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Dr Samuel N. Mathew
Executive Director

Dear Reader,

18th edition of our quarterly newsletter "Vibrations" is coming to you with loads of activities. A glimpse to our world. The variety of events shows our diversity too. NISH day on April 6, was special to us, as for the first time we sat in our own auditorium to watch the cultural programs presented by our students and staff. I am glad to report that the quality of the programs showed the enthusiasm and joy we shared.

Our students are at the center of all these activities - the early intervention tiny-tots as well as the degree students!

We had several distinguished visitors to campus in the last few months and their interaction with our students were valuable. We had other visitors who just wanted to go around and see the facilities too. If you or your organization would like to schedule a visit, we will be happy to welcome you! Enjoy this newsletter and write to us back! After all, shared happiness is double!!

With warm regards

Sam



Birthday Celebration of NISHians



EIP students in action during their valedictory function

NISH DAY 2016

NISH Day celebrations was held on April 6, 2015 at the new auditorium of NISH. Cine actor Mr Vijay Babu was the chief guest. The students had an interactive session with him. NISH Executive Director Dr Samuel N. Mathew and Honorary Director, Mr G. Vijaya Raghavan adressed the gathering. The staff and students of NISH presented different programmes.



New Art Form for the Deaf



Mudra Natanam, a new art form for the deaf was performed during NISH day on April 6, 2016. It is choreographed by NISH faculty, Ms Silvy Maxi Mena using Indian sign language for all the mudras.

'Ranga Pooja' by BASLP students

CATI Meeting

A brainstorming conclave was organized at KTDC Samudra Hotel, Kovalam on March 9,10 2016, bringing together experts working in the area of Assistive Technology. The major decision of the session was that CATI's role should be useful for the rehabilitation of persons with disability and get connected with the different AT centres in the country.



NISH CATI Director Dr K.G. Satheesh Kumar , NISH honorary Director Mr G. Vijaya Raghavan and Executive Director Dr Samuel N. Mathew in a discussion with the experts in the field of Assistive Technology.



Excellence and Ethics workshop for the NISH staff under the guidance of Professor Madan Vasishta, Gallaudet University, was conducted on 22nd and 23 rd December, 2015 to imbibe the ideals of excellence and ethics. Different infotainment programmes and brainstorming sessions were part of the programme.



OBCD Workshop

A workshop based on outcome based curriculum development was held on April 8 and 9 at NISH led by Professor Joshua Earnest of NITTTR, Bhopal. NISH Executive Director Dr Samuel N. Mathew and Honorary Director Mr G. Vijaya Raghavan addressed the gathering. The faculty members attended the brainstorming session and the practical sessions to prepare outcome based curriculum.

Applied learning series of seminars

Dr. Thomas Antony took sessions on "Understanding Functional Behavioral Analysis for Practitioners" on January 13, 2016. This was the first session in the Applied learning series of seminars organized by the Department of Neuro Developmental Sciences at NISH.



Awareness programme to fight Sexual Harassment



Ms Ajitha Begum IPS addressed the students urging them to fight against sexual harassment. The 'Nirbhaya' team comprising of police officers taught self defence techniques to the students and staff of NISH on March 28, 2016. The programme was organised by CASH - NISH (Committee to Address Sexual Harassment). NISH faculty, Ms Bhavana U.B., Ms, Divya S. Pushpan and Ms Lisha C. coordinated the programme.



Hon. Director Mr.G Vijaya Raghavan sharing his experience as Jury Chairman at the Yuva Mastermind contest 2016 with the ASLP & Degree(HI) students of NISH during the monthly assembly of March 2016. Yuva Master mind contest, a joint venture of Malayala Manorama, IBS and Amal Jyothi College of Engineering is conducted every year to bring out innovative science and technological projects from college and school 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".

FEBRUARY 2016



Ms. Soja Oliver, Administrative Officer, took ownership of the 'Maintenance & Cleanliness concerns' pointed out by the ISO team. Although she was sick and was on leave, Soja quickly created a Google Doc Form for everybody to submit complaints. At any point of time, everybody can file a complaint and see the progress of the action taken. Keeping the response open to everybody meant Soja held herself accountable and kept things transparent.

