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**Dr Samuel N. Mathew**  
Executive Director

Dear Friend of NISH,

We are pleased to release our Newsletter. "Vibrations" - the last one for 2016. Please take a few moments to skim through the pictures and then linger where you find something interesting !

The highlight for our last quarter was NAAC accreditation. Our team work was evident in the process.

We had a variety of visitors from all over the world who took classes, interacted with our staff and students. Our staff went to conferences to present papers. In short it has been a hectic quarter as usual.

The children in our Early Intervention program as well as the students in our College make our campus unique. I am sure you will enjoy the pictures. Please give us your feedback at [nishinfo@nish.ac.in](mailto:nishinfo@nish.ac.in).

Thanks for being a good friend of NISH.



*Celebrating India's 70th independence day.*



*NISH Alumni on campus – August 13, 2016.*

## NAAC 'A' grade for NISH

The assessment and accreditation exercise of National Institute of Speech and Hearing was done by a standing committee consisting of Prof. B.C. Chapparwal, Prof. Ramesh Oza, and Dr N. Chandramohan on 23rd 24th and 25th May 2016. NISH was accredited with A grade valid for a period of five years.



## Online Course on Indian Sign Language



NISH is offering a free 6-week online course on Indian Sign Language (ISL). Candidates may register at [nish.ofabee.com](http://nish.ofabee.com) for the course titled "Introduction to ISL". The course is comprised of 10-15 minutes videos in each week that would be delivered through the Ofabee online training platform developed by Enfin Technologies, Technopark. The intention of the course is to familiarise ISL to special educators and parents who are dealing with the deaf and hard of hearing.

## Focusing on Skills



NISH and Government of Kerala's Additional Skill Acquisition Program (ASAP) commenced two courses - Animator and Designer CAD- exclusively for the twelfth standard passed deaf and hard of hearing students. The MoU was signed by Dr Samuel N. Mathew, and Dr M. T. Reju IAS, Director ASAP on 11th July, 2016.



### Infotainment



The Summer Program of 2015-16 organized by the EIP Dept. was conducted for four weeks from April 18th to May 13th. Thirty students attended the summer classes. Various activities like field visits, painting, craft activities, sports and food festival were conducted.

### FOCUS



Mr Bineesh Chandran a BFA graduate of NISH, currently employed in Shine Graphic Solution, Palarivattom as Graphic Designer taught the importance of color balancing, effects and image creation techniques to the BFA(HI) students on 27th May 2016 as part of the FOCUS programme.

### Hands on Training on Software Testing



NISH organized a hands on training on software testing for 14 NISH graduates from June 15th to July 2nd 2016. Training was conducted by a volunteer from Technopark. All the trainees attended one month internship at Khahoo Foods Pvt Ltd, Bangalore.

### Parental Awareness Programme



An awareness class was conducted for the parents of the children who attend Early Intervention Programme at NISH on the topic 'Hearing Aid Care and Maintenance' on 10th May 2016 at NISH.

### Career Awareness Workshop by EnAble India

A Career Awareness workshop was conducted by EnAble India for final and pre-final year Degree (HI) students on 26th May, 2016. The students were given brief introduction to Enable India and its services and were informed about various jobs done by the HI in various sectors. Candidate profiling was also conducted for 137 candidates.



**World Environment Day**



Bhoomitrasena Club arranged a talk titled 'Green Earth' by Dr Subhash Chandra Bose, Director of Communication and Capacity Development Unit, Water Resource Department, Govt of Kerala on June 7th, 2016 to commemorate World Environment Day.

*Students planting tree saplings at NISH campus as part of World Environment Day* ▼

The team Fitspiration, a runners club planted Christmas tree saplings as a part of World Environment Day in NISH premises on 8th June 2016.



**Workability Asia Conference**



Ms Raji NR, Ms Parvathy Pavithran and Ms Neena M, faculty members, Computer Science Department presented a paper 'Best Practices in Teaching Programming Languages to students with Hearing Impairment' in Workability Asia Conference 2016 which was organized by Disability NGOs Alliance at Bengaluru from August 25 to 27. The theme of the conference was "Empowerment through Employment of Persons with Disabilities".

