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Dear friend ,  
Greetings from NISH!

We are sending this newsletter to you because we consider you as our well-wisher and companion!

Here is yet another newsletter loaded with snapshots of our activities. Although there are several highlights, firstly I want to congratulate our editorial team - Ms. Swapna, Ms. Silvy and Ms. Sapna - for winning an award for the best newsletter! In the past, I have heard from numerous readers around the world that our editors are doing an outstanding job.

But getting a formal award is an affirmation and recognition of the good work!. I am sure they would have won awards in other categories also if they had applied, but they just restricted themselves to the 'Content' category. Congratulations team!

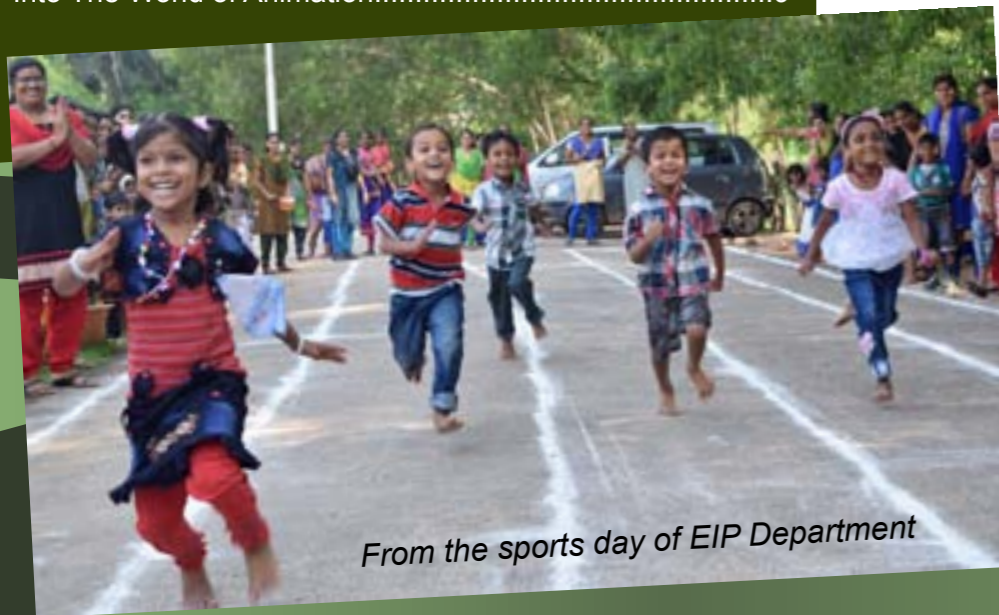
The news that put NISH on the spotlight nationwide was the announcement in the budget speech by the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister, Shri. Arun Jaitley on February 28. He announced that NISH will be upgraded as the 'National University for Disability Studies and Rehabilitation Sciences'. We have been silently working on the transformation to a University for the past two years, but it was indeed gratifying to know that the Central Government has noticed us and is offering the support. It is teamwork all the way and it will be united effort in the future too! We are focused on what best we can give to the country with the trust bestowed on us. We need the blessings and involvement of all of our well-wishers in this journey of service to the nation.

'Innovative thinking' is our theme for 2015 and you can see glimpses of it across the campus! There are several other interesting news items in the next pages ...  
Enjoy the NISH Vibrations!

**Dr Samuel N. Mathew**  
Executive Director



Hon'ble Union Finance Minister, Shri. Arun Jaitley declaring NISH as National University while presenting the Union budget.



From the sports day of EIP Department



BFA (HI) students & staff at the Kochi-Muziris Biennale 2014 venue.

# NISH DAY 2015

on February 21, 2015 at the Kerala University Senate Hall.



Bhargav Datta receiving prize for securing First Rank in BSc (CS) from Sri. G. Vijaya Raghavan



Dr Samuel N. Mathew presenting his vision for NISH.



Shabeer Shah, former Chairman, Students Union presenting the union report.



Rhythmic dance performance of the NISH staff



Colourful performance of the EIP children



Visualization of 'Vande Mataram' using Indian Sign Language by BASLP & Degree (HI) students.

