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.

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 plus 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.

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

* + Preschool Graduation Day on 21st April 2017,
  + Summer camp for pre-school children from 1st to 31st May 2017,
  + Technology Development Meet in collaboration with IEEE-India Special Interest Group on Communication Disorders on 24th June 2017,
  + 52nd Annual Day celebration on 9th August 2017
  + Opening of the 5th outreach service centre of the Institute with newborn screening at the Sub-divisional hospital, Sarguru on 31st July 2017
  + Five-day free hearing aid repair camp from 13th to 17th November 2017
  + 49th Standing Finance Committee of the Institute on 8th December 2017
  + TheInternational Day of Persons with Disabilitieson 8th December 2017
  + The Institute Graduation Day on 16th December 2017
  + Power Purchase Agreement on 27th December 2017 as a part of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM), Govt. of India. Ours is the first organization under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India to sign the Power Purchase Agreement
  + Inauguration of the Renovated Ear Mould Lab on 29th December 2017
  + The 3rd Meeting of the Academic Sub-Committee of the Institute on 22nd January 2018
  + AIISH AAWAAZ, the annual inter-collegiate cultural from 16th to 18th March 2018
  + A distinguished Lecture by Professor Hiroya Fujisaki, University of Tokyo, Japan who is well known world over for his model for the process of fundamental frequency control in speech on 19th & 20th March 2018.

**Learning & Teaching**

During the reporting year, the Institute offered 17 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 8 centres across the country.

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National level entrance examinations were conducted to admit students to the B.ASLP, M.Sc. Audiology & M. Sc. Speech- Language Pathology programmes on 27th May 2017; Totally, 1647 candidates appeared for the B.ASLP entrance examination, 237 for M.Sc. (Audiology) and 217 for M.Sc. (Speech Language Pathology) entrance examinations held across the country.

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Admission to the Diploma, B.S.Ed and M.S.Ed programmes were done based on the merit obtained in the respective qualifying examinations and admission to the PhD programmes were carried out based on the entrance examination conducted by the University of Mysore. Totally, 254 students were admitted to various programmes during the reporting year.

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513 students from different states across the country were studying for various programmes in the Institute during the reporting year and 377 among them were girls.

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As in previous years, our students performed well in the University examinations conducted and there were 100% pass in M.Sc. (Audiology), M.Sc. (SLP) and DHLS examinations and 95% in B.Sc. (Sp.& Hg.), 83% in B.Ed.Sp.Ed.(HI), 50% in both DECSE and DHA&ET examinations

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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. 107.46

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In order to enhance the clinical and research acumen of the students, the institute conducts journal club meetings and clinical conferences. During the reporting year, 20 research papers on communication disorders published in reputed international and national peer-reviewed journals were discussed in the journal club meetings and 20 clinical cases attended at the Institute were discussed in the clinical conferences.

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With an objective of providing the opportunity for the students to seek knowledge and experience on global approach towards assessment and management of communication disorders, Student Enrichment and Expansion of Knowledge**,** SEEK Gyan Programme, was introduced in 2016-17. Totally, 8 such programmes were conducted during the reporting year

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The Institute hosted lectures by distinguished persons who visited the Institute by special invitation. Faculty and students were encouraged to meet the visitors and engage in interactions. Totally, 20 such guest lectures by eminent personalities were held during the reporting year

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The institute staff members were given training in recent advances pertaining to their professional field to meet the continuing training needs. Totally, 83 in-house training programmes were carried during the reporting year

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Also, the institute conducted 137 orientation and short-term training programmes on various aspects of communication and its disorders and more than four thousand persons including speech and hearing and allied professionals, doctors, students, researchers, lawyers, forensic scientists, anganwadi workers, educators, family members and care givers of persons with communication disorders, parents of children with special needs from all over the country benefitted from these programmes.

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Totally, 39 conferences/seminars/training/workshops were organized by different Departments of the institute during the reporting year on various aspects of communication disorders.

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The eminent faculty members and staff of the institute delivered a total number of 174 invited talks on the areas of their expertise on various occasions both inside and outside the institute.

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**RESEARCH**

The institute promotes research related to communication and its disorders. Special emphasis is given to clinically relevant applied research on causes, control and prevention of communication disorders, assessment and treatment issues as well as the testing and refinement of new technologies for the speech and hearing impairment. The research activities of the Institute include both funded research by the faculty and staff as well as student research at postgraduate and doctoral levels.

