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Dear reader,

I am proud to present yet another colorful edition of 'Vibrations'. Our newsletter is published electronically as we present as much visuals as possible. Considering the amount of information pouring into one's email these days, we understand visuals catch attention and convey the messages quickly. Although the newsletter may not portray all the events, the pictures represent the type of activities in the last quarter on our campus.

Your feedback is welcome through email nishinfo@nish.ac.in.

Enjoy!

Dr Samuel N Mathew
Executive Director



Triumph of Art



Nishad performing before the media persons & special guests at the youth festival venue.

It was a proud moment for us when **Nishad N.** of first year BSc(HI) bagged the FIRST prize in Monoact competition at Kerala University Youth festival 2014. He captured the attention of the audience and the judges with his wonderful talent . He presented different sports like cricket match, volley ball and running race in the monoact competition. NISH students from both ASLP and Degree(HI) participated in various events for this year’s Kerala University Youth festival.

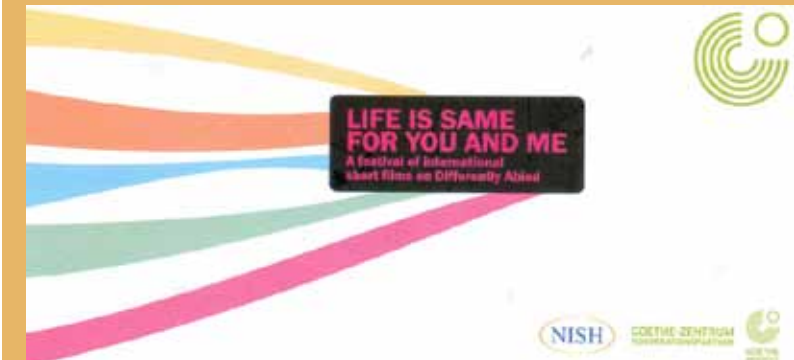
Painter’s Paradise



A Painting camp was organized by Kerala Lalithakala Academy on February 6 to 8, 2014 at the Fine Arts wing of NISH. **Ms Rani George IAS**, Secretary, Department of Cultural Affairs inaugurated the programme. Reknowned artists **Mr G. Rajendran**, **Mr Chirayinkeezhu Sreekandan Nair**, **Mr Karakkamandapam Vijaya Kumar**, **Mr Nemom Pushparaj**, **Dr Ajith** and **Prof N.N. Rimzon** were special guests in the camp. The BFA students of NISH, Aravind A., Binesh Chandran, Joshi George, Mathew Philip, Neethu A.C., Nowfal Kabeer, Preejith P., Sanal P.K., Suresh K.D.& Vineetha Vijayan K.N. participated in the camp.



Short Film Festival



The German Center (The Goethe-Zentrum) and NISH organized a short film festival at NISH on 7th March 2014. The focus of this festival was on the differently-abled group. The festival was curat-

ed by **Gregor Kern**, ex-artistic director of International Short Film Festival “Wie wir leben! / The Way We Live!” and Mr **Syed Ibrahim**, Hon. Director, The Goethe-Zentrum. The festival included films that were already screened successfully at the Festival “Wie wir leben!” in Munich and also recent films.



Gregor Kern (left) with **Dr Samuel N.Mathew**, Executive Director, NISH (middle) & **Syed Ibrahim**, Hon. Director, The Goethe-Zentrum (right).



Mr. Vinay M., Asst.Professor, Computer Science from Christ University, Bangalore visited NISH and interacted with the NISH staff on recent advancements in class-room management using technology such as Moodle and Learning Management system(LMS).

New Thoughts on Collaboration in Disabilities and Rehabilitation



Dr M.K. Muneer, Minister for Panchayaths & Social Justice, Dr Roshan Bijili, Director, Kerala State Handicapped persons welfare Corporation, Mr V.N. Jithendran, Director, Social Justice and Mr T.P. Ashraf, Executive Director, Kerala Social Security Mission visited NISH on March 7, 2014. Dr Samuel N. Mathew, Executive Director, NISH gave a presentation on “Exploring Possibilities for Collaboration in Disabilities and Rehabilitation” based on his previous trip to the US.

Orientation Programme on ‘Integrated Drama and Performance’



An orientation programme titled ‘Integrated drama and performance’ aimed to create awareness among the students to organise integrated cultural programmes was conducted by the Gravity Club. The possibilities of hand mime, light and sound show and drama with signing and speech dialogues were demonstrated with the help of video clips. The coordinators of Gravity Club, Ms Raji N R and Ms Sreeba Sreedhar, presented the talk and Ms Neena M interpreted for the hearing impaired students.

Paper Presentation on ‘Approaches to Deaf Literacy in India’



Praveena and Silvy with Ulrike Zeshan, Sibaji Panda and other presenters in the International conference at The University of Central Lancashire, UK

Ms Silvy Maxi Mena, Faculty, Degree HI and Ms Praveena Davis , Senior Audiologist participated and presented a paper on ‘Approaches to Deaf Literacy in India’ at an International conference held at University of Central Lancashire, Preston UK. The conference was organised by ISLANDS, UK. They also visited different Deaf Institutes and British Deaf association, observed the classes, had discussions with experts in Deaf education at UCLAN and other institutes and prepared project proposals. There were meetings with experts in audiology.

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”.

The pace setters for the month of April were selected for working as a team to bring out a promotional video clip about the Degree (HI) program at NISH in a short period.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkeumC3fKI&list=UU5GRw-tj-W5s-VJuH6RGDTQw>

NISH Pace Setters - April, 2014



Ms Swapna P, Ms Silvy Maxi Mena, Ms Raji Gopal, Mr Kannan T. R.

