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# President's Message



Greetings to the esteemed members of the ISHA

Happy New Year 2025!

'Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success' – Henry Ford

Over the past six months, ISHA has moved steadily forward in its journey through the initiatives of our dedicated Executive Council members. These months have been dynamic and productive, with significant agendas focused on bridging the past and shaping the future of our community. You will see aspects of those as you flip the pages of the pathfinder, and also hear more at the upcoming ISHACON 2025.

One of the key accomplishments were the creation of opportunities for the ISHA members to CONNECT and express their opinions and views. A series of meetings were organized to ensure that the views and opinions of ISHA members (particularly of the private practitioners) were acknowledged, encouraging inclusive dialogues. These forums have not only strengthened our foundation but have also paved the way for future collaborations and growth. Through various impactful programs and webinar series, ISHA has also served as a powerful mechanism to connect individuals, organizations, and ideas. It continues to bridge gaps and create a forward-thinking community that is eager to make meaningful progress in speech, language, and hearing sciences.

During this period, ISHA also worked tirelessly to support its members by providing travel grants and presentation opportunities, ensuring that our community has access to important platforms for knowledge exchange. JISHA continues to thrive, with 25 insightful scientific articles published during this term. The journal also received government funding, further enhancing its ability to support valuable research from our community.

Other milestones have been ISHA's collaborations with the Asia Pacific Society of Speech, Language, and Hearing, IFNRCON 2025, and support to several seminars and conferences organized by our members. These have granted our members access to a wealth of scientific resources, thus broadening the scope for learning and advancement. These collaborations are a testament to our commitment to fostering global connections and raising the standard of research and practice in the field.

As we look ahead, the upcoming ISHACON 2025 @Patna is all set to be one of the best yet, and I am excited to witness the energy and innovation it will bring. I extend my best wishes to each of you as we continue this journey of growth and excellence together.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Prof. Prakash Boominathan

President ISHA

## Secretary's Message



Greetings to all the dear members!

This year we have been successful in raising the numbers of our life memberships. We also have made some successful collaborations with International associations. JISHA has reached new heights as we are very close to getting indexed under DOAJ.

The Connect program has made efforts to bring the private practitioners together to share practical experience and also give realistic feedback to the association.

Convention guidelines were modified and necessary changes have been made.

Activities carried out by individual branches and chair EC have been documented in the biannual newsletter.

I request members to write and share their research, clinical activities, and academic achievements to be shared in Pathfinder.

I also request members to share feedback about the ISHA activities also give us suggestions to improvise the biannual newsletter. I eagerly anticipate the participation of our members in advancing the association's mission and expanding its impact nationwide.

I am looking forward to meet you at 56th ISHACON 2025 in Patna Bihar. The scientific sessions and professional meets are carefully organized with your academic interest in mind. Hope you will enjoy the convention and also visit land of saints from all over the world.

See you all soon!

Best Regards  
Namita Joshi

# Chair-Publications

## JISHA current issue



Dr. Pinki Singh

The Journal of Indian Speech Language and Hearing Association (JISHA) publishes articles of interest to professionals involved in the assessment, diagnosis, and management of speech, language and hearing disorders.



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**Editor-in-Chief: Dr. Pinki Singh**

**ISSN: 0974-2131**

**Online ISSN: 2348-5078**

**Frequency: Semiannual**

**First time JISHA has achieved the target of annual 25-30 manuscripts.**

JISHA has submitted application for DOAJ indexing. A positive approach.

To increase the number of manuscript submission with the recommended guidelines. JISHA has invited call for papers. Professional and researcher could utilise it.



JISHA has made social media profile . Please join us for good research based discussion.



# ICSSR funding for JISHA



भारतीय सामाजिक विज्ञान अनुसंधान परिषद्  
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Dated 25-11-2024

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Indian Speech & Hearing Association  
ISHA Office, AIISH, Naimisham Campus  
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## SANCTION ORDER

**Sub:** Adhoc Annual Grant-in-Aid for Publication of the Journal 'Journal of Indian Speech Language and Hearing' for the year 2024-25.

The approval of ICSSR is hereby conveyed to the sanction of a Grant-in-Aid of Rs 1,50,000/- for publication of your journal entitled 'Journal of Indian Speech Language and Hearing' for the year 2024-25.

- 1) An amount of Rs. 1,50,000/- for the year 2024-2025 would be released on receipt of Grant-in-Aid Bill from you (Proforma enclosed).
- 2) The balance amount of Rs. 15,000/- would be released subject to fulfilment of the following terms and conditions/
  - (a) Submission of 'Audited Statement of Accounts' containing the Expenditure and Income related to the publication of the journal alongwith Grant-in-Aid provided by the year 2024-25.
  - (b) The Grant-in-Aid will be used only for purpose of the publication of the journal and the 'Utilization Certificate (GFR 12 A)' duly signed by the Chartered Accountant should be sent to ICSSR.
  - (c) Each of the issues of the journal should carry an acknowledgment of the financial assistance received from the ICSSR.
  - (d) Five copies of the journal should be given free of cost to ICSSR; and
  - (e) The Grant-in-Aid for second and subsequent years shall not be renewed unless the ICSSR is satisfied that the object for which the Grant-in-Aid was given, namely, improvement in quality and regularly in publication of the journal has been achieved.

The expenditure on this account will be debitible to the Budget Head: OH31- I-Publication (Journals) GEN.