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The funded research projects include those funded by the institute from the AIISH Research Fund and by the Government of India funding agencies like the Department of Science and Technology (DST),Department of Bio Technology (DBT), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the University Grants Commission (UGC).

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During the reporting year, 25 research projects worth Rupees 213.24 lakhs were successfully completed at the Institute. Of these, 4 projects worth Rupees 117.21 lakhs were funded by DST and the remaining by the institute.

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37 research projects worth Rupees 701.28 lakhs were ongoing in different departments of the Institute during the reporting year. Of these, one project worth Rs.115 lakhs was Institute plan funded, 9 projects worth Rs. 443.73 lakhs were funded by DST, UGC & ICMR, & the remaining 27 projects by the institute.

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20 research projects worth Rupees 239.578 lakhs were initiated in different departments during the reporting year. Of these, 1 project worth Rupees 137.498 lakhs were funded by MHRD, Govt. of India, & the remaining by the institute.

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Totally, 12 students completed their doctoral research during the reporting year and among them 8 were awarded the degree and the remaining 4 were under evaluation. In addition, 45 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, 68 postgraduate research projects were completed and 69 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 113 scientific papers in various national and international journals and published 26 books and book chapters. They also presented 160 scientific papers in various national and international conferences during the reporting year.

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**Clinical Care**

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Totally 72,419 persons were registered for availing clinical services at the institute during the reporting year. This includes **22,519** new and **49,900** review cases.

Majority of the new cases (21154) were from Karnataka, the state in which the institute is located, followed by the neighbouring states of Kerala (780), Tamil Nadu (213), and Andhra Pradesh (160). There were 25 clients from north-east region and 4 foreign clients. Males (13838) outnumbered females (8681) in availing clinical services.

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The speech and language outpatient unit evaluated 6827 clients which includes 5104 new and 1723 review cases. Of the new cases, 4979 were identified with various kinds of speech and language disorders and 125 were found to have normal speech.

Clients requiring further management were given various speech/language therapies depending upon the type and severity of disorder, for daily sessions of 45 minutes duration.

A total of 26625 therapy sessions were conducted for 4883 persons with speech/ language disorders during the reporting year.

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Hearing Evaluations were carried out on individuals who complained of hearing problems. In the Audiology outpatient department, a total of 15,966 clients were assessed and hearing evaluations were carried out on 13,003 individuals at Jayachamaraja Block in Clinical services.

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Clients evaluated for hearing aids were 7711 and 5011 hearing aids were prescribed at AIISH.

Ear impressions were taken for 5580 clients. This includes 1425 new and 3093 old clients at AIISH and 1062 in community-based camps.

The total number of ears for which ear impression were taken was 8931.

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Psychological assessment was carried out for the needy cases at the Department of Clinical Psychology. Routine psycho-diagnostic assessment was carried out for 5219 new and 1344 repeat cases at the Department during the reporting year.

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The Otorhino-laryngological assessment and rehabilitation for persons with communication disorders are being carried out at the Department of Otolaryngology. In addition to the clinical services provided at the Institute, the Department staff render diagnostic, therapeutic and surgical services at K.R. Hospital, Mysore Medical College, Mysore.

Totally, 18155 new and 21152 review cases were examined during the reporting year at the institute, and, 11573 new and 10680 review cases were examined and 98 major and 311 minor surgeries

were successfully carried out at K.R.Hospital.

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The institute provided a variety of specialized clinical services for individuals with communication disorders during the reporting year in its 14 special clinical units namely,

Augmentative and Alternative Communication Unit,

Autism Spectrum Disorders Unit,

Clinic for Adult and Elderly Persons with Language Disorders,

Fluency disorders unit,

Implantable Hearing Devices Unit,

Learning Disability Clinic,

Listening Training Unit,

Motor Speech Disorders Unit,

Neuropsychology Unit,

Professional Voice Care Unit,

Structural Orofacial Anomalies (U- SOFA) Unit,

Dysphasia Unit,

Vertigo Clinic, and

Voice Clinic

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The institute facilitated the services of various medical specialists such

as pediatrician, neurologist, plastic surgeon, prosthodontist,

orthodontist, phono-surgeon and services of allied health

professionals such as physiotherapist and occupational

therapist, to the needy clients

Totally, 971 patients underwent occupational therapy in 5382 sessions and 654

underwent physiotherapy in 4055 sessions