### Butterflies Flying out



Graduation time for 25 pre-school kids joining the mainstream schools on March 23, 2015. The teachers and the students with Shri. G. Vijaya Raghavan, Dr K.N. Pavithran and Dr Samuel N. Mathew. The parents shared their experiences. Gifts were distributed for the graduating students.

### Award for “Vibrations”

NISH newsletter ‘Vibrations’ won the NIB National Award for the best content.



Ms Swapna and Ms Sapna receiving the award from Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri Oommen Chandy on February 21, 2015 at Ernakulam.



### Singing & Signing the National Anthem at official function

First time Indian Sign Language (ISL) rendition of National Anthem at official celebration of Republic day at Central Stadium, Trivandrum in the presence of the Hon'ble Governor, Chief Minister and other dignitaries.

The hearing & hearing impaired students of NISH sang and signed the Indian national anthem. The event was organized by Gravity club.



### Congratulations!!!

Suresh K.D., 8th semester BFA(HI) has been awarded Kerala Lalithakala Academy scholarship for art students 2013-14. His speciality in creative painting helped him to win the scholarship.



**ADIP grant of Rs. 50 lakhs**

NISH received Rs. 50 lakhs as grant to distribute hearing aids and kits to needy population in Kerala. This year, NISH is distributing indigenously developed hearing aids from CDAC for the first time. NISH staff and students test the applicants before disbursing digitally programmable hearing aids

**Soft Skill Sessions (SSS) at NISH**



Soft Skill Sessions (SSS) is the new initiative at NISH. Sessions on communication, etiquette, relationships etc. are presented by NISH staff members, volunteers and experts. The program was launched by Dr Samuel N Mathew, Executive Director, NISH on 6th March 2015. SSS is coordinated by Ms Shirly G. Head, New Initiatives.

**Leadership and Capacity building training**

The BFA(HI) faculty member Mr Arun Gopal attended 1st International Leadership & Capacity Building Training conducted at DSMU, Lucknow. He shared his experiences from the camp for the staff of NISH on January 27th 2015.



'Run Kerala Run', the curtain raiser event for the 35th National Games was flagged off at NISH by Dr Samuel N. Mathew, Executive Director on January 20, 2015. Ms Naseeba K, Students Council Chairperson & Ms Alina Francis Lobo, Vice Chairperson led the students in taking the pledge. Gravity club organised the event.

Brainstorming session for the expanded and comprehensive induction program being planned for all courses including the pre-induction for Degree (HI) and open house for BASLP students to assess their interest in the field.



NISH Website has been redesigned with Content Management System (CMS). Web team supporting the updates consists of Dr Samuel N. Mathew, Dr Anne Varghes, Mr Reghunathan Nair, Ms Sapna K., Ms Raji N.R., Ms Swapna P., Ms Silvy Maxi Mena, Ms Jumin Mary Joseph, Mr Nirmal Sugathan, Ms Arya Chand, Mr Babloo Kumar and Mr Shaji S. V.

**Awaaz at AIISH, Mysore**



Ashik

NISH students won the 5th place among 21 colleges that participated in AWAAZ 2015 (Inter collegiate fest of AIISH, Mysore) participating in events like spot dance, mad ads, mime etc. Ashik S. P., a BFA student of NISH and a skilful dancer was selected as Mr AWAAZ 2015.

**Women's Day with Smt. Ajitha Beegum, IPS**

Smt. Ajitha Beegum, Deputy Police Commissioner inaugurated the International Women's Day celebrations on March 8, 2015. Her message was to celebrate the Power of Womanhood. Executive Director Dr Samuel N. Mathew also spoke and urged the women to stand up and to take up the challenges in society.



**Sand Sculpting & Cleaning Drive at Shanghumukham Beach**



NISH College Union and the Students' Clubs, Karma and Bhoomithrasena together organised an event for promoting the spirit of 35th National Games on February 13, 2015. The BFA students created the sand sculpture & the student volunteers of Karma cleaned the Shanghumukham beachfront.



**Young Indians of CII partnering with NISH**

Sri D N V Kumara Guru, National Chair of YI visited NISH on March 7, 2015. YI will impart entrepreneurship training & conduct skill development classes to NISH students.

