

DIRECTOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

Events / Activities Organized and New Initiatives Undertaken

- Co-ordinated the *National Level Entrance Exams* for admission to the UG/PG programs on 13th September 2021, the *Inspection of the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) Expert Team for the Renewal of Affiliation* on 17th September 2021 and the *NAAC Peer Team visit for Institutional Assessment and Accreditation* for Cycle – II from 29th to 30th December 2021.
- Co-ordinated the celebration of *Talents Day* program on 11th June 2021, *International Yoga Day* celebration on 21st June 2021, *56th Annual Day of AIISH* on 9th August 2021, *Graduation Day 2020* on 9th August 2021, and *75th Independent Day* on 15th August 2021 at the Institute.
- Co-ordinated the observation of *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, *International AAC Awareness Week* from 25th to 30th October 2021, *Vigilance Awareness Week* from 26th October 2021 to 1st November 2021, *International Day for Persons with Disabilities* on 3rd December 2021, and *World Hearing Day* on 3rd March 2022.
- Implemented a *battery-operated vehicle service* inside the campus for the general public from 9th August 2021.
- Introduced an *android-based mobile app for hearing screening* by the general public from 9th August 2021.
- Released the *newborn hearing screening report* on 9th August 2021.
- Opened an *Inclusive Therapy Park* at the Institute for the special children on 9th October 2021.

- Laid the foundation stone for construction of new toilet block with cloak facility opposite to AIISH canteen for patients on 17th February 2022
- Coordinated the release of newborn screening, elderly screening and school screening reports and 39 public education pamphlets by Shri. Mansukh Malavya, Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India as a part of the World Hearing Day on 3rd March 2022.
- Conducted the 52nd Standing Finance Committee meeting of the Institute, under the Chairmanship of Shri Vikas Sheel, Additional Secretary & Mission Director (NHM), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. New Delhi in virtual mode on 23rd 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 with Ms. Preeti Pant, Joint Secretary (H), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi, on Institute matters, on 14th June 2021, in virtual mode.
- Organized and attended a meeting of the Review Committee 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, Govt. of India New Delhi, on 16th June 2021.
- Interacted with Ms. Preeti Pant, Joint Secretary (H), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi, on pending agenda items of 50th and 51st Standing Finance Committee meetings of the Institute, on 6th July 2021.
- Organized and attended a meeting of the Review Committee on 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, Govt. of India, New Delhi, on 19th July 2021 in virtual mode.

- Organized and attended a meeting of the Review Committee 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, Govt. of India New Delhi, on 23rd July 2021
- Organized and attended a meeting on Institute matters with Shri. Harmeet Singh, Joint Secretary (H), and Ms. Saritha Nair, Deputy Secretary (NCD-I), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi, on 3rd September 2021, in virtual mode.
- Organized and attended a meeting of the Review Committee on setting up of AIISH Kanpur, as Member Secretary, chaired by Shri Harmeet Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, on 7th September 2021, in virtual mode.
- Organized and attended a meeting of the Review Committee on setting up of AIISH Kanpur, as Member Secretary, chaired by 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 a 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 5th October 2021.
- Conducted and attended the Selection Committee meeting for the posts of Professor and Assistant Professors 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 & Associate 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.

- Organized and attended a meeting of the Review Committee on setting up of AIISH Kanpur, chaired by Shri Harmeet Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, on 15th & 29th November 2021, in virtual mode.
- Attended a meeting of the Expert Committee on Deafness in connection with the establishment of 100 outreach centers of AIISH across the country at the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi, on 10th December 2021.
- Organized and attended the 6th meeting of the Review Committee to comprehensively review the progress of work regarding setting up of AIISH Kanpur under the Chairmanship of Shri Harmeet Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India on 6th January 2022 in virtual mode.
- Organized and attended a meeting on the pending issues of the Institute with Shri Vikas Sheel, IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, on 31st January 2022 in virtual mode.
- Interacted with the Deputy Secretary and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India at the Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi, and discussed the policy matters/decisions and other pending issues related to administration of AIISH on 11th March 2022.
- Organized and attended the 7th meeting of the Review Committee for setting up of AIISH Kanpur under the Chairmanship of Shri Harmeet Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, Shri. Rajpal Bhatia, Under Secretary, IFD, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, and Shri. Rishin Manas Das, NPCC, Nodal Officer, AIISH Kanpur Project on 24th March 2022 in virtual mode.

