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President's Message

Season's Greetings! I have great pleasure in presenting the transformed version of the Pathfinder – the connect with all of you. This issue offers a collection of happenings, and the activities of the EC of ISHA in the last six months. 'karo baat ISHA ke saat' provided opportunity to discuss several aspects of the professional and related issues with the office bearers of the state branches of ISHA.



Dr. Prakash Boominathan

You will be glad to read about the initiatives of ISHA in associating with the Asia Pacific Society of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology and the membership benefits thereto. We have registered with the World Rehabilitation Alliance (WRA) - a WHO global network of rehabilitation professionals whose mission is to support the implementation of the "Rehabilitation 2030" of the WHO. ISHA participated in the WHO meetings related to hearing health, and strategies for implementation of the 'Package of intervention for rehabilitation' in the curriculum, services and policy decisions. The current issue of the pathfinder also captures significant moments of the last ISHACON at Kolkata, and sets an expectation to the forthcoming convention in Patna. Several other updates such as Bhoomi pooja, constitution of the building committee, ISHA conference support for institutions and state branches, travel aides for members to attend international conference, innovations in JISHA, reformations in the website, initiatives to modify the convention guidelines, partnering with clinics/associations to improve public percept and connect, etc will provide you with a glimpse of the range of activities ISHA is currently pursuing.

Dr Rathna will be remembered by the posterity for his generosity, friendly nature and democratic values. This issue has a link to the prayer meeting conducted by ISHA and the expressions captured from our honourable members of our association. Take some time to reflect on the emotions shared, while we look up to uphold some of the values and camaraderie Dr Rathna nurtured for the growth and development of our association, its members and our profession.

I am sure, you will appreciate the variety of engagements ISHA is taking up, and also volunteer to partake in these, as you flip through the e-pages of this issue of the pathfinder.

Best Regards,
Prakash Boominathan

Secretary's Message

First and foremost, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the association for entrusting me with the important role of association secretary. It has been nurtured by its past office bearers who toiled hard to take ISHA to the place where it proudly stands today. Taking the baton from the previous EC members who have done an excellent job we strive to take ISHA to new heights.



Dr. Namita Joshi

ISHA provides generous funding for research to its Life members and students ISHA propagates the awareness of Speech Language and Hearing disorders among UGs and postgraduate trainees, ISHA's support is available for our members wishing to organize educational programs in teaching institutions.

(https://www.ishaindia.org.in/updates_downloads.html).

Our many Special Interest Groups (SIGs) have shown robust growth in working towards private public partnerships and collaborative work with other allied professionals. ISHA has taken up initiative towards giving private practitioners an opportunity to discuss with ISHA zone-wise. Private practice has been focused more and practical skill-based trainings are upcoming events ISHA plans in the current year. ISHA has initiated work on website refurbishing and also making an ISHA app for connecting with members. I request professionals to enroll your names under Locate my professional sections to get more visibility. (https://www.ishaindia.org.in/professionals_centraldirectory.php)

ISHA has declared the July 2024 to September 2024 as life membership drive months. ISHA office extending extra hand on specific days to help members to activate their old membership and avail new memberships as well. (https://www.ishaindia.org.in/online_registration.html). I request all members to participate in the drive, helping professionals to become life members. The more we grow in numbers the more can be planned and executed as community of professionals on National and International Platforms.

ISHA also has completed the Bhoomi Pooja of the ISHA official site in Mysore. ISHA is in need of its members support for constructing a office which will cater the official meetings and events for ISHA in future. I request all the members to support towards the building fund through (https://www.ishaindia.org.in/ISHA_building_fund.html). Each and everyone can donate towards the construction of phase 1 in the current year in their capacity.

I hope that each of you will embrace this mission and become involved in your association. Support its programs; volunteer to serve on a committee; participate in initiatives that are important to you and to your patients. Only by becoming so engaged will you realize the full value of your membership.

Let us embark on this fruitful journey together, shoulder to shoulder, to share a common ideal and embrace a common goal of making ISHA a great success.

Best Regards,
Namita Joshi

In loving memory of Dr. Rathna N. (1934-2024)



Dr. Natesh Rathna was one of the founding life members (L11030001) of ISHA and served on its Executive Committee in various capacity including the President of ISHA. His contribution to the education and overall development of speech and hearing as a profession in India was notable. Clinician, Teacher, Administrator, he has played all these roles with élan. He was and will be widely regarded as the "Teacher of Teachers" in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology. ISHA has celebrated him by instituting an Oration on his name, and given it every year to an eminent Speech Language Pathologist in India during ISHA National Convention. His simplicity, firm belief in democratic values and love for theatre were legendary. He was loved for his soft-spoken baritone voice, helpful and kind nature. Though he is not here among all of us today, his legacy will continue to inspire the entire speech and hearing fraternity across the globe.



Prayer meeting

Prayer meeting

The EC of ISHA organized a condolence meeting in honour of late Dr. Rathna N. on 23.06.2024 at 10.30 a.m. through zoom platform. The meeting was attended by 100 participants which was the maximum capacity of the purchased zoom platform. Many eminent personalities from the field of speech and hearing and some of the family members of Dr. Rathna spoke about this great personality. The condolence messages sent by the members were shared with the family members.

