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**Reference Letter**

I am writing this reference for Dr. Shijith Kumar C., who has been working in this organization as Library and Information Officer since 14th December 2010. He is a committed and sincere officer with consistent positive attitude towards work and colleagues.

As the Head, Library and Information Centre, Dr. Shijith Kumar, C. took a number of initiatives to upgrade and modernize our library resources, services and infrastructure. An Institute funded research project on development of web-based platform for the Institute published journals has been successfully completed under his principal investigation. Also, funded projects on development of national database on communication disorders literature and open source platform for AIISH digital repository are progressing and a new funded project on e-learning platform and faculty profile system for the Institute initiated under his principal investigation.

Dr. Shijith Kumar, C., developed curriculum for the open elective course on Information Management in Speech, Language and Hearing for the M.Sc. Programmes of the University of Mysore, Mysuru and currently teaching the course. Also, he conducted a number of workshops and training programmes on information resources and services.

Dr. Shijith Kumar C., is also heading the Product Development Cell, the Publication Section of the Institute and took initiative in publishing a number of new materials. An institute funded research project on the development of clinically useful products is progressing with him as co-investigator.

He is also serving as the Transparency Officer under the RTI Act, Nodal Officer of the RTI-MIS portal of the Institute and the Officer In-charge of the Institute’s Anti-Plagiarism Cell. In addition, he is responsible for preparing the annual report, outcome budget and half-yearly report of the Institute.

I am quite impressed by Dr. Shijith Kumar’s ability to complete all works assigned to him on time. He would be an asset to any organization.

**Dr. S.R. Savithri**

**Director**