**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".*



*Rejitha L. Social Worker receives the Pace Setter of the Year Award from G. Vijaya Raghavan, Hon. Director, NISH.*

**Pace Setter of the Year 2014-15**

Rejitha L. was instrumental in the empanelment of NISH in National CSR Hub. She took the responsibility to apply to Tata Institute of Social Sciences who acts as the nodal agency for empanelment.

**December 2015**



*Dr Anne Varghese  
Sr Psychologist*

Dr Anne Varghese chose to share information on research methodology to the staff. She prepared the power points, scheduled time for lecture and answered questions so that they can apply for grants and take up research projects.



*Neena M.  
Faculty member, B.Sc. CS(HI)*

Ms Neena brought up the idea that the students in the HI program could become instructors to teach computer operations basics to staff members. This is a win win situation as the students will have experience in taking classes and also gain self-confidence.

**March 2015**



*Rakesh P.S.  
Faculty members, BFA (HI)*



*Shiju R.V.*

The BFA department was asked to transform the Early Intervention Program enclave to be child friendly. They filled the place with unique ideas that revealed their creativity. The selfless commitment of Rakesh and Shiju was evident in the efforts they took in motivating the BFA(HI) students to make this an excellent art project.



*Children of Early Intervention Programme at the beautified playground*

**Overcoming the Hurdles to Speak English**



Support in English Spoken Skills (SEPS) for ASLP students commenced on 23rd January 2015 with an introductory class by Prof. VijayaKumar, Mentor, HEFP. Classes will be handled by Ms Arathi Suvindu and assisted by Ms Souparnika, the faculty members of HEFP.

**Distinguished Visitors**



Dr William E. Field, Director, National Agr Ability Project and Professor, Dept. of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Purdue University, USA and Dr Venkatesh Balasubramoniam, Professor, Mechanical Engineering Design, IIT Madras visited NISH and addressed the staff on 3rd December 2014.

### Audio Verbal Therapy for Expressive and Receptive Language



NISH conducted a CRE programme for Audiologists and Special Educators on 'Auditory Verbal Therapy as an Option for Early Intervention and Developing Expressive and Receptive Language' on March 9th & 10th, 2015. Ms Sapna K., In-charge, Early Intervention Programme of NISH coordinated the event.

### Cartoon Workshop

Famous cartoon columnist & Sanker's Cartoon competition prize winner Mr Harikumar popularly known as Haku conducted a cartoon workshop at NISH on 30th January 2015 for the BFA (HI) students.



### ISL 'A Level' Certification for Eight NISH Faculty members

Eight faculty members of NISH passed the RCI certified Indian Sign Language (ISL) 'A' Level certificate course conducted by Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Mumbai. NISH is the prime institute in Kerala to have eight 'A' level certified faculty members.



Raji Gopal Silvy Maxi Prasanth R.L. Raji N.R. Swapna P. Chithra Prasad Neena M. Shirly G. Mena

### Advanced workshop on Auditory Verbal Therapy

The cochlear South Asia conducted a 5 day workshop named "Advanced workshop on Auditory Verbal Therapy" for the audiologists and special educators at NISH on December 2014.

### Moodle Training



A training program on 'Implementation of Moodle' organized by New Initiatives Department in NISH for the faculty members was conducted on March 11th and 12th 2015. Mr Thomas Abraham, M.Tech. was the trainer.

## Developing Computer Skills for the Specially abled Group



Ms Raji N.R., In-charge, Dept. of Computer Science at NISH delivered a lecture on **“Teaching Computer Skills to Children with disabilities”** at the Professional Development workshop “Empowerment of Differently Abled” organised by Centre for Disability Studies (CeDS) on March 13th, 2015.

## Awareness Programmes conducted at NISH

- A Workshop on **“Hearing Aid Care and Maintenance”** was done by Early Intervention Programme of NISH for the parents on December 3rd, 2014.
- Parent Support Group – HI conducted a talk on **“Prolong the Life of Hearing Aid- How to make it possible!”** on January 30th, 2015.
- Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology conducted a Parental Awareness Programs on
  - **‘Unclear Speech in Children’** on 12th December, 2014.
  - **‘Hearing Impairment’** on 28th February, 2015.
  - **‘Care and Maintenance of Hearing Aid’** on March 30th, 2015.