Ms Soja Oliver
Administrative Officer

Pace Setters of the Year 2015



Mr Shiju R.V.



Mr Rakesh P.S.

Faculty members, Fine Arts

The BFA department was asked to transform the Early Intervention Program Enclave to be child friendly. They went in and 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 students to make this an excellent art project. The artists worked day and night skipping weekends & holidays. Thank you Rakesh and Shiju for setting an example in initiative, motivation, commitment and creativity.

Inspirational Talk



Mr Alok Kejriwal, MD of Archana Ampoules Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, who is a deaf person and an alumni of Gallaudet University, had an interactive session with the students at NISH on 29th January, 2016.

In Memorium



A programme was conducted on February 17, 2016 to pay tribute to the poet Sri ONV Kurup. HEFP faculty member, Ms Divya S. Pushpan coordinated the programme. An exhibition was also conducted at NISH coordinated by HEFP faculty members, Ms Anu Mukund, Ms Sherin Rahman, Ms Tinku and educational consultant Ms Aswathy Vinod.

Academic Session for the Commerce students



Mr K.G. Chandrasekharan retired professor of Commerce conducted a session on 'Importance of Commerce in the Modern Era' for the B Com students at NISH. The programme was coordinated by Ms Bhavana, faculty member, B Com.

Counselling Process and Skills



Dr. Susha Janardanan and Ms Aroline K. Tom from the Department of Counselling Psychology, Loyola College of Social Sciences conducted a session on 'Counselling Process and Skills' for the professionals dealing with children with disability on 29th January 2016.

Awareness on iSafe



The UST - Global Mentoring team visited NISH on January 22, 2016 to create awareness on using iSafe, a Thiruvananthapuram city police mobile application among the students

Awareness on Traffic Rules and Regulations



Gravity club organised a talk on traffic awareness on Jan 22, 2016 to create an awareness on the importance of adhering to traffic regulations and also for avoiding traffic snarls. Mr Samuel, Sub Inspector of Police & Mr Niyas, Circle Inspector of Police handled the session.



Third passing out ceremony of little stars of Neuro Developmental Sciences (NDS).



Dr Suja K. Kunnath, Head, Dept. of Neuro Developmental Sciences(NDS), NISH, handling an online session of 'NISH online Interactive Disability Awareness Seminar' (NIDAS). Six NIDAS sessions have been hosted by NISH so far, aiming to reach out to parents and caregivers who are not aware of the implications of disability across the state.

‘Silent Memories’ & ‘Limited Edition’

Exhibitions of the creative works of the 8th semester BFA students of NISH ‘Silent Memories’ was conducted at Durbar Hall Art Gallery, Ernakulam from December 26 to 31, 2015 & ‘ Limited Edition’ at Museum Auditorium from March 12 to 14, 2016



Inspirations 2016



As part of World Autism Awareness month Department of Neuro Developmental Sciences (NDS), a talent exhibition of the people with autism spectrum disorder, ‘Inspirations 2016’ was conducted from 11th to 16th April 2016 at NISH. The entries were from all over India.



A session on ‘Schemes and Concessions for Children with HI’ was presented by Ms Rejitha R.L., Social Worker at NISH. The awareness programme was organized by the Parent Support Group (HI) on January 21, 2016.



Anoop K.C. and Bobin, the fine arts students of NISH participated in a three-day painting camp organized by Chimaya Educational Trust in connection with Chinmaya Birth Centenary from February 3 to 6, 2016 at the Museum compound.

'Thank God, It's Friday'



The monthly interaction of the NISHians as part of the Ethics and Excellence Initiative tagged 'Thank God, It's Friday(TGIF)' was conducted with variety programmes like, snacks buffet, photo identification contest and many refreshing games. This was a platform for healthy and professional bonding among the staff and an effort for periodic stressbuster.



Students from Elon University organized a Science Exhibition for the students of NISH on January 11, 2016. Scientific principles like chaotic magnetic field, counterweight balance etc were demonstrated with simple experiments.



Eight teachers from various VHSE schools attended the second in-service training organised at NISH from March 1 to 22, 2016. The objective of the training was to propagate different teaching strategies to improve learning outcomes of deaf and hard of hearing VHSE students.

