1. **Introduction**

The developments in Information and Communication Technology and the resulting technological innovations are rapidly transforming the way higher educational and research institutions are conducting teaching, learning and research activities and disseminating their scholarly output. Two such important technological innovations which improve the quality of higher education and scholarship are e-learning platform and online faculty profile system. While e-learning platform is a relatively mature innovation for conducting technology-based learning activities, the online faculty profile system is an emerging innovation for showcasing the scholarly works of the faculty and researchers.

The All-India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru is a pioneering higher education institution in communication disorders in the country. This project aims to develop a cost-effective e-learning platform and a faculty profile system for AIISH using the available open-source technologies.

Creating of the informative and educational environment today is a prerequisite for the successful implementation of the current Federal State Standard for Higher Education (hereinafter – the Standard) and of accreditation requirements of the educational organization and the provisions of the Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation of April 5, 2017 № 301 "On approval of the organization and implementation of educational activities on educational programs of higher education – bachelor's degree programs, specialist programs".

The virtual learning environment (VLE) has grown to become a piece of complex infrastructure that is now deemed critical to higher educational provision.

**Blended Learning**