A Helping Hand for the Parents



The Early Intervention Department of NISH conducted a workshop on February 21, 2014 for the parents. **Dr. Eliza-beth K.E**, Pediatrician, S.A.T Hospital, Trivandrum took a session on **‘Problems and issues encountered during the developmental stages of a child’**.

Dr. Kumari Indira, Clinical Child Psychologist,

Medical College (Retd.), Consultant Clinical Child Psychologist, CDC, Trivandrum took a session on **‘Psychological and emotional issues encountered during parenting.’**



UST Global joined hands with NISH and organized an Art Exhibition at the Bhavani Atrium in Technopark campus on December 16, 2013. This is the fourth time that UST Global has collaborated with NISH in promoting the artistic talents of the Fine Arts students.

Volunteering for a Cause



A training program for volunteer groups empowering the deaf students at NISH, namely SAR-SAS (Save A Rupee, Spread A Smile) & Rotract was arranged on March 22, 2014. It included an observation of an English class followed by an abridged Indian Sign Language class. The program ended with a talk on hearing impairment, communication problems of the deaf and need for English language skills. The volunteers raised many questions which were clarified.

Ms Raji Gopal, Faculty, Degree(HI) coordinated the programme.



Ms Mithila Poonacha, Rehabilitation Manager, Advanced Bionics India handling a session during the Cochlear Implant AVT workshop (rehAB) conducted by Advanced Bionics India on 21 & 22 March 2014.



Ms Sapna



Ms Jayaleshmi

Ms Sapna and **Ms Jayaleshmi** of Early Intervention Department, conducted an awareness class for the parents at the Marthoma school for the deaf, Cherkala, Kasargod on 21st February 2014.



*Eminent Cinematographer **Mr. K. G. Jayan** handling a practical session during the Photography Workshop conducted by the Department of Fine Arts, NISH on 4th & 5th April 2014 .*



NISH staff & students participated in the 'TrivandRun 2014' marathon organised by SAR-SAS- Save a Rupee Spread a Smile, a Trivandrum based registered charitable society , to raise funds for needy cancer patients in RCC- Regional Cancer Centre.

SINDA Young Leaders Programme



Volunteers from Singapore Indian Association (SINDA) interacting with Degree HI students. They visited NISH as part of their SINDA Young Leaders Programme (SYLP 2014) on 21st March 2014.



*Students of Early Intervention Program graduating to the mainstream schools with their teachers & **Dr Samuel N. Mathew**, Executive Director, NISH.*



Quiz Time 2014, the second season of quiz time was conducted by the Department of Computer Science for the B Sc. Computer Science(HI) students of NISH. 6 teams comprising of two students each participated in the final round. They were selected after a written test in the preliminary round. **Nazeeba & Jismon**, from 4th semester, BSc(CS) became the winners. **Mr Joseph Paul**, a volunteer mentoring the degree students was the quiz master and **Ms Neeena M.**, faculty, Degree HI was the coordinator of the event.

Workshop for Audiologists in Sruthitharangam Cochlear Implant Scheme

Cochlear Implant Unit of NISH organized an Audiology Workshop (HiRes) for Audiologists in Sruthitharangam Cochlear Implant Scheme from 18th to 20th March 2014 at NISH. Speakers were **Mr Ajimsha**, Clinical Manager (India), **Mr George Nooramplackal**, Clinical Manager(South) & **Mr Aninda Banik**, Clinical Specialist (West), AB Inida Pvt.Ltd



Donating Life



Dr Usha Kandaswamy of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Science and Technology gave a factual talk on 'Blood Donation' on April 3, 2014 at NISH campus. This was to create an awareness and to clear misconceptions about blood donation. The students had a lot of queries which were answered. SARSAS, a group volunteering at NISH, arranged the talk.

Colours of excellence

The Degree HI students of NISH won prizes in 'Aagneya fest 2014' conducted by Govt. Engineering college Barton hill for College students.



Sanal P K ,VIII Sem BFA(HI)

Mehandi design- II prize
Face painting- I prize
Cartooning-II prize
Collage-II prize



Ananthu, II sem BSc. CS(HI)

Cartooning- I prize



Neethu A C,VIII Sem BFA(HI)

Collage- II prize



Harilal, VI Sem BFA(HI)

Face painting-II prize



Honey C A, VIII Sem BFA(HI)

T-Shirt Designing- II prize

Happiness of Togetherness



NISH family members came together greeting their friends on the day of New Year Celebration. The staff enjoyed the time giving gifts and greetings to their friends and also by variety entertainments. **Dr Ajith Cherian**, Asst Professor, Dept. of Neurology, Medical College, Trivandrum held a motivational talk citing examples like Helen Keller & her teacher, Anne Sullivan.

Faster, Higher, Stronger...



Integrated sports event of NISH was held at the Lakshmibai College of Physical Education, Karyavattom on April 23, 2014 . The staff and students divided into four groups participated in different events including track and field events, team sports and individual sports. The event was coordinated by **Dr Anne Varghese**, Sr Psychologist, NISH.



Ms Sreena E.N., Audiologist & speech language pathologist, NISH handling a session.

Parent Support Group - HI conducted talks on “**Hearing and hearing loss - an overview**” on 14th March, 2014 & “**Things to know about hearing testing**” on 25th April, 2014 for parents of children with hearing impairment.



Celebrating the Republic day

Students and staff of NISH gathered at the campus on January 26, 2014 to celebrate the republic day. **Ms Daisy Sebastian**, Head, Early Intervention hoisted the flag and addressed the gathering. Students sang and signed the national anthem and sweets were distributed.

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