The All India Institute of Speech and Hearing is a pioneer national organization advancing the causes of training, research, clinical care and public education on communication disorders.

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Established in the year 1965, as an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. Of India, the Institute achieved a number of accomplishments in the past fifty-four years. These include:

* + Centre of Excellence in the area of deafness by the World Health Organization,
	+ Centre of Advanced Research on Communication Disorders and the College with Potential for Excellence by the University Grants Commission,
	+ Centre of Excellence in the area of Communication Disorders and Nodal Centre for Implementation of Prevention and Control of Deafness by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India
	+ Science & Technology Institute by the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India
	+ 'A' Grade accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, UGC, Govt. Of India,
	+ Collaborative Organization for the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India
	+ and it is the first government organization in the country getting ISO 9001-2015 Certification.

**News 2018-19**

The significant events of the year at the Institute during the reporting year in chronological order were:

* + Swachh Bharath Fortnight
	+ Launching of Illumina Miseq Equipment
	+ Preschool Graduation Day
	+ Summer camp for pre-school children
	+ 53rd Annual Day celebration
	+ Opening of Eye-tracking Lab
	+ Inauguration of Equipment for Vestibular System Evaluation
	+ Inauguration of new New-born Screening Centres
	+ Opening of upgraded Central Computer Centre
	+ International Workshop on Speech Processing for Voice, Speech and Hearing Disorders on
	+ Swachhta Drive – Swachhta Hi Sewa on
	+ World Cerebral Palsy day.
	+ Appointment of Dr. M. Pushpavathi, Professor, Speech Language Pathology as new director on 17th October 2018.
	+ Sensitization Programme on Occupational Noise induced Hearing Loss and its Prevention
	+ Free hearing aid repair camp
	+ The Institute Graduation Day
	+ TheInternational Day of Persons with Disabilities
	+ Opening of the 6th Outreach service centre of the institute
	+ All India Annual NBS Coordinators Meet
	+ World Hearing Day.
	+ AIISH AAWAAZ, the annual inter-collegiate cultural

**Learning & Teaching**

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During the reporting year, the Institute offered **16** academic programmes ranging from certificate to post-doctoral, and of these, the Diploma in Hearing, Language and Speech was offered in online mode through video conferencing in **7** centres across the country.

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And student admission to the B.ASLP, M.Sc. Audiology & M. Sc. Speech- Language Pathology programmes was done through national level entrance examinations held across the country and admission to the remaining programmes were done based on the marks obtained in the respective qualifying exams.

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Our students performed well in the University examinations conducted and there were **100**% pass in M.Sc. (Audiology), M.Sc. (SLP) examinations, **98**% in B.Sc. (Sp.& Hg.) and **85**% in B.Ed.Sp.Ed.(HI).

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The institute provided educational stipend to all the eligible students pursuing various academic programmes and the total amount disbursed on stipend and fellowships during the reporting year was Rs. **121.27** lakhs.

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In order to enhance the clinical and research acumen of the students, the institute conducted journal club meetings, clinical conferences and SEEK Gyan Programme

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In addition, **7** guest lectures by distinguished personalities, **69** in-house training programmes for the faculty and staff and **29** workshops and conferences were organized during the reporting year.

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Also, the institute conducted **296** orientation and short-term training programmes on various aspects of communication and its disorders and more than four thousand persons across the country and abroad benefitted from them.

The eminent faculty members and staff of the institute delivered a total number of **203** invited talks on the areas of their expertise on various occasions both inside and outside the institute during the reporting year.

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**RESEARCH**

During the reporting year, **13** research projects worth Rupees **114.29** lakhs were successfully completed at the Institute, 30 research projects worth Rupees **573.36** lakhs were ongoing and **26** research projects worth Rupees **229.78** lakhs were initiated in different departments. The projects were funded by the Got. Of India funding agencies like DST, ICMR and UGC and the Institute.

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Totally, **13** students completed their doctoral research during the reporting year and among them **8** were awarded the degree and the remaining **5** were under evaluation. In addition, **58** students were pursuing their doctoral research in different departments of the institute during the reporting year.

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The postgraduate students of the institute carry out research as a part of their course work. Totally, **69** postgraduate research projects were completed and **72** were ongoing during the end of the reporting year at the Institute.

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The faculty, staff and students of the institute published **91** scientific papers in various national and international journals, **43** In-house journals and **19** books and book chapters. They also presented **139** scientific papers in various national and international conferences during the reporting year.

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**Clinical Care**

Totally **22,037** new patients were registered for availing clinical services at the institute during the reporting year. Also, there were **51,872** review cases. Majority of the new cases (**20668**) were from Karnataka, the state in which the institute is located, followed by the neighboring states of Kerala (730), Tamil Nadu (221), and Andhra Pradesh (178). Also, there were clients from U.K, Maldives and Nepal.

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The speech and language outpatient unit evaluated **6914** clients which includes **5123** new and **1791** review cases.

Also, **5062** persons with speech and language disorders underwent speech therapy in **25731** sessions in different clinical units of the Institute.

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In the Audiology outpatient unit, a total of **15,738** clients were assessed and hearing evaluations were carried out for **13,525** individuals. Clients evaluated for hearing aids were **6668** and **5475** ear moulds were made.

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Psychological assessment was carried out for the **6768** persons with communication disorders at the Department of Clinical Psychology and rehabilitation provided include Behavior therapy, home-based training, remedial training, parental counselling and neuro-psychological rehabilitation.