## Paper Presentation on ‘School Readiness’

Ms Sindhu I. V. and Ms Neetha M. N., EIP teachers of NISH presented a Paper on **‘School Readiness’** at a National conference conducted by SCERT, Trivandrum on 21st February 2015.



Sindhu I. V.



Neetha M. N.

## Funded Projects

### ‘Reader Buddy’

Funded by : CeDS

Student investigators:

Binoop Nath & Keerthi Varma,  
6th sem, BSc(CS)(HI)

Guided by:

Ms Neena M, Faculty, BSc(CS)(HI).

### ‘Indian Sign Language Dictionary on Computer Related Terms’

Funded by: CeDS

Student investigator:

Anish Paul, 6th sem, BSc(CS)(HI)

Guided by :

Ms Raji N R, In-charge, BSc(CS)(HI)

### Setting up a specialist counselling department for the parents of Persons with Disability

Funded by : State Initiative on Disabilities (SID).

Primary investigator:

Ms Shirly G, Head, New Initiatives.

### ‘Teaching Programming languages to the deaf using visual representation of memory concepts’

Funded by : Social Justice Department.

Principal Investigator: Dr Achuth Sankar S.Nair, Head, Dept. of Computational Biology and Bioinformatics & Director, Centre for International Academics University of Kerala, Trivandrum.

Co-Investigators: Ms Raji N R and Ms Neena M.

## Assistive Technology for Rehabilitation



Ms Raji N.R. and Ms Neena M., Faculty members, B.Sc (CS)(HI) presented a poster titled **‘Technology Assisted Teaching of Programming Concepts in Deaf Classroom’** at the International Symposium on Assistive Technology for Rehabilitation and Disability Management organised by Center for Disability Studies (CeDS), Trivandrum which was held from December 2-4, 2014.





NISH arranged 10 days still photography course for the 8th Sem BFA(HI) students at L V Prasad Film & TV Academy during March 2015. Classes were handled by Mr K. G. Jayan, famous cinematographer & famous photographers. Ms Sithara, Faculty, BFA (HI) accompanied the students and interpreted the whole sessions for them.

◁ BFA (HI) students & faculty members with Ms Beena Paul (Former Deputy Director of Chalachitra Academy & artistic Director of IFFK), Regional Director of L.V. Prasad Film & TV Academy

### Volunteering and Internship Opportunity

NISH provides volunteering and internship opportunity for graduates and students, both national and international. Six candidates have completed the programme & three are volunteering presently at NISH & one among them is an international candidate from the US.



**Faster  
Higher  
Stronger**  
INTEGRATED SPORTS  
**2015**

NISH Sports day was conducted on March 27 at LNCPE, Kariavattom. The students and staff participated in different sports events proclaiming the message of togetherness and integration. Dr Anne Varghese, Sr Psychologist coordinated the event.

### Into The World of Animation



An animation workshop named 'How to make Animation Movie' was conducted by animation experts, Mr Anoop and Mr Rahul of Evogue Animations for the BFA students of NISH on 31st January 2015.



The creative team of BFA(HI) students with the installation of the National Games logo created using the water bottles distributed during the 'Run Kerala Run' event at NISH.



NISHIANS at Rivercounty resort, Kallar during staff tour 2014.



BFA (HI) students exhibiting their art works at Bhavani Atrium, Technopark during the 'Art Exhibition cum Sale' organized by UST Global on 9th December 2014.



B.Sc. (CS)(HI) students & staff at Science & Technology Museum, Trivandrum in connection with World Science Day celebrations.



NISH staff & students participated in the mass run organised by SARSAS- Save a Ru-pee Spread a Smile, a Trivandrum based registered charitable society to raise funds for needy kidney patients.



Staff & students of NISH taking oath on Human Rights Day on 10th December, 2014.



Mr Abdul Nasar, Rtd Chief Engineer, PWD delivered a talk on 'Road Safety' during the monthly assembly organized by the College union on January 6th, 2015. This was followed by a talk on Organ Donation by Ms Saranya, Kerala Network for Organ Sharing (KNOS).



Mr Jenmesh Mohan, Operations and Maintenance Engineer, Indian Oil Corporation conducting a motivational talk during the New Year Celebration 2015 at NISH.



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