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It is time for one more update from NISH! In the last few months, you might have heard a lot through the media about NISH, its origins and our vision for future. A lot of publications carried our story. Although we like the limelight and the attention, we are not swayed by the limelight. Our campus continues to have activities that stir our mind, dare our soul and stretch our limits. We are a bunch of faculty, staff and students who enjoy what we do. And the following pages are proof of what we do with enthusiasm and passion.

There were visitors who gave us words of wisdom. There were events that brought us together. The final year students strolled out into the wide world outside. The new students came in! The rains have been keeping the temperature down in Trivandrum. We have been doing things indoors and outdoors!

We invite you to skim through the following pages to feel our pulse! Come, plan to visit us on campus too!

Dr Samuel N. Mathew
Executive Director

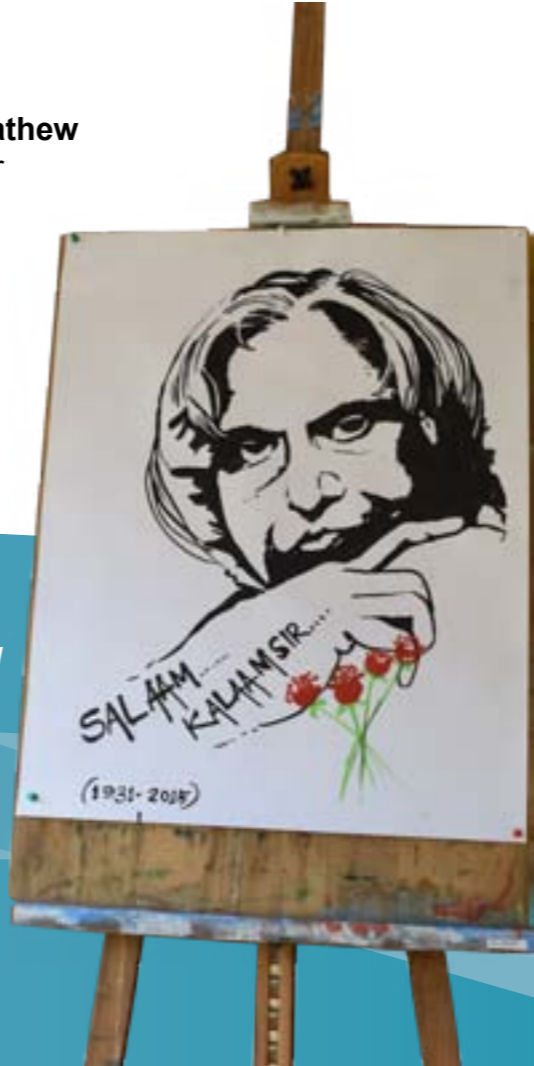


Illustration done by BFA(HI) students to pay tribute to Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.



Dance performance by BASLP students during monthly assembly at NISH



Creative moments of the Degree Show by the BFA (HI) students

Assistive Technology Centre at NISH

NISH has partnered with the Federal Bank to set up an Assistive Technology (AT) Centre for enhancing higher education possibilities for people with disabilities. NISH Executive Director Dr Samuel N. Mathew and Federal Bank Managing Director and CEO Mr Shyam Srinivasan signed an MoU on July 1, 2015 and a cheque of Rs. 2 crore was handed over to the Chief Minister as initial funding.



Award for Excellence

NISH has been awarded II Rank under category 1 for the best plan implementation by the State Planning Board. The award ceremony was held at hotel Mascot on 13th July 2015.



Dr Samuel N. Mathew, Ms Vidhya Vinod & Dr Anne Varghese receiving the award sum of Rs 3 Lakhs & Citation from Hon. Minister for Finance, Mr K.M. Mani in the presence of the Chief Minister and other ministers.

Congratulations to the Winners!!!

Four final year B Sc students and three former students of NISH were selected in the campus recruitment drive conducted at NISH by UST- Global, Tecnopark, Trivandrum.



A team from Ministry of Social Justice, Shri. Luv Varma, IAS, Secretary, Shri. Awanish Awasthi, IAS, Jt. Secretary, Mr KVS Rao, Director and Dr Sudesh Mukhopadhyay, Chairperson Rehabilitation Council of India visited NISH on April 10, 2015 to have meetings with government officials.

State Painters' Camp

Kerala Lalithakala Akademi, Thrissur organised a camp at NISH from May 12th to May 15th 2015. Ten artists and ten BFA (HI) students of NISH participated in the programme.



'Expressions of Mind', the Degree Show of final year Fine Arts students of NISH held at VJT Hall from 31st May to 3rd June 2015 was inaugurated by renowned cinematographer Shri. K. G.

Jayan. The Degree show held at NISH on 5th and 6th June was inaugurated by the Regional Director of L.V. Prasad Film & TV Academy Ms Beena Paul.



'Pravesanolsavam' in Early Intervention Centre.

The preschool children of NISH Early Intervention Department, got a warm welcome from the teachers on June 1st. Sweets and balloons were distributed for the children.



Autism Awareness



The students of NISH organised a monthly assembly on April 7, the Autism Awareness Day. Many students & staff wore blue colour dress to exhibit their awareness towards Autism.



Dr R. Savithri, Director of AIIISH, Mysore and the Registrar visited NISH on June 20th and had a session for the faculty members.

Understanding the Rhythm of NISH.

Pediatricians from Lords hospital visited NISH on 5th June 2015 to gain an understanding of the functioning of NISH. They observed the clinics and therapy units which will help them to refer children to NISH.

One Month In-service Training for VHSE Teachers

NISH organised one month in-service training program in May, 2015 for eight Vocational Higher Secondary School teachers in Kerala. Teachers were given opportunity to observe lecture classes, lab sessions, ISL Training session etc.