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ENT assessment was carried out for **39665** clients at the ENT Department of the Institute and **22166** clients at K.R. Hosptial, Mysore. Also, **109** major and **600** minor surgeries were successfully carried out.

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The institute provided a variety of specialized clinical services for individuals with communication disorders during the reporting year in areas such as Augmentative and Alternative Communication, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Adult and Elderly Persons with Language Disorders, Dysphasia, Fluency disorders, Implantable Hearing Devices, Learning Disability, Listening Training, Motor Speech Disorders, Neuropsychology, Professional Voice Care, Structural Orofacial Anomalies , Vertigo and Voice.

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The medical and allied health services provided include Neurology, Pediatrics, Phono surgery, Plastic surgery, Prosthodontics, Orthodontics, physiotherapy and occupational therapy

The Department of Special education under its pre-school provided various special education services such as preschool training, parent-infant training, preschool parent empowerment, preschool bridge course, curricular support / educational counselling & guidance, co-curricular service and computer literacy training for children with communication disorders.

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The clinical support services provided during the reporting year include the distribution and repairing of hearing aids, distribution of toy kits and financial assistance to the needy clinical cases.

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**Outreach Services**

The major outreach services provided includenew-bornscreening for communication disorders at **17** hospitals and two immunization centres in Mysore, **4** outreach service centres of the Institute in various localities in Karnataka and **8** Newborn screening centres located across the country. Screening was also carried out in industries, schools, old-age homes, and camp based screening.

Clinical Services were also rendered to persons with communication disorder at the four outreach services of the institute.

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Other outreach services provided include Tele assessments, intervention and educational guidance and counseling through the Institute tele centre and itinerant service.

**Public Education**

The institute has been taking various steps to make the common man aware of the communication disorders.

The major Public Education activities carried out during the reporting year include: monthly public lecture on communication disorder,

preparation and dissemination of public information resources

and public education programmes like street plays, observation of Commemorative days associated with communication disorders,

organization of orientation lectures and sensitization programmes on prevention of communication disorders in various localities and education through print and electronic media.

**Extra-Curricular Activities**

* During the reporting year, **53rd** Annual Day, Independence Day, Christmas, Republic Day, Talents Day, Ayurveda Awareness, Movie Night, Farewell Party, National Science Day, Stabmi Live Band and Auto Expo, Zumba and AIISH Aawaaz were organized under AIISH, Gymkhana

and the NSS Unit of the Institute organized activities such as Orientation Programme, Shramadan, Kodagu and Kerala Flood Relief work, games and sports, art and craft making, trekking, run for unity, pre-school screening, blood donation, NSS special camp, orphanage visit and kannada classes.

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**Official Language Implementation**

The Official Language Implementation activities of the Institute during the reporting year include:

Training in Prabodh for the Institute staff

Material Translation and Development

Conducting of workshops & seminars

Hindi Week Celebration

Word-a-day in Hindi and

Hosting of award for the best execution of official language among the Departments and Sections of the Institute.

**Awards & Laurels**

As in previous years, the Institute staff and students received a number of awards and laurels during the reporting year.

**Awards hosted by other organizations**

The Institute received the following awards for its official language implementation activities during the reporting year:

* **Karyalaya Jyothi Smruthi Chinna Puraskar** for the best execution of Official Language.
* **Dr. M. Pushpavathi**, Director of the Institute received the **Rais Ahmed Memorial Lecture Award** 2018 instituted by Acoustical Society of India and **Braithwaite's Oration award** instituted by Indian Society of Cleft Lip, Palate and Craniofacial Anomalies.
* **Dr. Animesh Barman** received Padmashree **Prof. S. Rameswaran Endowment Oration** Award.
* **Dr. S. Venkatesan**, and **Dr. Alok Kumar** **Upadhyay** were honored for their professional services

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* **Ms. Rakshith S** received **Arati Venkataraman Memorial Gold Medal** and **Ms. Priyadarshini V**, Dr **P.D. Manohar Gold Medal** for securing ranks in University of Mysore M.Sc Examinations.
* In addition, 60 faculty, staff and students bagged best scientific paper presentation awards.

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Dr. Sreedevi N., Dr. Ajith Kumar, Dr. P. Purusothama, Ms. Megha, Ms. Geetha M.P., Mr. B. Suresh, and Mr. K. Sreenivasa, received the best AIISHAN of the Year award for the year 2018-19.

* **Ms. Rakshith** received **Dr. Vijayalakshmi Basavaraj Gold Medal**,

**Ms. Priyadharshini**  received **Dr. R. Sundar Gold Medal,**

**Smt. Jayalakshamma Gold Medal,**

**Friends United Organisation Endowment** cash prize and,

**Smt. T. V. Alamelu Gold Medal** and

 **Ms. Eliza Baby** received Smt. **T. V. Alamelu Gold Medal**

for their performance in PG Examination 2018 of University of Mysore.

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* **Ms. Priyanka, Ms. Shezeen and Ms. Varsha** received the Best Student Clinician Awards.
* **Ms. Hima, Ms. Pooja, Ms. Thanuja, and Ms. Vijaya** received the Best Journal Club Presentation Award.
* Ms. **Gouri**, Mr. **Ankit** and Mr. **Jeevan** received the Best Clinical Conference Presentation Award.

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**Other Activities & Events**

Other major activities & eventsat the Institute during the reporting year include:

Infrastructure Development and Maintenance

Material Development

Personnel Management

Technological Consultancy Services

Implementation of Right to Information Act

Reservation Policy Implementation and Library and Information Services