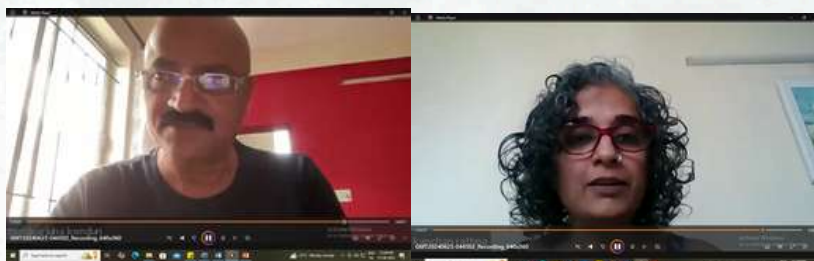
The prayer meeting recording is made available in ISHA YouTube channel.

Please find the link :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIeEOshiDul>



Dr. Rathna Sir's family members



Updates from Executive Council Office

Chair-Publications



Dr. Pinki Singh

JISHA current issue

The screenshot shows the JISHA website header with the logo of the Indian Speech, Language & Hearing Association. The main navigation bar includes links for Home, Current Issue, Previous Issues, For Authors, and Published Ahead-of-Print. The 'Current Issue' section features a cover image of the journal and the following details:

- Jan-Jun 2024 - Volume 38 - Issue 1**
- Editor-in-Chief:** Dr. Pinki Singh
- ISSN:** 0974-2131
- Online ISSN:** 2348-5078
- Frequency:** Semiannual

There is also a link for 'eTOC Alert'.

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.

Manuscript's published Jan-June 2024 edition: 05

Manuscript's currently under review: 24

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JISHA webinars

To facilitate research and development in the field of speech and hearing and allied fields, JISHA is conducting monthly webinars related to basic of research, manuscript writing, citation styles, statistical perspective, systematic review etc. We are including eminent speakers from India and abroad.

JOURNAL OF INDIAN SPEECH LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION

WEBINAR SERIES

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29TH FEBRUARY, 2024 10.00 AM

SPEAKER

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Title:

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Webinar Series

Publishing First Manuscript Authors & Publishers Perspective

Date
29 Mar 2024

Time
10 a.m.

Join Now

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Date:

31.05.2024

Youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FB50LQ3wZ7E>

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JISHA webinars



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● ● 4th Webinar ● ●

Research proposal writing: Tips and Tricks

Date
28 Jun 2024

Time
10 a.m.

Join Now

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Resource Person:

Dr. Hari Prakash P.

*Associate Professor, Department of Speech and Hearing
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Date:

28.06.2024

Youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SI4I-ngG-IO>

Title:

Sample size estimation and sampling technique in research

Resource Person:

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*Scientist C, ICMR-National Institute of Research in Tribal Health
Jabalpur*

Madhya Pradesh

Date:

26.07.2024



JISHA JOURNAL OF INDIAN SPEECH LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION

● ● 5th Webinar ● ●

Sample size estimation and sampling technique in research

Date
26th Jul 2024

Time
10 a.m.

Join Now

Zoom registration:
https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register?ZtYic-ytjwuh9W09m_P0sPr0njZVhvcE2h

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We are excited to announce a series of webinars scheduled for the upcoming months. We encourage you to attend these webinars and share the details with your fellow professionals and students.

Additionally, to help us organize the most relevant and engaging sessions, please share your topics of interest. Your input will guide us in tailoring the webinars to better meet your needs. Please write to chair.pub@ishaindia.org.in

Chair-Public Relations & Liaising

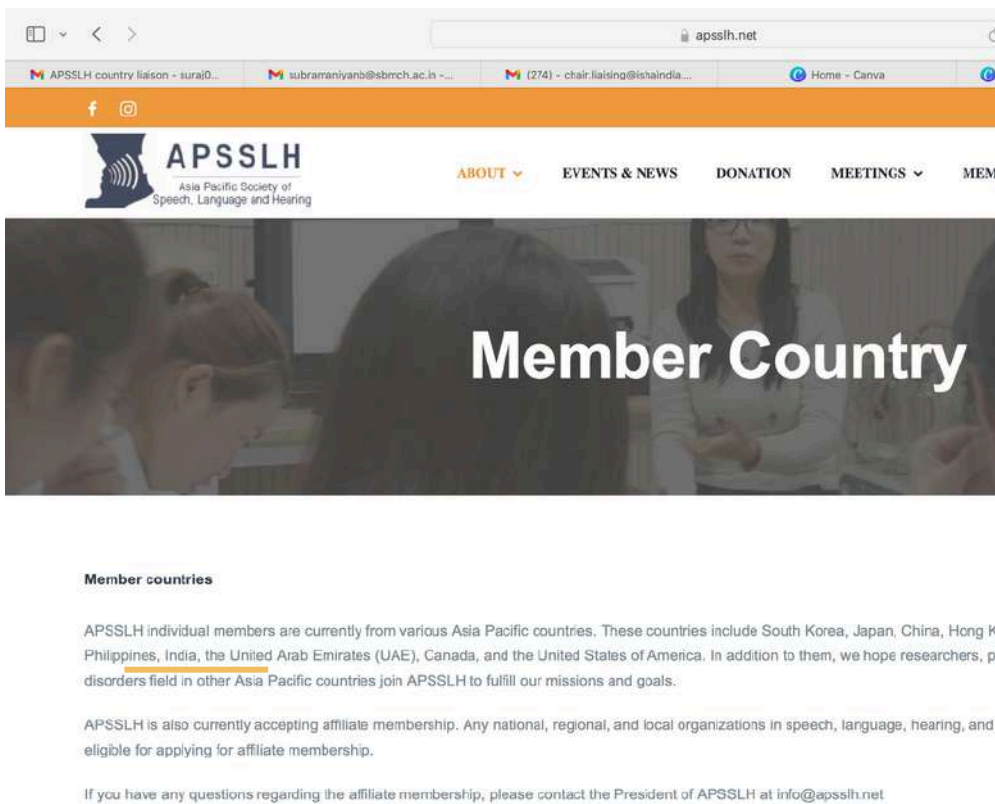
Engagement with International Organization : APSSLH



