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Dear well-wisher,

Hello and welcome to one more edition of 'Vibrations'. Here we present the last issue of 2015! So many of our readers gave us the feedback that visual contents are easier to go through and so it is again mostly pictures as in the past. 2015 can be termed as the most significant year for NISH since its inception. We highlighted some of them in the previous issues of Vibrations and this issue contains the recent happenings on campus.

This month, our team organized the First Audiology International Master Class and we hope to continue to host this in the coming years with the same high standard in content and visibility.

The visit of the Union Minister of MSJE, Shr. TC Gehlot along with the Secretary and Jt. Secretary was the highlight of November.

Everything at NISH is teamwork as you can see through these pages. We support each other since we know the tasks we take up are more than what any one person can do. Is that not wonderful? That is the culture we want to sustain and pass on to the coming generations.

The examinations are on for the degree students. And then the students go for a short semester break to come back for the new year 2016.

As we reflect thankfully at the amazing 2015, we are very excited to greet 2016 and its opportunities too. And we wish the same for all of you!

Have an exciting and successful 2016!

Dr Samuel N. Mathew
Executive Director



Nostalgia

NISH Alumni on campus –
August 21, 2015



Sri. Tawarchand Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India visited NISH on 28th November. The Secretary of Social Justice, Sri. Lov Varma, IAS and Joint Secretary, Sri. Awanish K. Awasthi IAS accompanied him. He visited different departments of NISH and addressed the staff & the students.

AIMS 2015

A successful Master class and conference “Audiology International Masterclass Series” AIMS 2015 with the theme “OtoAcoustic Emissions(OAE’s) and New Born Hearing Screening” was conducted from 4th December to 6th December, 2015 at Hotel Uday Samudra, Kovalam. The discoverer of the phenomenon, OtoAcoustic Emission, Prof. David Kemp, Emeritus Professor, University College London, Prof. Deepak Prasher and Dr Ghada Al-Malky from UK, Dr Dimity Dornan from Australia, Prof Vinay Swarnalatha Bagaraj from Norway, Dr T.P. Ashraf, Executive Director KSSM and Dr Abraham K. Paul, Director, Child Care Center, Cochin were the speakers. Kerala Chief Minister, Sri Oommen Chandy and Minister for Social Justice, Dr M.K. Muneer spoke to the participants about Kerala Initiatives for wiping away disabilities from the state.



Sri Oommen Chandy, Kerala Chief Minister addressing the audience



Dr MK Muneer & Prof. Kemp at the inauguration



Prof Deepak Prasher handling a session.



Center for Assisitive Technology & Innovation (CATI)

Funded by Federal Bank, the Center for Assistive Technology and Innovation (CATI) started functioning at NISH. Prof. K.G. Satheesh Kumar, former CEO of Technopark joined as director and Dr Akila Surendran as the Senior Engineer, Assistive Technology.



Prof K.G. Satheesh Kumar



Dr Akila Surendran

Workshop on Research Methodology

Veterans in the field of research delivered lectures on various aspects of research methodology at the National Workshop on Research Methodology conducted at NISH from 28th to 30th September, 2015. Hands on training on SPSS software was also given for the participants.



Dr Anne Varghese Dr Remadevi S. Dr Immanuel Thomas Dr Muraleedharan Nair



From left to right: Prof. David Kemp, Prof. Deepak Prasher and Dr Ghada Al-Malky



Dr Dimity Dornan in interaction with the EIP faculty members

The main speakers of AIMS 2015 visited the different departments of NISH after the international conference at Uday Samudra, Kovalam



NISH Internship Program

NISH has started offering a 3 to 6 month internship program for graduates in specific disciplines. Applications are accepted through online form on NISH website.



Celebrating the 69th Independence Day



Dr Samuel N. Mathew hoisted the national flag and the staff and students sang and signed Indian national anthem. Dr Samuel addressed the gathering and sweets were distributed.

Induction Programme for the HEFP students

Eighteen students who joined in the Higher Education Foundation Programme attended an induction programme for three days. Experts from different fields and faculty members conducted classes.

Spreading Light of Inspiration

Mr Sachin Dev Pavithran, Chairman of the United States Access Board, advisor to US President Barrack Obama & the Program Director of the Utah Assistive Technology Program at Utah State University's Center for Persons with Disabilities visited NISH and interacted with the students and staff on 10th December 2015.



Presenting Research Papers in the Asia Pacific Conference on Speech Language and Hearing Sciences

Ms Jeena Mary Joy and Ms Sita Sreekumar from Department of ASLP presented two oral papers and one poster - '*Outcome Measures in a Cochlear Implant Project in India- Longitudinal Study Results*', '*Auditory performance of Children using Cochlear Implants in Difficult Listening Conditions*' and '*Children in South India with Congenital Hearing Loss-analysis of Pre-implant Profiles*' - in the Asia Pacific Conference on Speech Language and Hearing Sciences held at Guangzhou, China in November 2015.