  
(Abhinav Paliwal)

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**Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) has approved to release an amount of Rs. 1,50,000/- for the year 2024-25 for the Journal of Indian Speech Language and Hearing Association (JISHA)**







# JISHA WEBINARS



## JOURNAL OF INDIAN SPEECH LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION



### ● ● 8th Webinar ● ●

Ethical Considerations in research



Date  
**25 Oct 2024**

Time  
**10 a.m.**

[Join Now](#)

Zoom registration:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88157921762?pwd=XTs1QnSPAPRaFgo7pRqTYLnG9psqEB1>

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[Youtube link](#)



## JOURNAL OF INDIAN SPEECH LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION

### ● ● 9th Webinar ● ●

Guide to write the Literature review for different  
types of researches



Date  
**29 Nov 2024**

Time  
**10 a.m.**

[Join Now](#)

Zoom registration:  
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[Youtube link](#)



## JOURNAL OF INDIAN SPEECH LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION

### ● ● 10th Webinar ● ●

Results writing in clinical manuscripts



Date  
**21 Dec 2024**

Time  
**10 a.m.**

[Join Now](#)

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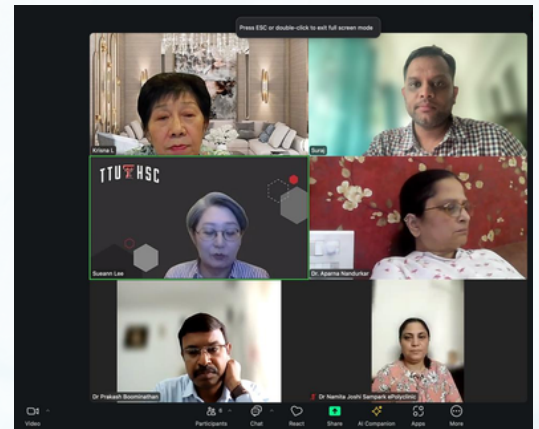
Dr. Subramanian B

Members of the APSSLH shared communication about the opportunity of hosting the APSSLH 2027 conference in Asia, A Meeting was organised over Zoom call to understand the process and steps involved in hosting the APSSLH conference in India

Meeting was attended by ISHA EC Members: Dr. Prakash Boominathan, Dr. Aparna Nandurkar, Dr. Namitha Joshi, Dr. Subramanian B

APSSLH EC Members: Dr. Sue Ann Lee & Dr. Krishna Lertsukprasert.

Following this meeting, Expression of interest to host the APSSLH 2027 in India was communicated to the APSSLH office.



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ISHA/APSSLH/ 2024-25

The Advisory Committee, APSSLH

Sub: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST to host the 2027 APSSLH conference-reg.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from ISHA!!

On behalf of the Indian Speech Language & Hearing Association, I am pleased to inform you that our Executive Committee is committed to bidding to host the Asia Pacific Society of Speech Language and Hearing Conference in India in 2027.

We understand that the final selection will be made by the Advisory Members of APSSLH, and we look forward to hearing from the APSSLH office regarding their decision.

Yours Sincerely,  
  
(Dr. Namitha Joshi)  
Hon. Gen. Secretary (Ad-hoc)



## Important Announcement

### Journal Access

ISHA has obtained affiliated membership with APSSLH (Asia Pacific Society of Speech, Language and Hearing) for the period May 2024.-May 2025. Access to the scientific journal Folia Phoniatica et Logopaedica can be facilitated through ISHA office.



Visit the Journal website

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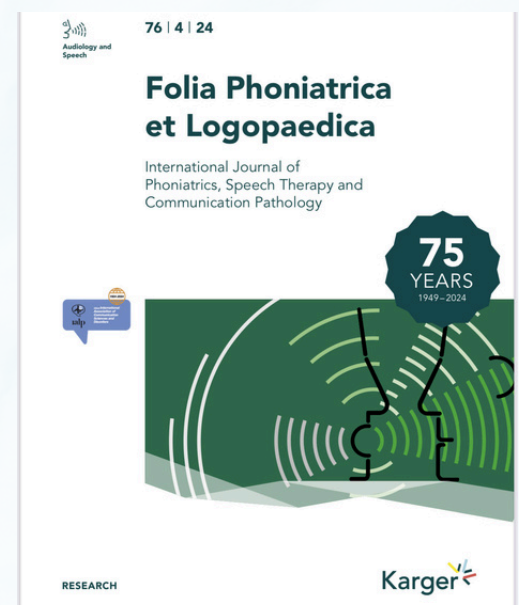
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**For Request from:**

**Individual Members-** ISHA Life Membership Number to be mentioned in the email.

**Institution:** Email should be sent by the ISHA Liaison Officer

**Note:** Office will need 03 working days to respond to this request.



# Chair-Conventions & Events



**Mrs. Meenakshi Wadhera**

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Chair - Conventions and Events. Under the visionary leadership of our President, Dr. Prakash Boominathan, and with the dedicated support of all Executive Council (EC) members, I have worked towards enhancing the overall experience and quality of the conference.

Through initiatives such as feedback forms, the formation of a Think Tank, and the Conference Guidelines Committee, we have made significant progress in revising the ISHA conference guidelines, which will be presented for approval at the upcoming Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM).

With the invaluable collaboration of the scientific team members, we successfully coordinated the review process for submitted abstracts and full-length papers, upholding the highest standards. This process involved assigning papers to reviewers, closely monitoring progress, and ensuring timely completion of reviews to meet all deadlines. Additionally, have supported the Organizing Scientific Committee members in planning the scientific sessions, ensuring the overall success of the conference.