Dr. Subramanian B



Meeting with Dr. Krisna Lertsukprasert, President, APSSLH to understand their society's functioning and expression of interest in collaboration.

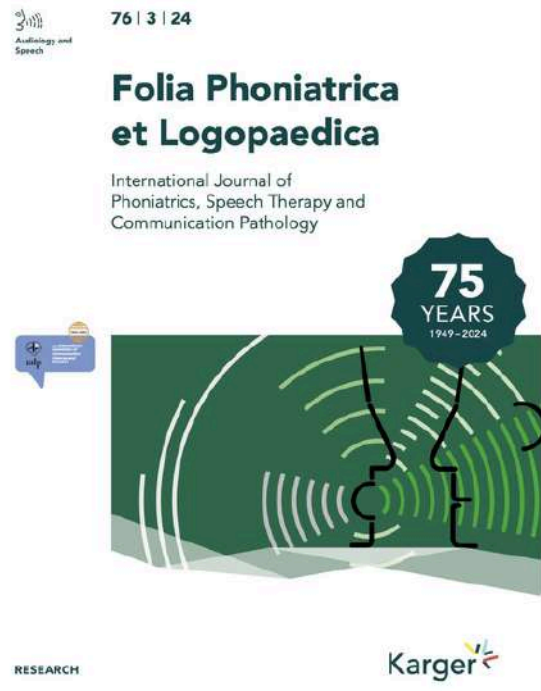


India is listed as a "Member Country" through this initiative. ISHA EC Member represent as Country Liaison for India.



Country Liaison Meeting attended by ISHA representative

APSSLH Affiliate Membership



ISHA has obtained affiliated membership with APSSLH (Asia Pacific Society of Speech, Language and Hearing) for the year 2024. Members will have access to APSSLH's academic activities and the scientific journal Folia Phoniatica et Logopaedica from May 2024 to May 2025.

visit : <https://apsslh.net/> for more information

To get a copy of article of your interest : Please send email to office@ishaindia.org.in and secretary@ishaindia.org.in

The benefits that affiliated members will receive include the following:

- Free access to the Folia Phoniatica et logopaedia Journal
- Reduced fees to attend the APSSLH and International Association of Communication Disorders (IALP)'s conferences and scientific events.
- Opportunity to present your work at the APSSLH's scientific events such as Special Interest Groups (SIGs).
- Opportunity to build a network and collaborate with researchers, practitioners, and students in Asia and Pacific countries including the US.

Note: Above benefits are only for Life members of ISHA

Chair-Conventions & Events



Reviewers Database

Dr. Meenakshi Wadhara

ISHA is updating a database to help in the review process of scientific papers submitted for ISHA Conference and Journal of ISHA. If you would like to participate for the same please fill this form.



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Invitation to Share Insights on Enhancing ISHACON Practices and Experience

ISHA Executive Committee is keen to ensure that our guidelines and practices are in line with the latest trends and the evolving needs of our attendees, speakers, and sponsors. To achieve this, we are seeking valuable input from you. Please fill the feedback form:

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We believe that your expert input will greatly contribute to refining our conference guidelines. Your feedback will be instrumental in helping us create an environment that fosters learning, networking and collaboration.

Kindly share your thoughts and suggestions with us via email at chair.events@ishaindia.org.in. We would be delighted to discuss your ideas in more detail, either through a scheduled meeting or a written proposal.

56th ISHACON 2025

As you all are aware, 56th ISHACON 2025 is scheduled between 14th to 16th February in Patna, Bihar, the call for scientific papers has been announced. The professionals and students are requested to read the guidelines and submit their abstracts on or before 30th September 2024.

www.ishacon2025.com

Executive Committee- Private Practice- SLP



Dr. Namita Joshi

**WEBINAR ON
HANDLING FRAUDULENT AND
ILLEGAL PRACTICES IN INDIA**

BY SIG-PP-SLP

Dr. Kalyani Mandke Dr. Suman Kumar Mr. Sameer Pootheri Mr. Salaj Bhatnagar

Webinar Link:-
<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/88221042811?pwd=ZVdkeioqjkiG9Wm6Jwr2XMlE-bVrpjP7rQ>

Meeting ID: 882 2104 2811 Date :
Passcode: 548858 February 10, 2024

10.00 AM - 11.00 A.M.

0821-2502233 www.ishaindia.org.in

ISHA SIG-PP-SLP organized a webinar on 'Handling Fraudulent and Illegal Practices in India' on 10.02.2024 @ 10 a.m. Dr. Kalyani Mandke, Dr. Suman Kumar, Mr. Sameer Pootheri and Mr. Salaj Bhatnagar served as resource persons for this webinar.

