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Dear Reader,

Thank you for receiving our 'Vibrations' and taking time to look through. We have tried to make it as pictorial as possible so that you will get a glance of the activities on our campus.

We are very excited as we move forward with new ideas and innovative practices. One highlight is that several of our staff members visited USA, UK and Australia in the last quarter to present papers at international conferences, visit Universities and attend advanced trainings. The exposure to international platforms expand our insights and provide opportunity to share our research findings.

The new students council has started its work and in the coming issues we will highlight their activities. Thanks for your interest in NISH. We value your inputs and comments. Please do write to us at nishinfo@nish.ac.in Happy holidays and a wonderful new year 2015!

Dr Samuel N. Mathew
Executive Director



During the Children's day Celebration



Preschool children greeting Chief minister during his visit at NISH



The creative work of the BFA Dept. adding splendour to the Onam Day Celebrations

Preparing the Deaf Students for Higher Education

NISH organized the follow up of the workshop on 'Preparing the deaf students for Higher Education' from September 22 to 25. The workshop was inaugurated by **Mr Gopalakrishna Bhatt IAS**, Director of Public Instruction. **Mr G. Vijaya Raghavan**, Hon. Director, NISH, **Dr Samuel N. Mathew**, Executive Director, NISH and **Prof. Ulrike Zeshan**, Director of UCLAN'S ISLANDS addressed the audience. The Principals/Head Teachers from 30 deaf schools in Kerala discussed the concerns about the academic level of students coming for higher education and the barriers in the methods of imparting knowledge at the school level for deaf students. **Ms Neena M, Ms Raji Gopal, Ms Chithra Prasad & Ms Shirly G.** of Degree (HI), NISH co-ordinated the workshop.



Mr G Vijaya Raghavan, Prof. Ulrike Zeshan, Mr Gopalakrishna Bhatt IAS, Dr Samuel N. Mathew



Inaugural speech -Mr Gopalakrishna Bhatt IAS

Experts who conducted different sessions in the workshop:



Ms Monica Punjabi Verma
Special Educator, ISL Trainer & Interpreter.



Prof. Ulrike Zeshan
Director of UCLAN'S ISLANDS



Dr Samuel N. Mathew,
Executive Director, NISH



Dr Surinder Randhawa
Sr Consultant, IGNOU



Mr G. Vijaya Raghavan
Hon. Director, NISH &
Member, Planning Board,
Govt of Kerala



Mr Babloo Kumar,
ISL Trainer, NISH



Mr Joseph Paul
Senior Project Manager, SunTec



Ms Reshmi Chandra
Project Leader, ACIS



Mr Sunil Sahasrabudhe
Project Coordinator, ISL Cell of AYJNIHH

Memorandum of Understanding with Columbus State University

NISH signed a MOU with **CSU, Columbus, Georgia, USA** on a project that will develop an assistive technology (AT) device for speech and hearing impaired as well as visually impaired based on “Google Glass”.

From the left: **Bob Diveley** (Executive Director of Operations & Infrastructure), **Dr Samuel Mathew** (Executive Director of NISH), **David Mitchell** (Director of Enterprise Development), & **Abraham George** (VP of IT/CIO)



NISH to Become University



The State Cabinet approved the proposal by Ministry of Social Justice to transform NISH as the ‘National University for Disability Studies and Rehabilitation Sciences’ (acronym NUR).

Chief Minister’s Visit



As a part of weeklong social activities in connection with the Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations, **Shri Oommen Chandy**, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Kerala visited NISH on 7th October 2014. He interacted with parents of hearing impaired children and students with hearing impairment and visited various departments at NISH.

Developing Comprehensive Services for Autism Spectrum Disorders



An expert committee meeting on developing comprehensive services for autism spectrum disorders was held at Government Guest House Thycaud on 25th November 2014. Honorable Chief Minister **Shri. Oommen Chandy** presided over the meeting. Eminent academicians and practitioners from all over the country contributed towards developing effective strategies for Autism. **Mr K.M. Chandrashekar**, Vice chairman Planning Board, **G. Vijaya Raghavan**, Planning Board Member, **Shri Jithendran IAS**, Director Social Justice, **Dr T.P Ashraff**, Director KSSM and **Dr Samuel N. Mathew**, Executive Director, NISH shared their ideas in the meeting.