Simultaneously, substantial progress has been made towards the finalisation and publication of the conference proceedings, further contributing to the dissemination of impactful research and knowledge in our field. I look forward to continuing to contribute to the growth and success of our association.

With regards,  
Mrs. Meenakshi Wadhera

# EC- Private Practitioner AUD



## CONNECT WORKSHOP

Dr. S M Tarique Najeeb

CONNECT is the first physical meet of private practitioners initiated to discuss day-to-day challenges and solutions in a constructive manner. Also, with the discussion, let's upskill our clinical practice.

Dr. S M Tarique, EC, Chair: Private practitioners (Audiology) has been conducting the meeting at different zones of India. The event includes a skill-based workshop followed by a meeting with the professionals!

**INDIAN SPEECH LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION**  
and  
**SPEECH & HEARING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA WEST BENGAL (SHAI WB)**

INVITES AUDIOLOGY PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS OF EAST AND NORTH-EAST INDIA TO THE FIRST PHYSICAL MEET TO

### CONNECT

A meet of Private Practitioners & ISHA Life members for upgrading clinical skills and discussion on clinical challenges

**(An initiative of SIG Audiology)**

- A Hands-on workshop on Real Ear Measurements by Dr. Chandan Saha
- Presentation & Discussion on the issues of Audiology private practitioners moderated by Dr. S M Tarique Najeeb

**SUNDAY, 20- OCTOBER 2024**  
TIME- 10 AM - 5 PM

**AUDITORIUM, AYJNISHD (D)**  
BT ROAD, BON HOOGHHLY, KOLKATA

**Registration Fees: ₹ 1500**

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**INDIAN SPEECH LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION (ISHA)**  
and  
**DELHI BRANCH OF ISHA**

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### CONNECT

A meet of Private Practitioners & ISHA Life members for upgrading clinical skills and discussion on clinical challenges

- Presentation and Discussion on Single Sided Deafness (SSD) by Ms. Neevita Narayan
- Presentation & Discussion on the issues of Audiology private practitioners moderated by Dr. S M Tarique Najeeb
- Evidence based Practice on in clinical Audiology and Speech Language Pathology conducted by Delhi branch of ISHA

**SUNDAY, 22- DECEMBER- 2024**

**MEDANTA MEDICITY HOSPITAL, GURUGRAM**

**Registration Fees: ₹ 1000**

For Registration Details  
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e-mail: ec.researchdisha@gmail.com




**13 Audiologist attended this Workshop**

**39 Audiologist attended this Workshop**



# ISHA ACTIVITIES

## *Financial Support for Professional Development*

Institute	Workshop/Seminar/Conference	Date	Amount
Dr. S R Chandrasekhar Institute of Speech and Hearing	Professional Voice Care: A Holistic Approach	27-29 June 2024	25,000/-



The Department Of Speech Language Studies, Dr. S R Chandrasekhar Institute of Speech and Hearing, Bengaluru, hosted a three- day seminar titled "Professional Voice Care: A Holistic Approach," from June 27th to June 29th, 2024. The event featured renowned experts from various disciplines regarding recent advances in assessment and management for professional voice users who exhibit voice disorders, live demonstrations of stroboscopy and nasoendoscopy, and panel discussions aimed at enhancing the clinical skills of attendees.

Professionals: 49  
 Students: 129  
 Resource persons: 15

Institute	Workshop/Seminar/Conference	Date	Amount
Holy Cross College	FlaSH Series VIII 2024	2nd to 4th September 2024	25,000/-



Assessment is the key to diagnosis and hence, it is important to use appropriate disorder specific standard assessment protocols and reliable test materials for precise diagnosis. Considering this scenario a RCI-CRE, Facilitative Learning on Advancements in Speech and Hearing- FlaSH Series VIII-2024 in association with Indian Speech and Hearing Association (ISHA) and Indian Speech and Hearing Association- Tamilnadu Branch(TAN-ISHA) was organized by the Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamilnadu on the topic "FlaSH Series VIII -Effective Implementation of Evidences into Aphasia Practice: Clinical Evaluations, Interventional Strategies, and Practical Steps".

The conference was held at Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamilnadu from 2nd to 4th September 2024. The organizing committee was lead by Dr. R. Sundaresan, Organizing Chairperson and Ms. K. Bhuvaneshwari, Organizing Secretary. The main motto of the conference is implementation of evidences into Aphasia assessment and management practice. The conference was ardently ornamented with new ideas like active learning strategies, dumb charades, AAC Device and brain model competitions. The conference proceedings book was released with ISBN number. Conference also initiated a "GO GREEN FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT" a 350 tree saplings in the name each delegate has been planted .A total of 52 research papers including 18 oral presentations and 34 poster presentations were presented.

Professionals: 54  
 Students: 290  
 Resource persons: 15

## ***ISHA Welfare Fund***

*Mr. Nilanjan Paul, a life member of ISHA expired in Kolkata in 2024. ISHA donated Rs. 75,000/- to his family member.*

## ***Letter to Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment***

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has issued a notification on 29.11.2024 stating the transfer of administrative control across various disability categories. In this connection, ISHA has sent a request letter to Ministry to reconsider the decision. Further, an RTI request has also been filed to obtain the proceedings of the meeting to clarify the reason for this decision.

## ***Filing petition under Supreme Court of India***

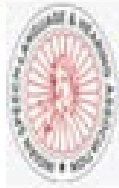
ISHA has hired a lawyer to file case in the Supreme Court against malpractice and other concern raising issues in the field of speech and hearing. Necessary The case will be filed by the end of January 2025.