In this webinar, stalwarts in the field gave information to audiologists and speech-language pathologists about various ethical regulations on health care. The Stalwarts also discussed about how we can reduce the fraudulent and illegal practices in India.

Executive Committee- Private Practice- Audiology



Dr. S M Tarique Najeeb

Skill based workshop for Private Practitioners

CONNECT: A Private Practitioners Unity Meet and a skill training workshop will be organized by Indian Speech- Language & Hearing Association

ISHA introduces for the first time a skilled based workshop and physical meet of the private practitioners named **CONNECT**. The event to be conducted in the month of October across 4 regions of the country: Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Hyderabad. This is a meet for the private practitioners working in audiology. This event has been proposed to bring all the private practitioners on a single platform for networking and exchange of ideas and skills so that all the practitioners unite and perform a uniform and ethical practice. This will be a full day program which will include presentations hands on to enhance clinical skills followed by discussions on the current issues. At the end of the workshop rewards and certificates will be distributed to the participants.

The workshop will be recorded as a module of ISHA.

Proposed topics:

- Real Ear Measurement
- Evaluation of unilateral hearing loss
- Prescription of hearing aid dispensing against OTC hearing aids
- Discussion on recent company trends and its pros and cons
- Presentation and discussions on upcoming chains dispensing hearing aids (LensKart, Titan eye plus and GKB optical collaborating with hearing aid) followed by the discussion.
- How are hearing aid companies supporting audiology fraternity and Our expectations and demands from the hearing aid companies.
- What actions can be taken as an association against malpractices and quackery

Updates from Chairperson Quality Cell of ISHA

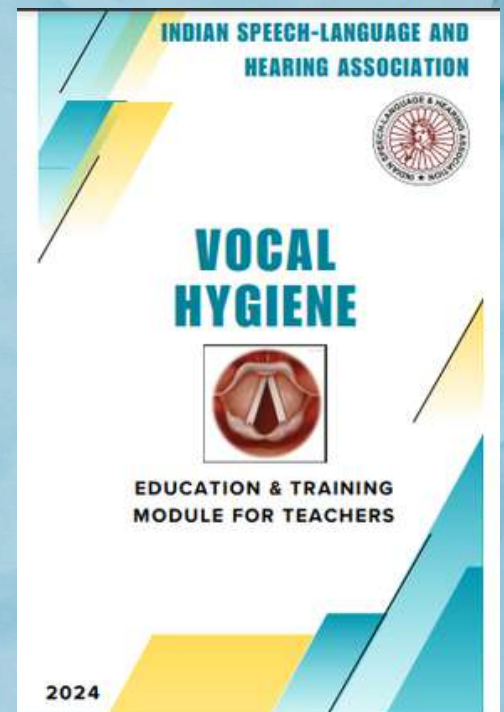


Dr. S.P. Goswami



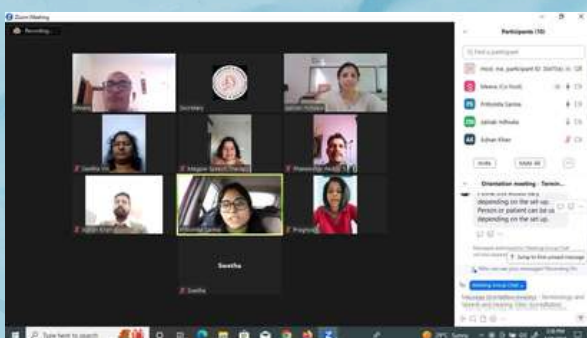
The document titled "**Nomenclature of Speech, Language, Swallowing, Balance, and Hearing Disorders**" was released during the 55th ISHACON 2024 held in Kolkata. An ISBN number has been assigned to this document, and it is now accessible on ISHA website and members' page of ISHA. This document aims to establish uniform nomenclature and terminologies for speech-language pathologists and audiologists in India, enhancing consistency in their clinical practices.

The document titled '**Vocal Hygiene: Education & Training Module for Teachers**' was prepared by Dr. Prakash Boominathan and Dr. Aishwarya Nallamuthu. This can be used by ISHA members as a training module on vocal hygiene for school teachers. It is one of ISHA's attempts to improve the public perception of our profession, and meant for public education.



ISHA extends its gratitude to all contributors involved in the creation of this document.

**Download these documents from the following link:
https://www.ishaindia.org.in/documents_resources.html**



Chairperson Quality Cell of ISHA conducted a Orientation meeting on Terminology and Speech and Hearing Clinic accreditation on 26.01.2024

ISHA : Engagement with National & International Organisations

National Stakeholder workshop for strengthening and hearing care-WHO



Dr. Prakash Boominathan (President, ISHA), Dr. Suman Kumar (Secretary, ISHA) and Dr. Sandeep M., (Joint Secretary, ISHA), attended the 'National Stakeholder Workshop on Strengthening Ear and Hearing Care'. This workshop was organized by WHO in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) Govt. of India and with support and guidance from Directorate General of Health Service and All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) on March 22, 2024, in New Delhi. This workshop focused on two high-impact interventions: implementing a life course approach to hearing screening and promoting safe listening habits across India.