New Website Collection Development Policy for the Library



Ms Sybil Boone Ms Sessie Burns Ms Jharina Pascual

Ms Sybil Boone, Ms Sessie Burns and Ms Jharina Pascual from the University of Michigan, School of Information's Global Information Engagement Program made a new website collection development policy for the library and also started an advocacy project for people with disability in sports.



Colours of Mentoring

NISH former student Mr Kannan working with Wipro and Ms Shirly G., Head New Initiatives, NISH spoke about the use of UST – Global Mentoring at NISH since 2011, when they took part in the ‘UST Meet and Greet CSK’ conducted at Bangalore to felicitate the Chennai Super Kings IPL team.



NISH and UCLAN Shake Hands for the Deaf Literacy Project



NISH in collaboration with University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) is conducting a Deaf Literacy Project from June 2015 to April 2016. The agreement has been executed by Dr Samuel N. Mathew & the Principal Investigator of Deaf Literacy Project, Dr Ulrike Zeshan.

Visit by TCS Team

Software development Engineers and managers from TCS, Mumbai visited NISH from May 27 to May 29, 2015. They are planning to develop assistive technology and digital archive for the persons who are deaf and hard of hearing.

New Faces in the NISH Family



Ms Soja Oliver
Administrative Officer



Ms Bini Mahesh
Administrative Asst.



Ms Souparnika
Faculty member, HEFP



Ms Anu Mukund
Faculty member, HEFP



Ms Nisha M.V.
Faculty member, HEFP



Mr Sukesh Chandran
Faculty member, B Com



Ms Bhavana U.B.
Faculty member, B Com

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".



*Ms Vidhya Vinod
Lab Assistant*

April 2015

Ms Vidhya Vinod made significant contribution to the success of the first batch of the Certificate Programme recently started at NISH specifically aimed at those who couldn't pass the remedial program. Vidhya solely handled the lab sessions and taught each student individually and made sure that each student acquired the targeted skill.

May 2015



*Ms Shirly G.
Head, New Initiatives*

Shirly G. has been instrumental in setting up and executing an in-service training program for the VHSE teachers. This was the first time that teachers from State schools came to NISH for such an extensive exposure to deaf education. They were systematically taken through different modules at the end of which they were all praise for the program. Shirly organized a training program for 4 TCS engineers who visited us to get an exposure on deafness and disability in general. She also organized a one day quick exposure training for SCERT teachers designing state curriculum for deaf students.

July 2015

The Degree (HI) admission process this year was led by Prasanth and it is a model for everybody. He went into the finer details of organizing the events, leaving no loose ends. Because of the smart planning, there was a well-oiled mechanism that came into action and everything went smoothly.



*Mr Prasanth R.L.
Faculty, Degree (HI)*

Junior Volunteers



Four students - Anjali, Aparna & Uthara from Trivandrum International School & Anusha from St Thomas School - volunteered to assist the BFA students to prepare for their annual Degree Show 2015.



*Ms Manju S.,
Faculty member,
ASLP, handling
a session at the
Cochlear Implant
Review Camp
conducted on
25th May 2015 at
NISH.*



A motivational talk by George Ebenezer Vincent, a recognized personality in the field of human engineering and development is taking sessions for NISH students on 29 July, 2015.

Being One with Nature



NISH students celebrating the World Environment Day on June 5th, 2015 by planting saplings in the campus.



Ms Anju V.J. Psychologist, NISH handling a session during the awareness program on 'Age Appropriate Adaptive Skills' organized by Parents Support Group at NISH.

MED*EL



*NISH became the venue for a three day training program for the audiologists and AVT therapists by the Cochlear Implant company MED*EL from June 5th to 7th.*



Mr Nirmal Sugathan, Speech Language Pathologist, NISH giving awareness about stuttering during a Parental Awareness program conducted at NISH on 7th May 2015.



Dr Samuel N. Mathew inaugurating the new basket ball court in the campus.

Sparsh 2015



The summer camp for the weekend students of NISH at Cheruthoni, Idukki from April 7th to 9th was a venue for infotainment. Ten teachers and seventeen children with their parents participated in the camp.

Integrated Karate and Yoga Class for NISH Students

The first year BASLP students and the HI students started practicing Karate and Yoga on August 1st, 2015. There will be integrated sessions for the students on all Saturdays.



Ms. Silvy Maxi Mena, Incharge - HEFP and Ms Kripa Gladys Mena from Shanthiniketan School (volunteer) training the students.

Massive Open Online Course on Indian Sign Language

The project titled Massive Open Online Course on Indian Sign Language, aiming to develop a platform and a MOOC that will benefit deaf students, educators and people who are interested in Sign language has been started with the State Initiative on Disabilities (SID) as funding agency.





Flying to New Horizons

The Farewell function of FAST Program of Department of Autism Spectrum and Related Disorders was conducted at NISH on 22nd July 2015. Four students went through the programme successfully.

Cleaning the NISH Campus

The first year students of both BASLP and HEFP joined together to clean NISH campus as part of the Students Club Activities in the Induction Programme for the new comers. The programme was coordinated by Ms Raji N.R., Incharge, B Sc (CS) and Mr Prasanth R.L., Faculty member, HEFP.



Music Brings Minds Together

The HEFP and the BASLP first year students took part in the integrated 'Singing and Signing' of patriotic songs. Ms Silvy Maxi Mena coordinates the programme.



Winners of 'Ready to Tech' quiz conducted by B.Sc (CS)(HI) 5th semester students. From left : Shaheem & Anju P.K (I prize), Muhammad Rahees & Anjali Jose (II prize).



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