Together with Nature



NISH Students Council organised a programme to celebrate the World Forestry day on March 21, 2016 with powerpoint presentations explaining the importance of nature conservation.



A session of the 3 day Training Program conducted by Medel Corporation from 27th to 29th January, 2016 at NISH.



Pavilion of NISH in the All India Deaf Expo 2015 held from 17th to 20th December at Coimbatore.

Visit of Mascom students



The journalism students from Mascom interacting with the Degree(HI) students of NISH.



Dr Suja K. Kunnath & Ms Vineetha Sara Philip handling a session on "Learning Disability" at the awareness program conducted at NISH for general education teachers on February 27, 2016.

Entrance Orientation Programme



HEFP Department organized a one day entrance orientation programme conducting exams and evaluation for the students on April 11, 2016. There were different sessions presented by Dr Samuel N. Mathew, Ms Daisy, Coordinator, Academics and Intervention Programmes, Ms Shirly G., Head, New Initiatives, Ms Raji Gopal, Degree HI Coordinator and Ms Silvy Maxi Mena, HEFP In Charge



A Campus Cleaning Drive was organised by Karma, Bhoomithrasena, Students Council and New Initiatives Department on March 4, 2016.



The EIP department at NISH successfully organized an awareness programme on hearing impairment for teachers in mainstream schools on December 19, 2015.



NISH staff exchanging gifts during the New Year celebration.



A CRE Program on 'Introduction to Developmental disabilities' was conducted by the EIP department on March 8th and 9th 2016. 28 special educators participated in the workshop. The resource persons were faculty members from NISH and Dr Soumya Sundaram from Sree Chithra Institute of Medical science & Technology, Thiruvananthapuram.



A free dental check up camp was organized by PMS College of Dental Science & Research, Thiruvananthapuram for NISH staff and students on 13th April 2016 at NISH.



Parents sharing their experience during the farewell function of Early Intervention Programme conducted on March 28, 2016. 11 pre-school kids joined the mainstream schools this year



Children of Early Intervention Programme actively participating in the Sports Day organized by EIP Dept. on March 18, 2016.

Congratulations



Winners of Aawaaz, Inter collegiate Fest of AIISH, Mysore



Rays Foundation, an NGO in collaboration with Corporation of Thiruvananthapuram conducted a painting competition for all the students at NISH on February 6, 2016 to promote environment conservation & art promotion. Sanal V G & Ashik S P of BFA(HI) won I & III prizes respectively.



Priya P Jose, BFA (HI) Alumni (2009-13 batch) has joined TCS as 'Management Trainee' in UI/UX designing.

NISH students glittered with their talent and prowess at the Special Arts competition conducted by Lions Club International.



Pranav P K, BFA 8th sem
Painting- I Prize



Balu B S, BFA 8th sem
Painting- III Prize



Ashik S.P, BFA 8th sem
Solo Dance I Prize

Sixth Semester Computer Science students bagged prizes in 'Digital Dreamz 16', 16th National level two days symposium organised by Department of Computer Science, Kala-salingam University. There were technical events which included Quiz competitions, Code debugging contests, presentations etc.



From left: **Sajeer K P** (I prize in Subject Challenge & Presentation, III prize in Quiz), **Rejish Jacob Samuel** (I prize in Presentation, II prize in Quiz & Subject Challenge), **Manu C P** (I prize in Code debugging, II prize in Presentation & III prize in Quiz) **Anoop K A** (II prize in Quiz & Presentation, III prize in Subject Challenge)

Empowering Future Generation

Gravity club organised an awareness programme and an ISL class for students at Govt. College for Women, Vazhuthacaud on February 26 and at LBS college of Engineering on April 15, 2016. Ms Rekha and Ms Anju, MASLP students presented a session, 'Empowering Future Mothers' to identify the red flags in children helping the mothers to identify communication related disabilities at an earlier age. Mr Anoop and Mr Rejish, students of BSc (CS)(HI) conducted ISL classes.



Congratulations



NISH CATI director Mr K.G. Satheesh Kumar was awarded Ph D in Innovation Strategy by Amrita University based on his works on the Innovation Strategies in the Indian Software Industry in January 2016.