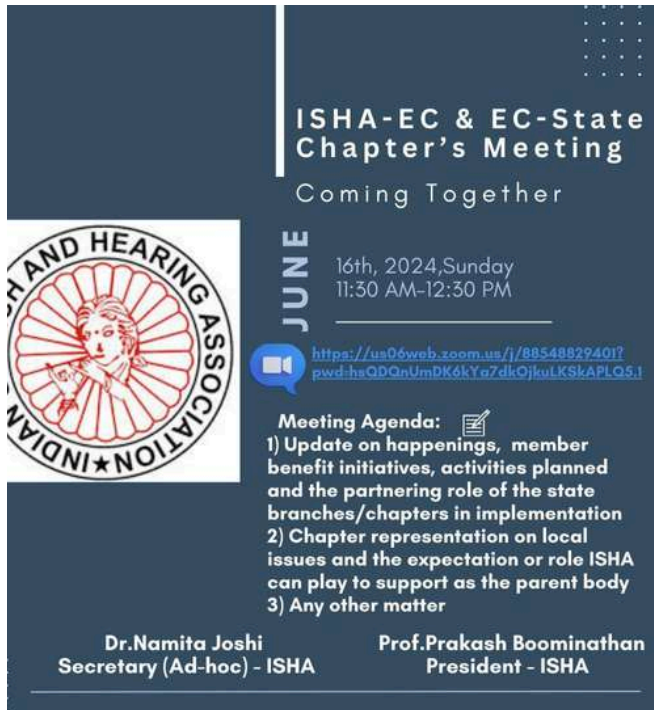
National Conference on 'Mainstreaming Rehabilitation in Healthcare system in India'

Dr. Prakash Boominathan (President, ISHA) and Dr. S. P. Goswami (Chairperson-Quality Cell of ISHA) attended the National Conference on 'Mainstreaming Rehabilitation in Healthcare system in India' organized by MGM School of Physiotherapy and MGM Institute Department of Prosthetics & Orthotics on 28th-29th June 2024 at MGM Institute of Health Sciences, Navi Mumbai.

The main objective of this conference was to review the need and plan strategies to mainstream rehabilitation and disseminate the Package of Interventions developed by WHO among all the health professions involved in delivering rehabilitation services.



Engagement with Branches & Chapters



ISHA-EC & EC-State Chapter's Meeting
Coming Together

JUNE 16th, 2024, Sunday
11:30 AM-12:30 PM

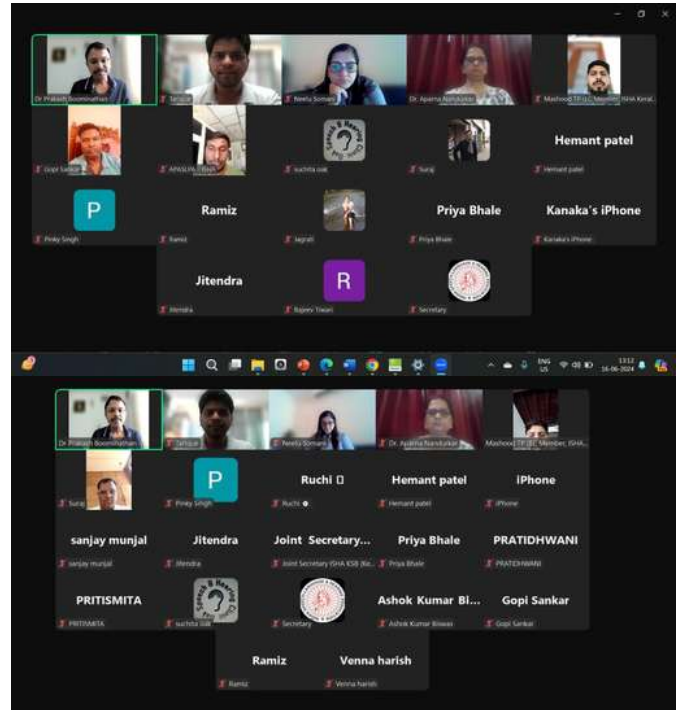
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Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Update on happenings, member benefit initiatives, activities planned and the partnering role of the state branches/chapters in implementation
- 2) Chapter representation on local issues and the expectation or role ISHA can play to support as the parent body
- 3) Any other matter

Dr.Namita Joshi
Secretary (Ad-hoc) - ISHA

Prof.Prakash Boominathan
President - ISHA



ISHA-EC & EC-State Chapters Meeting took place on July 16, 2024. The meeting focused on updating members about recent developments, member benefits, and planned activities. It also addressed the role of state branches/chapters in implementing initiatives. Key topics included local issue representation and the expectations for how ISHA can support as the parent body.

The following states & chapters participated in the meeting:

- Andhra Pradesh
- Assam
- Chandigarh
- Delhi
- Gujarat
- Kerala
- Maharashtra
- Madhya Pradesh
- Manipal
- Mysuru
- Tamil Nadu
- West Bengal

Bhoomi pooja for construction of ISHA office building



***Bhoomi Pooja for Construction of ISHA Building was organised on 21.04.2024.
EC members and other life members attended the event.***