## ***ISA Affiliate representative-Dr. Vidya Ramkumar***

The Executive Committee (EC) of ISHA has decided to retain Dr. Vidya Ramkumar, Professor, Department of Audiogoy, India Alliance Intermediate Fellow in Clinical and Public Health, Director, SRESHT lab, Sri Ramachandra Faculty of Audiology and Speech language pathology as the contact person for the International Society of Audiology (ISA) on behalf of ISHA.

## ***ISHA BUILDING FUND RAISING COMMITTEE***

The Executive Committee (EC) of ISHA has formed a committee for raising funds for ISHA building. Dr. Rajshekhar B. has been nominated as the Chariperson of the committee with Dr. S.P. Goswami as its Secretary and some others as its members from South, North, East, West and Central regions. This committee will serve till the completion of ISHA building.



## INDIAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION

National Association of Speech Language and Hearing Professionals

### *We stand united seeking Justice and Safety*

The Protest and movements against the brutal incident of PGT of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital Kolkata, are happening nationwide.

The Indian Medical Association appealed for shut-down of Medical Services for 24 hours.

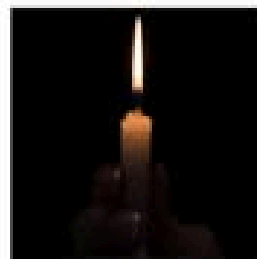
Indian Speech and Hearing Association has its moral support and want to stand shoulder to shoulder with IMA for this movement towards safety and security of fellow woman professionals.



**WE STAND  
AGAINST INJUSTICE AND  
PRAYING FOR THE  
DEPARTED SOUL  
AND  
THE FAMILY .**

To Express support, ISHA appeals to

All the Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists to shutdown services on 17th August 2024 and wear black ribbon for protest.



**ISHA will observe  
a min silence at  
11: 00 am  
on 17th August  
2024  
Nationwide**



# ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING



## Indian Speech-Language & Hearing Association (ISHA)

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Date: 30.12.2024

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To

All the Life Members of  
Indian Speech-language and Hearing Association

Dear Madam/Sir,

Greetings from ISHA


This is to bring to your kind notice that the Annual General Body Meeting of Indian Speech-language and Hearing Association (ISHA) for the year 2024-25 is scheduled during the 56<sup>th</sup> ISHACON at 4 pm onwards on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 at **Urja Auditorium, Patna, Bihar**. The following are the agenda for the meeting. The members are cordially invited to attend the AGM.

#### *Agenda for the meeting:*

1. Approval and adoption of minutes of last GB meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2024
2. Report of the Executive Committee for the year 2023-24 and calendar year 2024-25 till date by the Hon. General Secretary
3. Treasurer's Report:
  - Audited statement of accounts for the year 2023-24
  - Financial statement for the year calendar year 2024-25 till date
  - Budget estimate for the year 2025-26
4. Report for the year 2023-24, and calendar year 2024-25 till date by
  - Chair-Publication,
  - Chair-Professional Matters
  - Chair-Conventions & Events,
  - Chair-Public Relations & Liaising
  - Chair-Research & Training Promotion
  - Chair-Promotional Activities
  - EC-Private Practitioner (AUD)
5. Special reports
  - Chairperson/Secretary - Building committee
  - Chairperson - Quality Cell
6. ISHACON guidelines
7. Discussion on tenure of the EC posts, especially Secretary, Treasurer, Chair-Publications
8. Elections for the vacant posts in the Executive Council of ISHA
9. Issuing the MOU for hosting 2026 ISHACON at Gujarat
10. Proposal for an international conference in 2027 with Asia Pacific Society
11. Any other topic with permission of the chair
  - Provision of Co-Editor
12. Vote of Thanks
13. National Anthem

We look forward for your esteemed presence and valuable input.

Yours Sincerely,

  
(Dr. Namita Joshi)  
Hon. Gen. Secretary  
(Ad-hoc)

## CALL FOR VACANT EC POSITIONS

# INDIAN SPEECH LANGUAGE & HEARING ASSOCIATION



## CALL FOR VACANT EC POSITIONS

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**Kindly refer to the byelaws for eligibility criteria**

Submit your nomination to [secretary@ishainida.org.in](mailto:secretary@ishainida.org.in)  
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# ISHA : Engagement with National & International Organisations



IFNRCON: 13th Annual Conference of Indian Federation of Neurorehabilitation (IFNRCON 2025) , CMC, Ludhiana from 27th to 29th March 2025.

IFNRCON 2025 have confirmed round table session allocation for ISHA . Details about the session and speakers are as presented here.