Other External Meetings

- Attended the 16th meeting of the Executive Council of ISLRTC, chaired by Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, on 21st May 2021, in virtual mode.
- Attended a meeting with Prof. Mahadeva Prasanna, Dean, IIT, Dharwad and Dr. Ajish K. Abraham, Professor of Electronics, AIISH regarding a collaborative research project on the development of AAC devices, on 19th and 21st June 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 2021, in virtual mode.
- Attended a meeting with Dr. Sapna, M.S., Professor & Coordinator, Radio Manasa-Community Radio Station, University of Mysore, Mysuru regarding collaboration programs on Radio Manasa, on 29th July 2021
- Chaired a 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.
- Attended the 18th meeting of the Executive Council of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi, chaired by Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India and Chairperson, Executive Council of ISLRTC on 1st February 2022 in virtual mode.
- Attended the Executive Council meeting of the Indian Speech and Hearing Association at AIISH, Mysuru on 17th February 2022.
- Attended the 9th General Council Meeting of the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi under the chairpersonship of Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with

Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India on 19th February 2022 in virtual mode.

- Attended the virtual inauguration of Professional Development Programme on Inclusive Education, organized by RIE, Mysuru on 21st February 2022.
- Attended the Advisory Committee meeting of the State Commissioner for Rights of Persons with Disabilities, along with Dr. Sangeetha Mahesh, Head, Department of Clinical Services at the office of the State Commissioner for Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Bangalore on 10th March 2022.
- Attended the 96th Annual Meet of the Association of Indian Universities and National Conference of Vice-chancellors, hosted by the University of Mysore, Mysuru on 23rd March 2022.

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
- Coordinated the AIISH Entrance Examination, 2021 on 13th September 2021
- Coordinated the RCI inspection for the affiliation for DHA & ET and B.ASLP programs, on 17th September 2021
- Attended the meeting of the Board of Appointment of Examiners (BOAE) in the 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 the University of Mysore, Mysuru on 9th November 2021
- Attended the meeting of the Board of Appointment of Examiners (BOAE) in the 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 the University of Mysore, Mysuru, on 10th November 2021

- Served as Chairperson, NAAC Peer Team for the accreditation of the College of Nursing, Christian Institute of Health Sciences and Research, Diphupar, Nagaland, from 24th to 25 February 2022.
- Met with the Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore, Mysuru along with Dr. Ajith Kumar, U., Academic Coordinator in connection with academic issues on 21st February 2022.

Media Engagements

- Co-ordinated the production of a video titled *Aatada Jothegondu Paata* (Learn Lesson through a Game) for special children and disseminated 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.
- Wrote an article titled *Awareness of hearing problems in individuals affected with Covid-19* in the *The Vijaya Karnataka Newspaper*, on 29th June 2021
- 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.
- Wrote an article titled *Employment opportunities for diploma holders, B.Ed., M.Ed., and UG/PG graduates in the area of speech and hearing* in *The Vijaya Karnataka newspaper*, on 24th July 2021.
- Delivered a Public Orientation Lecture on Prevention and Treatment of Speech and Hearing Disorders on Clubhouse Social Media platform, organized by *Shivamogga Today* on 8th, 18th, 19th, 26th & 30th September, and 3rd October 2021.
- Delivered a talk on AIISH Activities on Clubhouse Talk, Mysuru on 1st October 2021

- Delivered a Public Orientation Lecture on Stroke and Stroke Management on Clubhouse Social Media platform, on 14th October 2021.
- Delivered a talk on Hearing Screening for Newborns on 17th 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
- A live phone-in-programme was held for the general public about AIISH activities through Janadhwani Radio Station, Mysuru on 30th October 2021
- Wrote an article titled ತೊದಲಿನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಿರ್ಲಕ್ಷ್ಯಬೇಡ (*Stuttering*) in *The Andolana* newspaper on 11th November 2021.
- Delivered a talk in the talk show programme organized by mPower Talk, Mysuru's first online talk show platform, on 12th December 2021 and 1st January 2022.