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 : 31,74,128 INR*

**this includes funds beyond direct donations from members*



Appeal to all members to support this fund raising initiative



1,00,00,000/-INR



We Thank the members who have generously contributed towards this initiative

MoU Initiative with Shaping Therapies

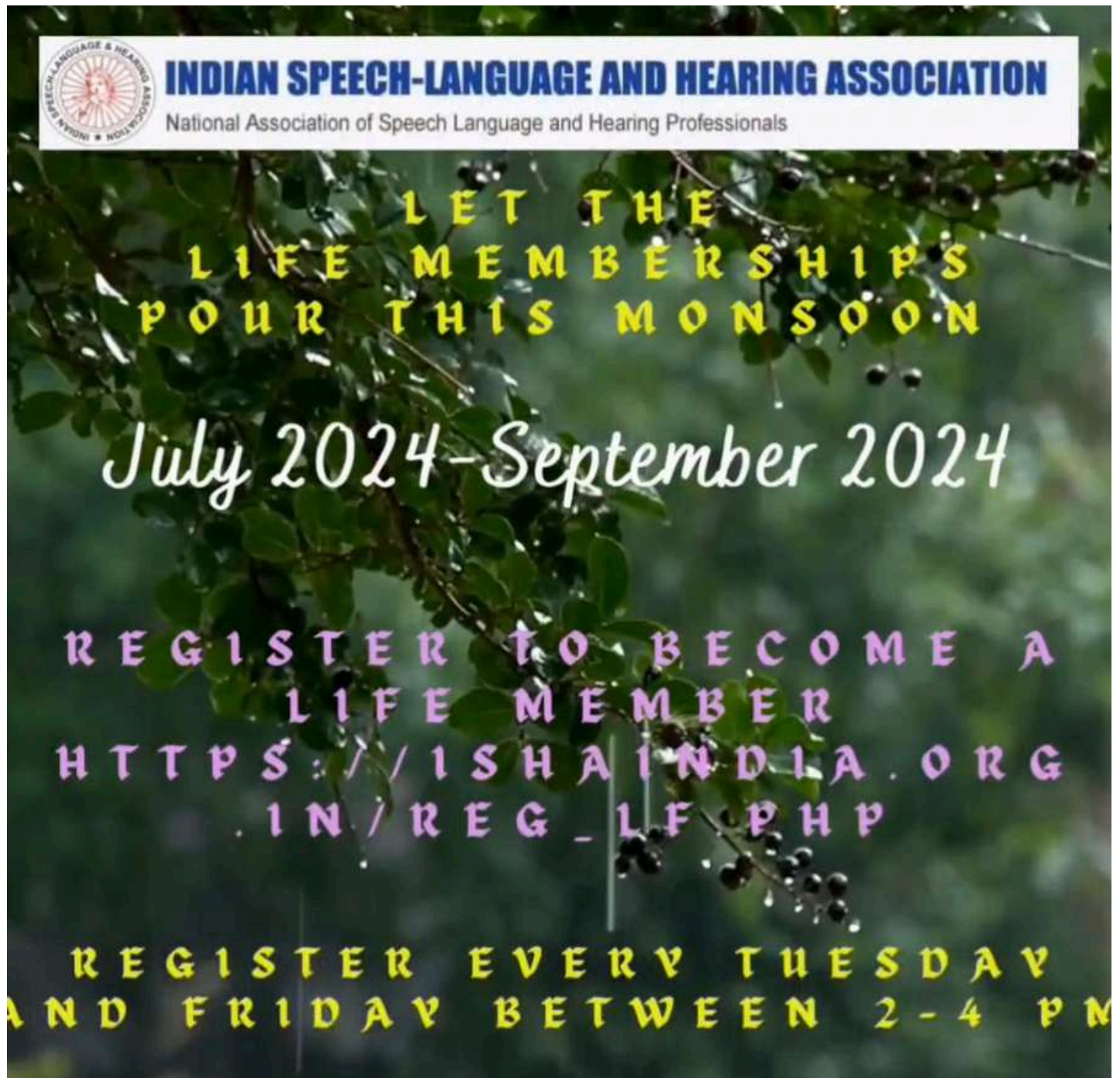
An MOU has been signed between ISHA and Shaping Therapies, Mumbai. Under this agreement, Shaping Therapies will create awareness by organizing online programs or visiting schools to screen voice problems/disorders observed in teachers. ISHA will provide the e-training module for this initiative. Shaping Therapies will submit a report on the program and remit the funds raised to ISHA. They are authorized to use the ISHA logo in all their activities.


AN ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL IMPACT



**VOCAL HYGIENE PROGRAM FOR
NATION BUILDERS (TEACHERS)**

Membership Drive



 **INDIAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION**
National Association of Speech Language and Hearing Professionals

LET THE
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS
POUR THIS MONSOON

July 2024-September 2024

REGISTER TO BECOME A
LIFE MEMBER
[HTTPS://ISHAININDIA.ORG
IN/REG_LF.PHP](https://ishaindia.org/in/reg_lf.php)

REGISTER EVERY TUESDAY
AND FRIDAY BETWEEN 2-4 PM

[Click here to apply for life membership](https://ishaindia.org/in/reg_lf.php)