Date: 29th March 2025. Time: 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM. Duration: 60 minutes

Convener : Ms. Sonal Chitnis

Zainab Mushtaque, Mumbai	Neurogenic Dysphagia-CLP Perspective in global implementation of EBP in India
Swarup B Mishra, Bhubaneswar	Fall Prevntion Assessment & Management in the Elder Population
Dr. Gopee Krishnan, MAHE, Manipal	The use of mixed reality & novel technology in the social communication approaches to the Aphasia rehabilitation

## ***Proceedings of National Conference on Mainstreaming Rehabilitation in Healthcare System in India***

The conference proceedings of National Conference on Mainstreaming Rehabilitation in Healthcare System in India is made available on ISHA website. (<https://www.ishaindia.org.in/announcements/National-Mainstreaming-Rehabilitation-in-Healthcare-system-in-India.pdf>)

### Day 1: Visit to MGM Centre of Human Movement Science



From left to right, Dr. Rupali Roy, Dr. Triveni Shetty demonstrating the outputs of 3D Movement analysis, Dr. Charu Sharma, Dr. Tashi Tobgay, Dr. Prakash Boominathan, Dr. Ravinder Singh, Dr. S P Goswami, and conference delegates



Group photo of Speakers, Delegates, and Organizing team during visit to MGM Centre of Human Science, Navi Mumbai



From left to right - Panelists of the panel discussion 'Weaving Pathways for Integration of Package of Interventions for Rehabilitation into the Curriculum': Dr. Sanjay Wadhwa, Dr. Ritu Ghosh, Dr. Prakash Boominathan, Dr. Shovan Saha, Mrs. Vaishali Sathe



# 56th ISHACON 2025



 **ISHACON** 2025

**56<sup>th</sup>** Annual Conference of  
Indian Speech Language and Hearing Association

Theme : Technology & Therapeutic Advancement: From Science To Practice  
Organised by : Speech and Hearing Association, Bihar  
Date : 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2025



**Venue : Urja Auditorium, Patna**

The Bihar Branch of ISHA (BISHA) will host the 56th Annual Conference of the Indian Speech Language and Hearing Association (ISHACON 2025) at Urja Auditorium, Patna, Bihar, from 13th to 16th February 2025.

For More Details Visit

[www.ishacon2025.com](http://www.ishacon2025.com)

# ISHA ORATION'S - 2025

**Dr. N. Rathna Oration**



**Dr. Suman Kumar**  
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**Padma Shri Prof. S. Kameswaran  
Endowment Oration**



**Dr. Krishna Y.**  
L11030247

**Prof. R. K. Oza Oration**



**Dr. Mallikarjun B Urs**  
L11030021

**Dr. S. R. Chandrasekar Travel Fellowship 2025**



**Dr. Swathi Kiran**  
**James and Cecilia Tse Ying Professor in Neurorehabilitation**  
**Boston University**

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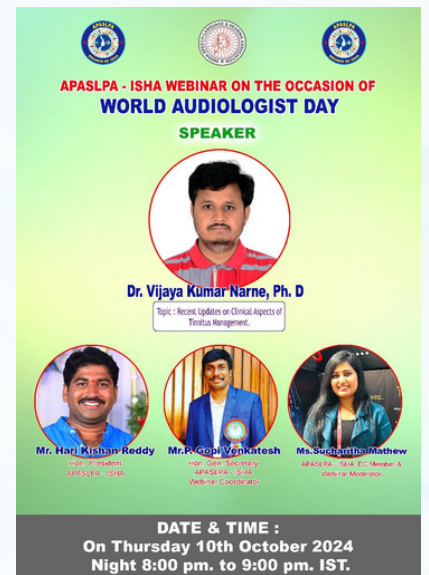
Please email the activities carried out by respective branches to [secretary@ishaindia.org.in](mailto:secretary@ishaindia.org.in)

# ANDHRA PRADESH



Andhra Pradesh branch conducted a webinar on Basics of Vestibular Rehabilitation as a part of Balance Awareness Week 2024 on 21st September 2024. Dr. Sujeet Kumar Sinha was the invited speaker for the webinar. Ms. Sucharitha Mathew moderated the session and Mr. Gopi Venkatesh coordinated to organize the webinar.

On the occasion of World Audiologist Day, APASLPA conducted a webinar on Recent Updates on Clinical Aspects of Tinnitus Management. Dr. Vijaya Kumar Narne served as the resource person for the webinar. Ms. Sucharitha Mathew moderated the session and Mr. Gopi Venkatesh coordinated to organize the webinar.



As a part of World Disability Day, Andhra branch conducted awareness Walkhon at Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh on 8th December, 2024. Mrs. Sai Harika Boppana served as the program coordinator.

# EC OF ANDHRA PRADESH



## APASLPA - ISHA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



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## AISHA Academics webinars



## NEBAOICON 2024



For the 1st time in the history of NEBAOICON 2024, which was held at Sivsagar from 25 th to 27 th of October 2024, a separate platform for the Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists was given, where active participation from AISHA was seen in an Audiology Symposium and an Instructional Course (Audiology).

## MALPRACTICE

The branch has raised voice against the malpractice of Ms. Joon Moni Gogoi, who has completed her Diploma in Speech and Hearing and is serving as Audiologist and Speech Language Pathologist and has been running several clins in Assam.

## DELHI



The "Childhood Apraxia of Speech: Assessment and Management" certification course was held online between July and August in collaboration with Uncleft. Uncleft provided advanced training to the participants.

The "Workshop on Dysphagia," was organized with Medanta the Medicity on August 25 during the "World Neuroscience Summit-IV". This offered valuable insights to the participants.



On December 22, DISHA conducted an RCI-approved CRE program on Evidence-Based Practice and Clinical Advancements at Medanta Hospital, followed by a General Body Meeting that fostered active discussions and strengthened the branch's initiatives.

Mr. Jitendra Kumar Saini was re-elected as Secretary, and Mr. Shivam Singh was elected as Treasurer of the Delhi branch of ISHA.