Meetings and Visits in Connection with the Expansion of Outreach Services

- Held a meeting with Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Director, AIIMS, Jodhpur, along with Dr. K. Arunraj, Audiologist, in connection with the establishment of an outreach service centre at the AIIMS, Jodhpur, on 1st April 2021, in virtual mode.
- Held a meeting with Dr. Jasbinder Kaur, Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Chandigarh, along with Dr. K. Arunraj, Audiologist, in connection with the establishment of an outreach service centre at the Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Chandigarh on 1st April 2021, in virtual mode.
- Held a meeting with Dr. Rakesh, Govt. Institute of Medical Sciences, Greater Noida, U.P. along with Dr. K. Arunraj, Audiologist, in connection with the establishment of an outreach service centre of the Institute at the Govt. Institute of Medical Sciences, Greater Noida, U.P. on 9th April 2021, in virtual mode.
- Held a meeting with Dr. Ravikanth, AIIMS, Rishikesh, along with Dr. K. Arunraj, Audiologist, in connection with the establishment of an outreach service centre of the Institute at the AIIMS, Rishikesh on 9th April 2021, in virtual mode.

- Held a meeting with Dr. Gurumani, Head, Dept. of ENT, Andaman and Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences, along with Dr. K. Arunraj, Audiologist, in connection with the establishment of an outreach service centre of the Institute at the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences, on 16th April 2021, in virtual mode.
- Held a meeting with the officials of the Chandigarh Medical College, Chandigarh, along with Dr. K. Arunraj, Audiologist, in connection with the establishment of an outreach service centre of the Institute at the Chandigarh Medical College, Chandigarh, on 12th May 2021, in virtual mode.
- Held a meeting with the officials of the AIIMS, Raebareli, along with Dr. K. Arunraj, Audiologist, in connection with the establishment of an outreach service centre of the Institute at the AIIMS, Raebareli, on 29th June 2021, in 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 establishment of an outreach service centre of the Institute at the Sub-divisional Hospital, Kundapura, on 20th July 2021, in virtual mode.
- Held a meeting with Dr. P.K. Rathore, Professor of ENT, Loknaya Jayaprakash Narayan Hospital, New Delhi in connection with the establishment of an outreach service centre of the Institute at the Loknaya Jayaprakash Narayan Hospital, New Delhi, on 18th August 2021, in virtual mode.
- Held a meeting with Dr. Ramanesh Murti, Dean & Professor, Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Chattisgarh, Surguja in connection with the establishment of an outreach service centre of the Institute at the Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Chattisgarh, Surguja on 23rd August 2021, in 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 the 2nd phase meeting with the officials of the sub-divisional taluk hospital Kundapura, Udupi, in connection with the proposed outreach reach service centre of the Institute, on 3rd September 2021, in virtual mode.
- Inspected the proposed outreach service centre locality of the Institute 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 service centre locality of the Institute, on 21st September 2021.
- Visited the Loknayak Hospital, New Delhi, in connection with the proposed outreach service centre of the Institute, on 24th September 2021.
- Visited the Government Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS), Noida in connection with the proposed outreach service centre of the Institute, on 25th September 2021
- Organized and attended a 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 5th October 2021.
- Held a meeting on the establishment of an outreach service center of the Institute at Koppal, Karnataka, on 8th October 2021, in virtual mode.
- Held a meeting on the establishment of an outreach service center of the Institute at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, on 21st October 2021, in virtual mode.
- Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with AIIMS, Jodhpur, on behalf of the Institute for the establishment of an outreach service center of the Institute, on 28th October 2021.
- Chaired a meeting for the initiation of an outreach service center of the Institute at Balodh, Chattisgarh, on 15th November 2021, in virtual mode.
- Held a meeting with the officials of the AIIMS, Bhopal, in connection with the establishment of an outreach service centre of the Institute at AIIMS, Bhopal, on 1st December 2021 in virtual mode