Closing ceremony of ISL Course

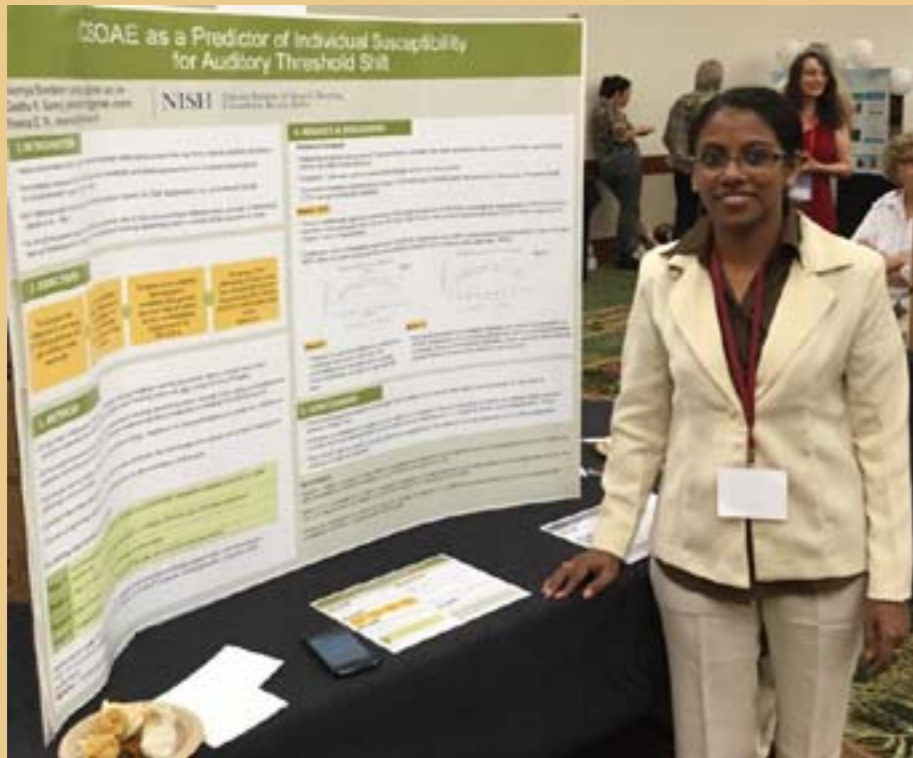
The fourth batch of the ISL Course was successfully completed on March 19, 2016 and the certificates were distributed by Dr Samuel N. Mathew. The students from different walks of life shared their experience in Indian Sign Language.



Ms Raji Gopal, Coordinator, Degree (HI) & Ms Chithra Prasad, Faculty member, Degree(HI) won the best paper award for their paper 'The Suitability of Educational Materials and Tools for English Language Acquisition for the Deaf- An Analysis and Evaluation' at the National Conference for Educators of the Deaf held at Mysore on February 16, 2016.

Upgrading the Curriculum in the Deaf Schools.

As part of the Outreach programme by NISH, Dr Samuel N. Mathew addressed the students from 4 schools for the deaf at Kolathara in Kozhikode on January 8, 2016. He emphasised the importance of upgrading the current curriculum in the deaf schools. There were interactive sessions for the students, teachers and parents.



The following papers were presented by Ms Saumya Sundaram, Faculty, Dept. of ASLP at the Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

- DPOAE Amplitude Changes in Premature, Preterm and Term Infants (Co-presenters: Ms. Sara kurian, Dr. Suja K Kunnath)
- Early Auditory Stimulation for Preterm Infants Facilitated through an Audio-Visual Aid (Co-presenters: Ms. Arya S S)
- CSOAE as a Predictor of Individual Susceptibility for Auditory Threshold Shift (Co-presenters: Ms. Geethu K Sunny, Ms. Sreena E N)



NISH faculty members Ms Chithra Prasad A.N. and Ms Neena M. visited 'Learning Centre for the Deaf' Boston, Gallaudet University, Washington, National Technical Institute for Deaf and Rochester Institute of Technology, New York. They observed the classes and interacted with the faculty members.

"Empower to Enrich, Include to Integrate"



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Dr Samuel N. Mathew, the staff and the students of NISH singing and signing the Indian National anthem after hoisting the flag on the Republic day, January 26, 2016.