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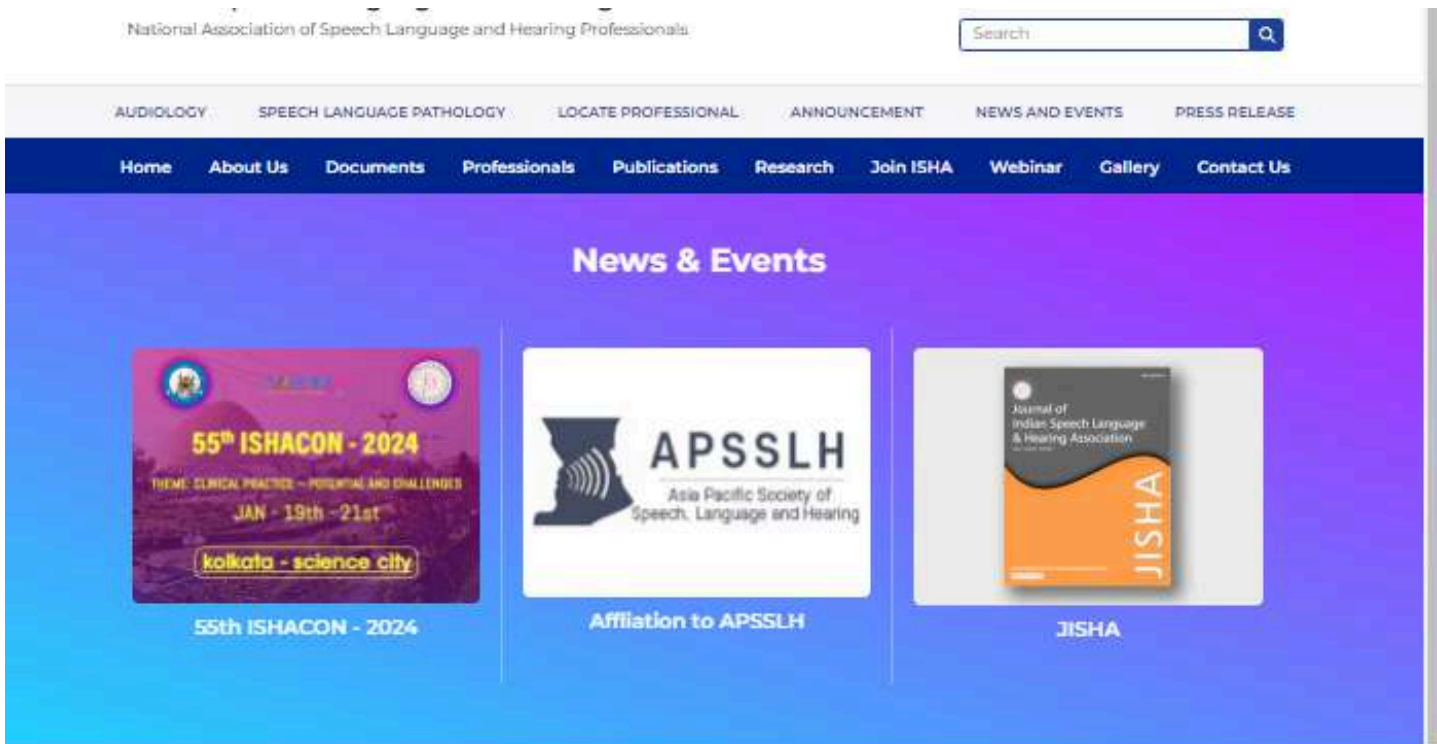
Institutions:

Institute	Workshop/Seminar/Conference	Date	Amount
JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore	National Conference on Community based Rehabilitation	14th to 16th December 2023	20,000/-
JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing, Dharward	Dysphagia Assessment and Management for Speech-Language Pathologists-Beyond the Basics	9th & 10th February 2024	20,000/-
Holy Cross College, Trichy	Facilitative Learning on Advancements in Speech and Hearing (FlaSH) Series VII- "Clinical Audiology in a Nutshell Tackling Challenges Beyond".	27-29 Nov 2023	20,000/-
Phonocon 2024	19th Annual meeting of Association of Phonosurgeons of India, Guwahati	9-11 February 2024	20,000/-

Members/ students

- **Financial assistance to Ms. Komal Aggarwal (L23034415) for attending ASHA 2023 Convention, Boston held between 16-18 Nov 2023. (Rs. 20,000/- released).**
- **Financial assistance request received from Mr. Kalaiyaran (L22024049), Ph.D student (AIISH, Mysore) to attend an International conference titled-XXXII Barany Society Meeting at Sweden to be held between 24-29 August 2024.**

Website redesigning and App development



Announcements

- 01 Mar**
JANUARY 31
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Online Conference, available for ISHA CEUs January 31 - February 12, 2024
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Conference, available for ISHA CEUs February 8 - 10, 2024 Albuquerque, NM U.S.

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ISHA is currently in the process of redesigning its website and developing an app, with Orbit IT Solutions handling the project.

ISHA office will reach out to Members to provide suggestions for any modifications they deem necessary to enhance the user experience and functionality of both the website and the app.

Glimpses of 55th ISHACON 2024



The 55th ISHACON, the Annual Convention of ISHA, was held in Kolkata this year. The West Bengal Branch of ISHA conducted the conference from 19th to 21st January 2024. Around 800 participants, including professionals and students, attended the conference.

There were 187 poster presentations and 80 platform presentations under the categories of Audiology, Speech, and Language. Scientific awards were presented for the four best papers.

ISHA ORATION'S - 2024



Dr. Nachiketa Rout



**Dr. Sanjay Kumar
Munjal**



Mr. M. A. Srikanth

Dr. S. R. Chandrasekar Travel Fellowship 2024



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INDIAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE & HEARING ASSOCIATION
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Dr. Nachiketa Rout

Recipient of
Dr. N. Rathna Oration

Citation

The Indian Speech-Language and Hearing Association wholeheartedly congratulates Dr. Nachiketa Rout on receiving the prestigious Dr. N. Rathna Oration for the year 2024. Dr. Rout is an exceptional academician, clinician and an ardent advocate for persons with disabilities. His personality, confidence and enthusiasm are an inspiration to all. He consistently demonstrates through his actions that innovation, astute clinical skills and willingness to learn continuously are a hallmark of a successful professional career. Dr. Nachiketa's values predict a bright future for the field of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology.