- Held a meeting with the officials of the AIIMS, Bibinagar, Telangana in connection with the establishment of an outreach centre of the Institute, on 14th December 2021, in virtual mode.
- Held a meeting with Dr. Reshma Chawan, Head, Department of ENT and Mr. Ajay D, Audiologist,/SLP, Government Medical College, Miraj, Maharashtra along with Dr. Sreedevi, Head, Department of Prevention of Communication Disorders, Mr. Arunraj, Audiologist and Ms. Reshma, SLP, AIISH, in connection with initiation of the proposed outreach service centre of the Institute at the Government Medical College, Miraj, on 10th January 2022 in virtual mode.
- Held a meeting with Dr. Yamini Gupta, Head, Department of ENT, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical College, Indore, along with Dr. Sreedevi, Head, Department of Prevention of Communication Disorders, Mr. Arunraj, Audiologist and Ms. Reshma, SLP, AIISH, in connection with initiation of the proposed outreach service centre of the Institute at the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical College, Indore, on 12th January 2022 in virtual mode.
- Held a meeting with Smt. Sumalatha, Member of Parliament, Mandya, Ms. Ashwathi, Deputy Commissioner, Mandya and District Health Officer, Mandya, along with Dr. Sreedevi, Head, Department of Prevention of Communication Disorders, Mr. Arunraj, Audiologist and Ms. Reshma, SLP, AIISH, in connection with initiation of the proposed Outreach Service Centre of the Institute in Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences, Mandya on 28th January 2022.
- Signed a Memorandum of Understanding between AIISH and Community Health Centre, Chungathara, Nilambu, Kerala to establish an outreach service centre of the Institute on 17th February 2022.

Expert Talk / Guest Lectures delivered

- Delivered a speech at the Symposium on *National Program for Prevention and Control of Deafness* at the Central Health Education Bureau, New Delhi, on the International Day of Sign Languages 2021, on 24th September 2021.

- Served as a resource person for the Live Phone-in-Program of AIISH, Mysuru, on 16th July 2021 on account of the 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, in virtual 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 Today*, on 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 Organization, on 27th August 2021.

Research Publications

- K.S. Girish & M. Pushpavathi, H.V. Satich (2021). Influence of native language on nasalance values in Kannada and Malayalam speakers. *Journal of Cleft Lip Palate and craniofacial Anomalies*, 8,111-118.
- K.S. Girish, & M. Pushpavathi (2021). Correlation of subjective and objective assessment of children with repaired cleft lip and palate. *Journal of the International Clinical Dental Research Organization*, 13,1.
- Srushti Sabnam & M. Pushpavathi (2021). Effect of gender on acoustic voice quality index 02.03 and Dysphonia Severity Index in Indian normophonic adults. *Indian Journal of Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery*. Published online on 2nd July 2021

- Sushma M., M. Pushpavathi, & R. Gopi Sankar (2022). Impact of articulation therapy on perceptual characteristics of bilabials in children with repaired cleft lip and palate. *Journal of Cleft Lip Palate and Craniofacial Anomalies*, 1, 9, 7-13.
- K.S. Girish, M. Pushpavathi, Ajish K. Abraham, C.M. Vikram (2022). *Automatic speech processing software: New sensitive tool for the assessment of nasality, a preliminary study*. *Journal of Cleft lip Palate and Craniofacial Anomalies*, 1, 9, 14-18.

Awards and Laurels

- Received Dr. N. Rathna Oration Award hosted by the Indian Speech and Hearing Association at the 53rd Annual Conference of the Indian Speech and Hearing Association held on 19th and 20th February 2022, Mysuru.
- Received the Mysuru Ratna award during the Women's Day Celebrations organized by Rotary, Mysuru in association with GSS Events and Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Gold on 12th March 2022.