence on Social Media
- ❖ Chaired 14 other meeting on various matters