**In Memoriam - Safer Mohammed**

Mr Safer Mohammed II year B Com(HI) student at NISH passed away on July 23rd, 2016 when he accidentally drowned in a water filled quarry near his house at Vadakara. NISH remain closed on July 25 to pay homage to him and a memorial meeting was held at NISH on July 26th, 2016.



**Finding Solutions Through Art**



Ms Girija Kaimal, Assistant Professor, Creative Arts Therapies Department, Drexel University visited NISH on 26th July 2016. She spoke on different methods using creative art to find solutions for problems faced by children & adults.

**Ms Arathy Manoharan**



Ms Arathy Manoharan, special educator for deaf students, currently teaching in Baltimore, Maryland, USA visited NISH & interacted with the faculty members of Degree(HI) on 23rd July 2016.

**Learning from Legend**



The second Applied learning series titled “Learning from Legend- Conversation with Dr Carol Westby and Ms Deborah Wilson” was conducted by the Department of NDS on 15th October 2016.

The session focused on the different strategies in which the Theory of Mind (ToM) can be explicitly generated and they also addressed the significance of play in the comprehensive development of the child.

**Inclusive Atmosphere- the Need of the Hour**



Michelle Friedner, PhD, a medical anthropologist and Assistant Professor of Stony Brook University, New York visited NISH & interacted with the staff & students. She was born deaf and had a cochlear implant later in life and is very much involved in the empowerment of the deaf community.

**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”.*



**JUNE 2016**  
Faculty member,  
HEFP

In spite of Sherin’s own constraints of being in the advanced stage of pregnancy, she coordinated the admission process for Degree (HI) smoothly. She energised her team with her enthusiasm which resulted in good teamwork!



**JULY 2016**  
Faculty member,  
ASLP

Krishna went beyond her call of duty when she offered regularly to meet any client who walks in without appointment. This has helped us to serve customers who come from far away places without knowing the appointment procedures.



**AUGUST 2016**  
Social Worker

During the admission process for 2016-17, Jismon handled the entire admission process very smoothly. He handled all the queries with patience and advised them appropriately and he worked long hours including Sundays and after office hours to complete the verification of applications

**‘Swavlamban’**



‘Swavlamban’, a Prestigious Health insurance Scheme for Persons with Disabilities (As Per PWD Act 1995) was launched at NISH by the New India Assurance Company Limited, in association with Ministry of Social Justice, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities on 3rd June 2016.



*A brainstorming session during Ethics & Excellence Meet on 10Th September 2016.*

**Road to Rio Olympics**



In order to be a part of a legendary event, Rio Olympics 2016, an Olympic Poster Exhibition – ‘ Road to Rio Olympics’ was organized at NISH on 29th July 2016. Ms K M Beenamol, International Athlete (Olympian) was the chief guest.

**In the World of Movies**



Gravity Club, Cultural Club and the College union organized a film festival for the staff & students of NISH on Sept 7th and 8th, 2016. This was the first of its kind at NISH.

**An Inclusive Gesture**



As a gesture of inclusivity, our TGIF team in collaboration with other teams organized an Iftar party on July 1, 2016 evening (fasting break time). It was open to staff and students who wanted to participate in the programme.

**World Deaf Day Celebration**



A Scene from the skit performed by Degree (HI) students as part of World Deaf Day celebration on 24th June 2016.

**NISH STUDENTS COUNCIL 2016-17**

<p><b>CHAIRPERSON</b></p>  <p>DONA RACHEL GEORGE III year BASLP</p>	<p><b>VICE CHAIRPERSON</b></p>  <p>ADITHYA KUMAR V sem B Com (HI)</p>	<p><b>GENERAL SECRETARY</b></p>  <p>RESHMA NAIR A III year BASLP</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR TO THE UNIVERSITY UNION</b></p>  <p>JUHY PAIFY II year BASLP</p>
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**AAC Awareness**



Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Intervention Unit of ASLP department conducted a one hour program on AAC Awareness on October 28th 2016.

communication disorders who cannot rely on their natural speech to communicate.

AAC is a set of tools and strategies which can be used for children and adults with

### First Responder Course



The First Responder Course provided by IIEMS, an international training centre of American Heart Association has been arranged for NISH staff & students. This Certification course includes CPR also.

### Onam Celebration 2016



Mahabali meeting the preschool kids during the Onam celebrations on 9th September 2016.

*“Empower to Enrich, Include to Integrate”*



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