**All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysore**

**Introduction**

The All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) is a premier educational organization pertaining to communication and its disorders in the country founded in the year 1965 under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India as an autonomous organization. Started as an institute to train the postgraduate students in Speech and Hearing, today AIISH has grown into the largest institute in the country offering various diploma, graduate, postgraduate, postgraduate diploma, doctoral and post doctoral programs in the field, in addition to conducting multi-faceted research to find solutions to the challenges of communication disorders, rendering clinical services to thousands of persons with communication disorders and providing public education on various aspects of communication disorders.

The Institute has been recognized as the College with Potential for Excellence and the Centre of Advanced Research by University Grants Commission, Govt. of India, Science & Technology Institute by the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, Centre of Excellence in the area of deafness by World Health Organization, Nodal Centre for Implementation of Prevention and Control of Deafness by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, Centre of Excellence by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, 'A' Grade accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, University Grants Commission, Govt. of India. Also, it is an ISO 9001-2015 certified organization.

The major activities carried out by the Institute from 1st January 2018 to 31st March 2019 are given below.

**Learning and Teaching**

During the year the institute offered 16 long-term academic programmes which include one postdoctoral, three doctoral, three postgraduate degree, four postgraduate diploma, two undergraduate degree, three diploma and one certificate programmes. Admissions to the B.ASLP, M.Sc. (Audiology) and M.Sc. (SLP) programmes were conducted through national level entrance examinations. In addition to the long-term training programmes, the Institute conducted 261 short-term training/orientation programmes and 27 workshops/seminars on various aspects of communication disorders. Also, a **Student Enrichment and Expansion of Knowledge (Gyan)** program, a **Technology Development Meet** and activities such as guest lectures by eminent personalities, departmental peer evaluation, journal club and clinical conference presentations were organized during the period.

**Research Accomplishments**

Different levels of research works were conducted at the institute during the period namely, (I) funded research by faculty and staff, and (ii) student research at postgraduate, doctoral and post doctoral levels carried out under the supervision of faculty. Totally, 98 funded research projects were progressing in different departments of the institute during the period. The funding for the research projects were sponsored by various Govt. of India funding agencies such as the Department of Science and Technology, and Indian Council of Medical Research, in addition to the funding given by the Institute.

**Clinical Care**

Clinical evaluation for communication disorders was offered for the clients across the country and abroad and a total number of 26865 persons availed the facility during the period. A wide range of rehabilitation services were provided for the persons identified with speech, language and hearing disorders, psychological and otorhinolaryngological disorders related to communication disorders. Specialized clinical services were rendered on augmentative and alternative communication, autism spectrum disorders, cleft lip palate and other craniofacial anomalies, fluency, learning disability, listening training, motor speech disorders, neuropsychological disorders, professional voice care, swallowing disorders, voice disorders and vertigo. Also, the Institute developed software apps for Tinnitus and Speech Sound Error Therapy.

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| **Clinical Services** | **No. of Clients** | **Therapy Sessions** |
| Speech and language assessment | 8457 | 29242 |
| Hearing evaluation/ listening training | 20402 | 15537 |

**Public Education and Outreach Services**

The Institute carried out various public education and outreach activities for the early identification and prevention of communication disorders during the reporting period. The major ones are given below:

* 1. Organization of twenty two communication disorders screening camps in various localities of Karnataka in which 1418 persons were evaluated and provided therapeutic services.
  2. Clinical evaluation of 276 employees for hearing disorders as a part of Industrial Screening program.
  3. Neonatal and pediatric screening of communication disorders for 91177 neonates and infants at 19 hospitals/ immunization centres in Mysore, the six outreach service centers of the Institute located in different parts of Karnataka, and the six newborn screening centres of the institute at JIPMER, Puthucherry, JLNMCH, Ajmer, NSCB, Jabalpur, RIMS, Imphal, RIMS, Ranchi and SCBMC, Cuttack.
  4. Speech and hearing diagnostic and therapeutic services for 1321 clients residing in the nearby areas of the four outreach service centers of the institute located in Mysore, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts.
  5. Preparation and distribution of communication disorders related public education materials like manuals, brochures and pamphlets both in print and CD/DVD-ROM formats were carried out.
  6. Organization of public lectures by experts on various issues in disabilities to create awareness among the public.
  7. Tele-diagnostic and rehabilitation services for 303 clients with disabilities from across the country in 1897 sessions.

**Other Activities and Events**

**Hearing Aid and Ear Mould Services**: Totally, 8296 clients were evaluated for hearing aids and 829 hearing aids were distributed under the scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons (ADIP) for purchase/fitting of aids/appliances of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India. In addition, 10541 ear impressions were taken and ear moulds were made.

Educational Rehabilitation of Special Children:The Pre-school attached to the Department of Special Education of the Institute provided training for around 200 children with hearing impairment, cerebral palsy and mental retardation. A **graduation day** and one-month summer campwere organized for the special children during the period.

**Annual Day**: The Institute celebrated its **53rd year of establishment** on 9th August, 2018. The day was marked by the launching of software apps, releasing of institute publications, and felicitation of Ph.D. awardees, meritorious students, retired employees, and best employees of the Institute.

**Awards and Laurels**

1. The Institute was awarded with **ISO 9001-2015** certification in July 2017 thereby becoming the first government organization in the country receiving the certification.
2. The Institute received **Karyalaya Darpan Smrithi Chinna Puraskar, Karyalaya Deepa Smrithi Chinna Puraskar** and **Karyalaya Jyothi Smrithi Chinna Puraskar** from Rajbhasha Sansthan*,*New Delhi for the better implementation of official language.
3. The Horticulture Section of the Institute won a number of prizes in the **Dasara Horticulture Flower Show**, organized by the Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Karnataka.
4. The faculty, staff and students won awards for **best scientific paper** presentations in various national and international conferences and seminars.
5. Dr. Ajish K Abraham, Professor in Electronics was awarded with a **fellowship** in Bruel & Kjear University, Denmark.

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 Sir,

With reference to the above, please find enclosed the requisite information of this Institute as desired. A soft copy of the same has been emailed to [prem.narain68@nic.in](mailto:prem.narain68@nic.in) and [healthcdn1@gmail.com](mailto:healthcdn1@gmail.com).

Thanking you and with best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Director