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'Prevention of Child Abuse and Sexual Harassment'



A Committee was organised at NISH to address sexual harassment complaints at NISH as part of the ASH- NISH initiative. A talk on 'Prevention of Child Abuse and Sexual Harassment' was conducted on November 19th, 2014, the international day for prevention of child abuse. The talk was given by **Mr Aby A.P.** and **Mr Manish Nair** of Childline, Thiruvananthapuram. The second session was conducted on November 29th by **Ms Sherlin**, member of 'Sakhi' team.

Alumni Meet 2014



Alumni Meet 2014 was organized by NISH on August 30th 2014 at NISH. 80 members participated in the programme. It was decided that each year the Alumni Meet will be held on the second Saturday of August. The meet was coordinated by **Ms Saumya Sundaram**, Faculty, Dept of ASLP.

Awareness Class on Different Laws



KELSA (Kerala State Legal Service Authority) conducted an awareness class for the Degree HI and BASLP students about different laws (Marriage laws, Criminal Laws and other laws) on October 24th, 2014.

The Executive Director, NISH, **Dr Samuel N. Mathew** welcomed the gathering. **Advocate Sinu Unnithan** and **Ms Preetha** conducted the session on Marriage laws and other laws and **advocate Jerom** conducted the session on Criminal Law.

NISH PACE SETTER

NISH Pace Setter program recognizes the staff who did something beyond their call of duty and thus set a positive example for others to follow. This program is just to say, "You set a good example. We salute you".

September



Manju S,
Faculty,
Dept of ASLP,



Rejitha L.
Social Worker



Arya Chand,
Audiologist
Dept of ASLP

Ms Manju., Ms Arya Chand & Ms Rejitha were Instrumental in getting the ADIP scheme grant of Rs. 50 lakhs for 2014-15. We will be able to provide free hearing aids for the needy across the state through this scheme.

October



Ms Maria M. Baby
Social Worker



Ms Saranya R.V.
Social Worker

Ms Maria and Ms Saranya form the team that intake our new customers, provide the necessary technical information about our services, and be the interface to the outside world

Degree (HI) faculty members **Ms Parvathy Pavithran, Ms Raji Gopal** and **Ms Roshni V.N.** submitted a project on "A pragmatic study on effectiveness of ISL to be used as a method for teaching children with hearing disability" which was funded by Commissioner of Disabilities.



Ms Parvathy Pavithran



Ms Raji Gopal



Ms Roshni V.N.

Orientation Programme at Helen Keller Institute

Ms Praveena Davis, Head (ASLP) and **Ms Sindhu I.V.**, Coordinator (DECSE- HI) attended two days Orientation Programme and Course Coordinators Meet of RCI's approved Institutions conducted by RCI in collaboration with Helen Keller Institute, on 9th and 10th October 2014 at Secunderabad.



Ms Praveena Davis



Ms Sindhu I.V

Auditory Verbal Practice at Hear and Say Centre, Brisbane

Ms Arya Sivadasan (Faculty, Dept. of ASLP) and **Ms Neetha M.N.** (Faculty, Early Intervention Programme) attended a training program on Professional Support in Auditory Verbal Practice at **Hear and Say center** in Brisbane, Australia from 11th to 25th October 2014.



Ms Arya Sivadasan



Ms Neetha M.N.

Developing Listening and Language Through Music

A two day Habilitation Workshop addressing several topics such as developing listening and language through music as well as maximizing the potential of early intervention was held at Delhi on November 18th and 19th. **Ms Deepa Riju** of NISH preschool attended the workshop.



Ms Deepa Riju

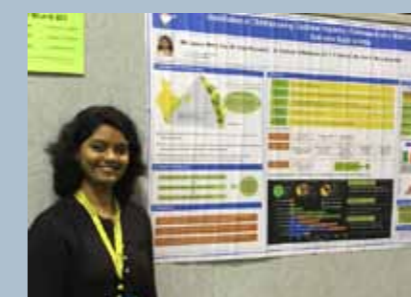
Access to Technology for People with Disabilities.

Dr Samuel N. Mathew, Executive Director of NISH delivered a lecture on "**Access to technology for people with disabilities**" on October 10th, 2014 at the School of Information, Michigan, USA. He highlighted the necessity of mobile technology platforms for improving the quality of life for people with disabilities in India.



Ms Saumya Sundaram, Senior Audiologist won the best research paper presentation for her topic 'DPOAE amplitude Changes in Premature, Preterm and Term Infants' at the 15th national Conference of the year 2014 of the **British Academy of Audiology**.