# EC OF DISHA



## EC MEMBERS



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Saini**  
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Ameenuddin**  
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## KERALA

### B.Sc. Developmental Therapy Course and High Court Order



Kerala State Branch of ISHA (ISHA KSB) addressed pressing concerns related to the Bachelor of Science in Developmental Therapy (B.Sc. DT) course, proposed by the Kerala University of Health Science. Acknowledging the necessity of proper regulatory oversight as well as the concerns raised by our members on its scope of practice and overlap with our profession, ISHA KSB filed a case in the Honorable High Court to ensure that the course is brought under the purview of the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI).

The High Court recognized the issues' legitimacy and directed the Registry to allocate the case to an appropriate Bench. Subsequently, the Bench admitted the case and instructed RCI and other respondents to provide necessary clarifications and instructions.

This legal intervention reflects ISHA KSB's unwavering commitment to safeguarding the standards of rehabilitation education. We anticipate a positive outcome that will ensure the professional integrity in rehabilitation field.

### Annual Conference of ISHA KSB with CRE status at Kochi

The 16th Annual Conference of the Indian Speech and Hearing Association, Kerala State Branch (ISHA KSB), was successfully held on November 30 and December 1, 2024, at Sree Gokulam Park Hotel and Convention Centre, Ernakulam, Kochi. The conference featured key sessions covering both theoretical and practical aspects of speech and hearing, ranging from fundamental concepts to advanced practices in the field. Over 120 research papers were presented, showcasing the latest findings and innovations. The event provided a dynamic platform for professionals, researchers, and students to exchange knowledge, discuss advancements, and enhance their expertise in audiology and speech-language pathology.



## EC OF KSB



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# MAHARASHTRA

## Commemoration of World Deaf Day/ International Sign Language Day

To commemorate International Sign Language Day in September 2024, MISHA created awareness posters and circulated them virtually through social media such as WhatsApp and Facebook. The fliers and posters were courtesy of MISHA Associates.

The link to the MISHA Facebook post about International Sign Language Day is below.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/f2oGEwsP9ERqoqYX/?mibextid=qi2Omg>

## World Audiologists Day

World Audiologists Day was commemorated on 10th of October through an awareness pamphlet created by Associates of MISHA, which underlined the importance of Audiologists in improving people's quality of life. The link to the facebook post is shared below.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/YKixLAtHAYX1zB97/?mibextid=xfxF>

## MISHACON, the biennial conference of MISHA

MISHA conducts a state level conference every alternate year in different cities of Maharashtra. This year, MISHACON was held at Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar. The conference was a scientific feast comprising of lectures by experienced professionals from across India and abroad. It was well attended and the content as well as impeccable organisation of the team was well appreciated by all attendees. Given below are some snippets from the conference.



## International Day of persons with disabilities

MISHA undertook an initiative to encourage practitioners from across Maharashtra to share success stories of the children and adults with speech and hearing disabilities that they had interacted with as part of the intervention process.

In keeping with the theme, "Amplifying leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future", audiologists and speech language pathologists who were MISHA members shared stories in the form of pictures, videos and write ups showcasing the progress made by their clients, after taking their informed consent.

Dr. Mansi Jagtap and Dr. Priya Shah along with Associates of MISHA led this activity, and success stories were shared by Ms. Priya Bhale, Mrs. Mugdha Mhatre Ambulkar, Mrs. Alpana Pagare, Dr. Priya Shah and Mrs. Dinaz Wadia.



### EC of MISHA



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EC member



**Ms. Priya Bhale**  
EC member

The Odisha branch of ISHA conducted its Annual General meeting on 07.09.2024.

## EC of ODISHA



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Training**



## MYSURU (MYISHA)

The Annual General Body Meeting of MyISHA was held on 20-09-2024 at AllISH, Mysuru, starting with a tribute to Dr. N. Rathna. Twelve new members were approved for life membership, and financial assistance was provided to cochlear implant recipients. Amendments to the bylaws and sponsorships for ISHACON-2024 were discussed and approved. Activities conducted in 2023-24 included public awareness events, workshops, and a donation for ISHA building construction.

### EC OF MYISHA



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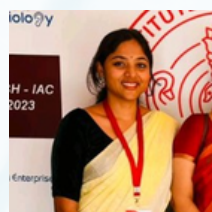
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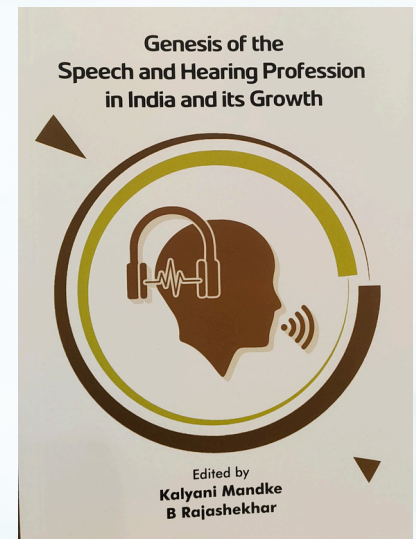
## Book Review

# **Genesis of the Speech and Hearing Profession in India**

**Edited by : Dr Kalyani Mandke and Dr B. Rajashekhar**

**Reviewer : Dr.S.P.Goswami**

Genesis of the Speech and Hearing Profession in India, edited by Dr Kalyani Mandke and Dr B. Rajashekhar, offers a thorough and insightful examination of the evolution of the speech and hearing profession in India. This book provides a historical perspective, tracks significant developments, and highlights the challenges and triumphs of establishing this crucial healthcare domain within the Indian context. Through expert contributions, the book not only documents the profession's progress but also serves as an academic resource for professionals, students, and researchers in speech-language pathology and audiology.