Student Grievances Redressal Cell

has been formed by the Executive Director. SGRC will be an approachable, student friendly group to listen and take action on issues related to students. The members are Ms. Daisy Sebastian, Ms Silvy Maxi Mena, Ms Vineetha Sara Philip and Mr Rakesh P.S. Invited student representative is Ms Anu Chandran, MASLP student.

'FOCUS' programme for the students



Mr Vimal Kumar, a BSc(CS)(HI) graduate (2008-2011 batch) currently employed in Wipro, Mysore took a session on October 16, 2015 on the topic 'Active Directory and Organisation units' for the 5th semester BSc(CS)(HI) students in the newly introduced 'Focus' programme where former students teach the current students.

Employability Augmentation Program (EAP)

Allianz Cornhill Information Services (ACIS), Technopark conducts sessions on life skill and interview etiquette for Degree HI and BASLP students at NISH. Dr Samuel N. Mathew inaugurated the first session on 10th October, 2015 and welcomed the executives from ACIS.



Students with ACIS team.

NISH Students visiting Sadhana Renewal Centre

As a part of World Mental Health Day Commemoration, the Preparatory Year students of NISH visited Sadhana Renewal Center, Manvila on 9th October, 2015. The program aimed at sensitizing students about various mental illness. It was organised by the Dept of Psychology with the support of social workers & the Students Council.



Staff Enrichment Program at Kovalam



A staff enrichment program was held at Kovalam Uday Samudra hotel on August 31st, 2015 for motivating the staff of NISH. Mr Mani Paul conducted an interactive session for the staff. NISH Honorary Director, Mr G. Vijayaraghavan, Executive Director, Dr Samuel N. Mathew and some of the staff members spoke during the function.



Ms. Shoba Koshy, Chairperson of Kerala State Child Rights Commission conducted a session on "Child Rights" on Nov 27th 2015.



Dr Pavan Antony from Adelphi University, New York addressed the staff and students of NISH on the topic " Post Secondary Inclusive education- Demystifying the Challenges" on 7th August 2015 as part of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC).



A Soft Skill Session on topic 'Grooming and Etiquette' by Mr Reghu, volunteer at NISH was conducted on 18th September 2015. BASLP and Degree (HI) students attended the program.

Onam celebrations



The students and the staff celebrated Onam at NISH with games and the 'Onam sadya' prepared by the staff.

Awareness to the Parents

- A parental workshop on Hearing Aid Care and Maintenance was conducted by the EIP department on August 10th at NISH.
- NISH conducted a two-hour awareness program for parents on the topic 'Stuttering in Children' on October 30. The aim of the program was to create greater awareness on causes, symptoms and treatment of stuttering and also on various training options available for children.



The students and staff of NISH taking part in the oath ceremony of NISH Sports Day on November 6, 2015 at LNCPE, Kariyavattom.



Dr Ashok Kumar, the scientist from ISRO conducting a session on space related matters in connection with Space Week Celebrations in October 2015.



NISH along with the Directorate of Social Justice commenced the 'first of its kind' NISH online Interactive Disability Awareness Seminar (NIDAS) on 30th October, 2015. Its aim is to reach out across the state to parents and caregivers, who are not aware of the implications of disability.



Dr Samuel N. Mathew inaugurating the Table Tennis Court at NISH.

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World Deaf Day & International Week of the Deaf

NISH Students Council organized a meeting in connection with the World Deaf Day celebrations on September 23rd, 2015. Dr Samuel N. Mathew addressed the students on the topic 'Ways to overcome Communication Barrier faced by Individuals with Hearing Impairment'.



Screening of the short film 'Gratitude' created by the hearing impaired students of Higher Education Foundation Program (HEFP).

Hearty Congratulations!!!

for all the winners of 'Quiz Time'
conducted on the birth anniversary
of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam



Winner



Anu A. Ashok
BASLP II year

Consolation prize winners



Ms Maya G.S.
EIP Teacher



Haneena M
BASLP II year



Amina
BASLP I Year



Shaheem K.P.
II year B Sc CS (HI).

Outreach Program - Career Guidance class at Neerpara Deaf School by Ms Shirly G.



Ms Shirly G, Head, New Initiatives, NISH conducted a class, on Career Counselling and Higher Education Opportunities at HSS for the Deaf, Neerpara, Kottayam District.



Ms Aparna P.



Ms Salu Babu

Ms Salu Babu and Ms Aparna P were selected in the campus recruitment by Wipro on 3rd December, 2015. The drive was organised by Ms Shirly G., Coordinator, Training & Industry Placement wing.

Disability Census by the Students

BASLP students of NISH completed the disability census for the Kulathoor ward in Thiruvananthapuram. They did an excellent job by linking school data to family data visiting 64 schools for this purpose.

New Faces in the NISH Family



G. Gopakumar
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Divya S. Pushpan
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Tinku Anna Thomas
Faculty member,
HEFP



Lisha C.
Faculty member,
HEFP



Neethu Thampi
Occupational Therapist



International Day of Persons with Disability – December 3, 2015. Children from EIP and Degree program participated.



Being One with Nature



Students of NISH planting saplings at the premises of Neyyar Dam which was organised by Bhoomithrasena club at NISH.

“Empower to Enrich, Include to Integrate”

