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**Sub:** Regarding 2 years achievement - reg.

**Ref:** E-mail received from Joint Secretary on 11 Jun 2021 at 22:57 hrs.

Dear Madam,

The All India Institute of Speech and Hearing was established in the year 1966 as an autonomous institute fully funded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

The major objectives of the institute are to impart professional training, render clinical services, conduct research and educate the public on issues related to communication disorders such as hearing impairment, mental retardation, voice, fluency and phonological and language disorders.

1. **Reforms Initiated at the Academic Programs:**

The students’ intake has been increasing since 2019-20.

1. The entrance examination centres for the admission of UG / PG programs has been increased from 04 to 09 centres.
2. The JRF seat was increased from 04 to 08 in Audiology & Speech pathology
3. The on-line entrance exam was introduced in 2020-21 due to pandemic crisis
4. The on-line classes were conducted for both theory & practicals during pandemic crisis.
5. The success rate of the passing rate of UG & PG is around 90%.
6. **Clinical Services:**

1. **Tele-mode for assessment and rehabilitation:** The patients who have difficulty to avail direct services for Speech and Hearing problems are benefitted through Tele-centre for persons with Communication Disorders (TCPD). Embracing the recent advances of Information and Technology, the Institute offers clinical services through tele-mode. The Tele-Centre is connected to major premiere hospitals across the country through video conferencing system. This was strengthened during pandemic crisis.
2. **Initiation of Newborn Hearing Screening Centre (NBS) and Outreach Service Centre (OSC) across States:**

In-order to identify the hearing loss as early as possible, several new born hearing screening centres has been initiated in collaboration with medical colleges / district hospitals. 08 Outreach Service

Centres & 05 Newborn Hearing Screening Centres have been initiated to provide the necessary help in-terms of assessment and rehabilitation.

1. **Arranging camps for public:**

Camps are conducted in rural and tribal areas where disability certificates and hearing aids are distributed to eligible clients.

03 days camp was conducted in Bellary in 2019-20 and 03 days Speech and Hearing Screening Camp was conducted at Dandi, Gujarat to commemorate the 75th year of Dandi March.

1. **Hearing Aid Dispensing Unit:**

The department of Audiology has been successfully running a hearing aid dispensing unit. Through this scheme, clients can procure the prescribed hearing aids at a discounted rate which are being dispensed to the clients.

1. **Research:**

The research activities are promoted by providing funds for intra-mural projects. The project proposals are being evaluated by a committee constituted, which also monitors the progress of the project. Each faculty has been given a target to publish at least one research paper in the peer review journal.

The faculty are provided necessary financial help and deputed to attend seminars, symposiums. They are also permitted to attend the training programs arranged by DST.

1. **Public Education:**

Sharing clinical activities of AIISH & Information related to communication disorders through social media platforms has been promoted. The world hearing day was celebrated in which extensive publicity was provided on the theme of “Early identification of hearing loss”. Phone-in program, programs at All India Radio, Television were also arranged. Apart from this the advertisement was provided in multiplex movie theatres throughout the country, Audio Video bytes by celebrities (Politicians, TV stars, Film Stars) were also uploaded in the social media.

1. Conducing monthly public lectures regularly for different professionals:
2. Arranging the street plays and rallies on prevention of communication disorders:
3. Use of community radio extensively for promoting Institutional activities:
4. Observation of various days/months like:
   * + - International Stuttering Awareness Day
       - World Hearing Day
       - Learning Disability Awareness Month
       - World Cerebral Palsy Day
5. **Recognition from WHO:** AIISH has been appreciated by **“World Health Organization”** for its active participation in the**“World Hearing Day 2021”**and certified as prestigious Member in the **“World Hearing Forum”** for the period 2021-23. **[Certificates enclosed]**
6. **Staff and Students Welfare Measures:**
   1. 617 frontline workers of AIISH were vaccinated against COVID-19 with first dose between 27 Jan 2021 to 29 Jan 2021 **&** second dose between 24 Feb 2021 to 26 Feb 2021. The vaccination drive was conducted with all safety precautions as per the directions of MoHFW and reported with no cases of AEFI (Adverse Effects after Immunization).
7. **2 Year Key-Statistics**

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| **ACADEMICS** | | |
| **CATEGORY** | **2019-2020** | **2020-2021** |
| **Academic Programmes Offered** | 18 | 18 |
| **Students Admitted** | 291 | 257 |
| **Total Student Strength** | 589 | 551 |
| **Guest Lectures** | 07 | 03 |
| **Orientation/Short Term Training** | 261 | 367 |
| **Workshops/Seminars** | 20 | 36 |
| **Invited talk by Faculty & Staff** | 165 | 268 |

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| **Research** | | | |
| **CATEGORY** | | **2019-2020** | **2020-2021** |
| **Completed Funded Projects** | **Extra Mural** | 6 | - |
| **Intra Mural** | 14 | 60 |
| **New/Ongoing Funded Projects** | **Extramural** | 10 | 12 |
| **Intramural** | 85 | 46 |
| **Completed Doctoral Research** | | 13 | 04 |
| **On-going Doctoral Research** | | 64 | 95 |
| **Completed Post-graduate Research** | | 74 | 77 |
| **On-going Post-graduate Research** | | 75 | 75 |
| **International/National conference presentation** | | 96 | 19 |
| **International/National Journal article** | | 94 | 96 |
| **Books/Book chapters** | | 16 | 17 |
| **In-house publications** | | 32 | 92 |

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| **Allied Health & Medical Specialty Services** | | |
| **CATEGORY** | **2019-2020** | **2020-2021** |
| **Physiotherapy** | 1912 | 794 |
| **Occupational Therapy** |
| **Neurology Consultation** | - | - |
| **Paediatric Consultation** | 310 | 39 |
| **Phonosurgery Consultation** | 137 | 31 |
| **Plastic Surgery Consultation** | 207 | 31 |
| **Orthodontic Consultation** | 115 | 10 |

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| **Outreach Services & Public Education** | | |
| **CATEGORY** | **2019-2020** | **2020-2021** |
| **Infant Screening at Mysore** | 11784 | 13513 |
| **Newborn screening at NBS** | 58319 | 20538 |
| **Industrial Screening** | 372 | 490 |
| **School Screening** | 6536 | 2642 |
| **Communication Disorder Screening Camp** | 31 | 45 |
| **Clinical case at OSC** | 2481 | 2633 |
| **Tele intervention** | 85 | 101 |
| **Monthly Public Series/Lectures** | 11 | 10 |

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| **Clinical Care** | | | |
| **CATEGORY** | | **2019-2020** | **2020-2021** |
| **Patient Registration** | | 74002 | 43397 |
| **New Cases** | | 23232 | 13432 |
| **Repeat Cases** | | 50770 | 29965 |
| **Speech & Language Assessment** | | 7405 | 3953 |
| **Speech & Language Therapy** | | 5721 | 2862 |
| **Hearing Evaluation** | | 16368 | 6394 |
| **Hearing Aid Trial** | | 6468 | 3960 |
| **Ear Molds Made** | | 6320 | 5225 |
| **Psychological Assessment** | | 6424 | 3832 |
| **ENT Assessment** | | 40589 | 23862 |
| **Assessment Specialized Clinic** | | 14 | 14 |
| **Pre-school Admission** | | 174 | 173 |
| Distribution of Hearing Aids | **ADIP Scheme/AIISH** | 1273 | - |
| **AHAD Scheme** | 1762 | 948 |

Thanking you and with regards,

Yours faithfully,

**Prof. M Pushpavathi**

**Director**