### **Overview and Structure:**

The book is organized into several chapters that chronicle the key stages in the development of speech and hearing services, with specific sections focusing on speech-language pathology and audiology. These chapters are authored by leading experts who have witnessed the profession's growth first-hand. The chapters reflect the breadth of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, from foundational concepts to contemporary practices. The foreword by Prof. Roopa Nagarajan highlights how Dr Kalyani Mandke and Dr B. Rajashekhar have used their professional skills and experiences to add a new dimension to the book.

### **Here's a brief overview of the key contributions:**

- Ms. Sunila John's Contributions: Ms. John writes on Childhood Language Disorders, Neurogenic Communication Disorders, and Tele- practice. Her chapters highlights the changes in trends assessment and treatment of speech and language disorders in both children and adults, test materials/tools developed in India. The chapter on tele- practice is especially noteworthy, as it demonstrates the profession's shift from traditional clinical settings to patient-centered care, leveraging technology to improve service delivery.
- Dr. Radish Kumar's Contributions: Dr. Kumar covers Speech Sound Disorders, Fluency Disorders, Voice Disorders, and Dysphagia. These chapters highlights on the pivotal role of SLP in health care and academic settings, need for evidence based approaches and more importantly advancements in objective assessments.
- Dr. Anjali Kant and Dr. Subramanian B's Chapter: Their chapter on Cleft Lip and Palate (CLP) highlights the evolution of cleft care in India . The chapter narrates the efforts towards capacity building, advocacy and establishing SLPs as an integral member of cleft care teams.This chapter also highlights on the initiatives taken towards academic, research and training domains in the speciality area of CLP.

- Dr. B. Rajashekhar and Mr. Arun Balaji's Chapter: This chapter narrates growth of this profession (SLP) in HNC teams and the efforts taken in different parts of the country towards establishing as primary member of the voice restoration team, networking and collaboration with national and international organisations, development of indigenous voice prosthesis and training programs to transfer skill and knowledge.
- Dr. Kalyani Mandke's Contributions: Dr. Mandke has written three chapters: Hearing Screening and Early Interventions, Aural Rehabilitation, and Legislation and Policies. These chapters delve into the evolution of the profession (audiologist's), advancements in various of dimension of rehabilitation such as, fitting hearing devices, cochlear implants, auditory training program, rehabilitation models, standard of care. Dr.Mandke also highlights on the broader policy frameworks that advocate for the rights of individuals with speech, language, and hearing disorders.
- Dr. Mayur Bhat and Dr. Hari Prakash's Chapter: Their chapter on presents the assessment of and management of Central Auditory Processing Disorders (CAPD) from our regional context. This chapter gives the readers the necessary background about the emergence of this speciality area and moves on to highlighting the latest advancements in diagnosis and management. It is important to mention that this chapter provides valuable summary of CAPD tests developed in India.
- Dr. N.P. Natraja and Dr. Kalyani Mandke's Chapter: This chapter on Access to Technological Advancements highlights the importance of integrating objective assessments into clinical practice. It underscores how speech-language pathologists and audiologists have adopted advanced technologies to provide more accurate, evidence-based care.
- Dr. Kaushlendra Kumar, Ramiz Malik, and Dr. Mohan Kumar Kalaiah's Chapter: This chapter on the evolution of vestibular assessment and management illustrates the expanding role of audiologists in diagnosing and managing vestibular disorders, aligning the profession with global standards and practices.
- Dr. Kalyani Mandke and Dr. B. Rajasekhar's Chapter: Their chapter on Manpower Development and the Way Forward addresses the growing demand for audiologists and speech-language pathologists in India. It discusses how the profession must scale to meet this demand while maintaining high standards of service delivery.
- Prof. R.K. Oza and Dr. N. Rathna's Chapter: The reflective chapter, Memories from the Veterans, takes readers back to the 1960s, providing a personal and historical account of the profession's early days in India. It discusses the challenges faced by pioneers and the progress made over the last six decades. This chapter is particularly valuable for those who wish to understand the roots of the profession and express gratitude to those who shaped its growth.

### **Conclusion:**

Genesis of the Speech and Hearing Profession in India is an essential and comprehensive work that chronicles the history and development of speech-language pathology and audiology in India. By weaving together historical insights and contemporary practices, this book is an invaluable resource for students, professionals, and policymakers interested in understanding the evolution of this critical healthcare field in India. The contributions from respected experts offer not only a reflection on the challenges faced by the profession but also a celebration of its many achievements. This book is a vital tool for anyone seeking to understand the foundations and future direction of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology in India.

# ISHA Travel Grant : Reflections on a Travel Grant Experience

I'm **Kalaiyaran R.**, pursuing Ph.D. in Audiology as a Junior Research Fellow at All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore.

My research focuses on vestibular assessment and management in clinical disorders.



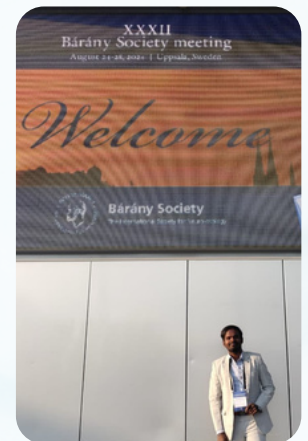
## Share your experience of receiving this grant :

Receiving a travel grant was a pivotal moment in my Ph.D. journey.

The prestigious Barany Society recognized my research work, and I was invited to this conference in Sweden to present my work.