Ms Praveena Davis, Head, Dept of ASLP presented four posters at the 15th national Conference of the year 2014 of the **British Academy of Audiology**.



Ms Jeena Mary Joy, Senior Audiologist presented a poster on 'Habilitation of Children with Hearing Impairment: Evidences from a Multicentric Longitudinal Outcome Study' at the **American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA)**, Annual Convention, Orlando from November 20th - 22nd, 2014.

Workshop on Understanding ICF - Review of Assessment Tools

A workshop was conducted from 15th to 17th October 2014 to familiarize the use of International Classification of Functioning, Disability & Health (ICF) to practicing Disability and Rehabilitation professionals and to help them incorporate the standards in their Professional practice.



INTERNATIONAL DEAF DAY was commemorated on September 29th, 2014 in the NISH lobby with the aim of spreading awareness among common people about the problems of deaf people in the community all over the world. **Ms Rejitha L.**, Social Worker took the interactive session on Disability Acts, Rights and policies. **Ms Parvathy Pavithran**, Faculty, Degree(HI) took the session on problems faced by hearing impaired students during their school life.



Managing Behavioral Problems in Children

The Parent Support Group at National Institute of Speech and Hearing conducted a talk on 'How to manage behavioral problems in children?' on October 1st. The program targeted to create an awareness among parents about the common behavioral problems and how to manage them. The talk was open to all parents with children having hearing impairment.

Parental Awareness Program on Autism

Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology & Department of Autism Spectrum and Related Disorders conducted a Parental Awareness Program on the topic 'Autism Spectrum and Related Disorders' for parents and caregivers on October 28th, 2014 at NISH campus. The program covered various aspects of Autism Spectrum including identification, management and education.



NISH conducted 3 days exhibition at municipal stadium Kasargod as a part of social justice week celebration organized by Social Justice Department, Govt of Kerala. The exhibition aimed at spreading awareness about speech and hearing. **Ms Rejitha.L** (Social Worker) **Ms Arya S.S.** (Audiologist and speech pathologist) along with a student intern represented NISH at the exhibition.

Okinawa Goju Ryu Club at NISH



NISH started a **self defense club** for the hearing impaired students. The classes are conducted on every Wednesday at NISH by the Degree HI faculty member **Ms Silvy Maxi Mena** who is the state champion in Kumite, 2013-2014 and the silver medalist in the State Karate championship held in October 2014 in the black belt category.

Genius Quiz competition was held at the NISH library for all the students of NISH. The students were asked to go through the magazines at the library and the quiz competition was based on that. **Alina Francis Lobo** of third year BASLP won the first prize and **Abin Thomas** of the Preparatory Year, 2014 won the consolation prize. NISH librarian **Ms Athira L.S.** and Degree HI Faculty, **Silvy Maxi Mena** coordinated the programme.

Genius Quiz Competition Season 1 at NISH



Alina Francis Lobo Abin Thomas



Students & staff of Degree (HI) at Veer Bhoomi (memorial of Rajiv Gandhi) during their visit at Delhi as part of All India Tour 2014.

UST – Global Mentors for the NISH Students



The **UST – Global team** visited NISH on August 29th, 2014 and started the mentoring programme for the BSc (HI) students. 27 students divided into different groups attended the sessions in which they were given information about the application of mobile phones in daily life. The mentors interacted with their mentees and it was a special time of infotainment for the mentees.

Hands-on Training in Software Testing



NISH arranged a hands-on training in software testing for the graduates of BSc (Computer Science)(HI) 2011-14 batch from October 14th for 6 week-ends. The aim of the program was to mould the students in such a way so that they can become successful in their career. **Mr Suresh Babu Santhanam**, Senior Test Manager, UST Global, Technopark, Trivandrum supported by other Executives employed at various MNCs at Technopark initiated this voluntary training program.



Children of Early Intervention Programme at Veli Tourist Village. They also visited Marine Aquarium, Vizhinjam.



“Essence of Nature” - Two days Art Exhibition at NISH Lobby by Bachelor of Fine Arts students.

Congratulations!!!



Bhargav Dutta
I Rank,
B.Sc.Computer Science (HI)



Honey C.A.
I Rank,
Bachelor of Fine Arts (HI)



Colouring competition conducted as part of Children's day celebration organized by Student's Union at NISH.



Moments from Onam celebration organized by Student's Union at NISH.

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“Empower to Enrich, Include to Integrate”