The thought of attending international conferences felt like a distant dream, hindered by financial constraints. This travel grant, unlocked world of academic possibilities and gave me the opportunity to attend my first international conference..

As a PhD scholar, attending conferences and publishing scientific papers were among the requirements for completing the PhD degree. Through this grant I was able to meet both of these requirements.



## Tell us more about the grant process

The travel grant process takes about 6 months. Provisional approval of this grant was informed prior to my attendance. I received financial support after successfully attending the conference and acceptance of my research work for publication in JISHA. I am happy to share that my research work is published in the latest issue.

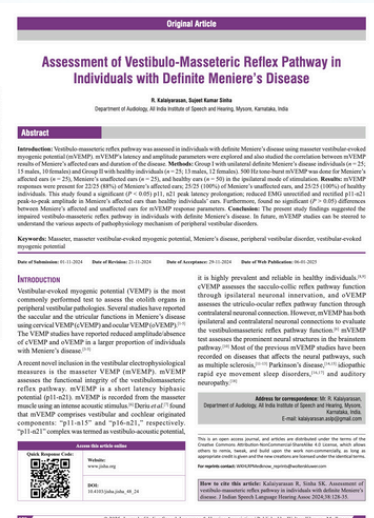


## WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THIS GRANT FOR OTHER ISHA MEMBERS?

"Absolutely! This grant was instrumental in my professional development, and I wholeheartedly recommend it to other clinicians and research scholars. I encourage prospective applicants to carefully consider their research goals and demonstrate how this grant will contribute meaningfully to their academic/ professional development.

I recommend thoroughly reviewing the application guidelines prior to submitting an application."

**I am grateful for this support !!!!**



**If you are a Life member of ISHA and a practicing clinician or research scholar or academician looking for travel grant to attend a conference**

**Please write to ISHA office @ [secretary@ishaindia.org.in](mailto:secretary@ishaindia.org.in) to get more details**

# Fund Raising Initiative- Towards Construction of ISHA Office Building



Model Diagram of Proposed Office

## Work Completed:

- Construction of Compound wall and fixing of main gate
- Bhoomi Pooja

**Estimated Budget:** 1,78,50,000 INR

**Funds Raised Till Date :** 33,53,316/-NR\*

*\*this includes funds beyond direct donations from members*



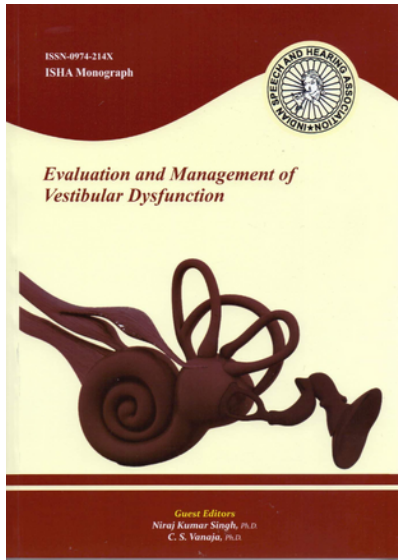
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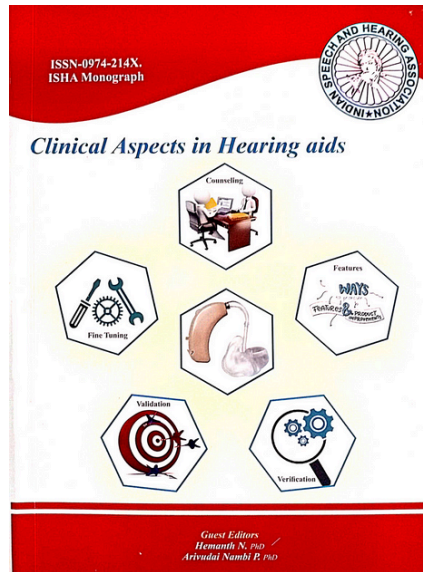
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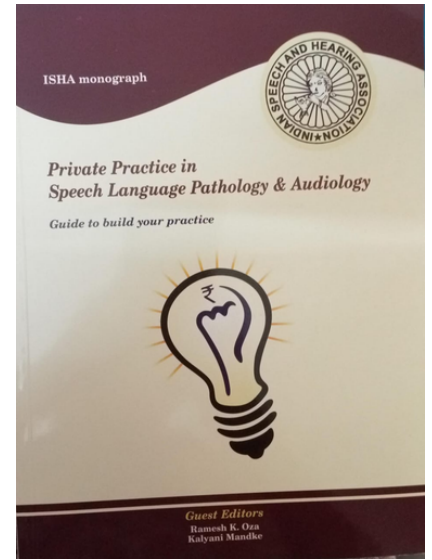
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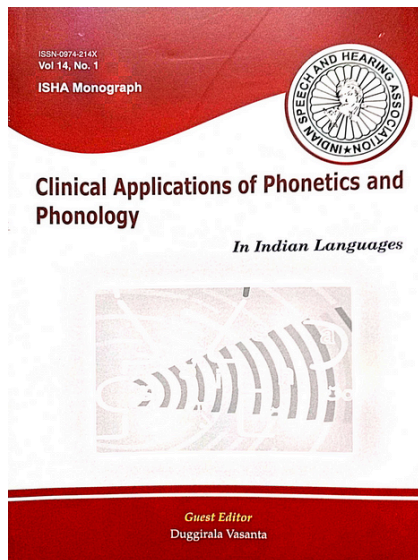
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