Dr. Nachiketa Rout is an alumnus of ANJNSH and received his Ph.D. from Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik. He has a vast pan-India experience and has worked as a clinician, academician, teacher & administrator at Mumbai, Lucknow, Bhopal, Kolkata, Dehradun & Chennai. His pan India experience makes him well-rounded.

He rose the ranks and has been serving as Director, National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyangjan), Chennai and served as Director, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities, Dehradun. In sync with the digital times, he has a Youtube channel where he has 3840 subscribers and has uploaded 290 videos. These videos have information both for the public and professionals alike. His videos are extremely engaging and create advocacy for the profession.

A keen researcher, he has contributed to four books which have been included as textbooks in the RCI Approved Syllabus for B.A.S.L.P. Course. He has developed Indian Classics Hanuman Chalisa & Shiva Tandav Sutra in Universal Design. He has over thirty-five publications in peer reviewed journals. His innovative skills have helped him associate with development of a low-cost multi-use hearing aid which received the Sushrut Award given by Department of Science & Technology in the year 2011. He has contributed to more than one hundred presentations at various National & International Conferences. He has a patent titled "Low-Cost Multi-Use Hearing Aid"-1836/DEL/2011.

He was instrumental in the introduction of free distribution of Behind the Ear Hearing Aids (BTE) into Govt of India AIDP scheme in 2013. He is a good example of the saying by Pele that, "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do". He is compassionate, enthusiastic, determined and an astute speaker. He is a perfect role model for the younger generation of professionals to emulate. His teaching-learning styles and methods are unique and in sync with the times. The specialty of Speech Language Pathology and Hearing has been enhanced with his enormous contributions.

ISHA wishes him continual growth and in comparable achievements in all his future undertakings.

Citation Presented at the 55th ISHACON on 19th January 2024 at Kolkata



Dr. Nachiketa Rout
Recipient of Dr. N. Rathna Oration
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Dr. Sanjay Kumar Munjal

Recipient of

Padma Shri Prof. S. Kameshwaran Endowment Oration

Citation

The Indian Speech Language and Hearing Association is pleased to honour Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar Munjal with the prestigious Padmashri Prof. S. Kameshwaran Endowment Oration for the year 2024. Dr. Munjal earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from PGIMER, Chandigarh and was the first speech-language pathologist to be awarded Ph.D. from PGIMER. Commencing his career as a Junior Speech Therapist on April 27, 1991, Dr. Munjal steadily progressed through ranks, and is currently a Professor at the Dept. of Otolaryngology, Speech & Hearing unit, PGIMER.

In the aftermath of the untimely passing of distinguished individuals within the Speech and Hearing discipline at PGIMER in July 2004, a pivotal moment emerged. Dr. Munjal took on the crucial role of leading the Speech and Hearing Department, filling the void left by the loss of eminent figures such as Dr. Raghunathan and Dr. Meena Raghunathan. He exhibited remarkable efficiency, tranquility, and compassion, providing a steady hand to guide the department through a period of transition. Under his stewardship, the Speech and Hearing Department experienced a transformative growth, evolving from a team of five to a formidable force comprising thirteen staff members, including seven faculty and six clinical specialists, a testament to his strategic vision and leadership acumen. His ability to navigate the complexities of organizational dynamics while fostering an environment of collaboration and growth has been instrumental in shaping the department's trajectory.

Dr. Munjal's clinical expertise is truly exceptional, characterized by his adeptness in deciphering complex clinical cases and delivering precise diagnoses within the domain of speech and hearing. The Speech and Hearing Unit within the Department of Otolaryngology at PGIMER stands out for its notably high volume of outpatients and referrals, a distinction unparalleled in institutions across India. He has also been instrumental in overseeing the largest cochlear implant program in North India, with over 500 recipients benefiting from his expertise and leadership.

With a prolific research portfolio, comprising over 80 publications, four book chapters, 10 intramural and 5 extramural projects, seventy research presentations, and more than 80 invited talks, Dr. Munjal has made significant contributions, particularly in the realms of Electrophysiology, ANSD, Cochlear Implants, and Tinnitus. He has further distinguished himself as an external examiner for various Indian universities and a member of Ethical Committee of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore.

He served as the founding president of the Chandigarh Speech and Hearing Association and the PGIMER, Speech and Hearing Alumni Association. Dr. Munjal has actively promoted awareness of the speech and hearing profession through various electronic and print media. His commitment to excellence has garnered multiple awards, including the N. R. Chandhary Memorial Award (2011), the Muktesh Award (1995), the Daryalan Sameuls SS Award (1996), and the Young Scientist Award (2013) from ISHA.

Dr. Munjal's approachability and unbiased problem-solving skills have made him the 'go-to' person for many. His impact is not only felt professionally but resonates in the gratitude expressed by numerous students who fondly recall his upbeat and charming personality. His relationships with peers and students exemplify a culture of open communication and support.

Dr. Munjal's multidimensional personality is evident beyond his professional accomplishments. As a dance enthusiast, departmental leader, and family man, he exemplifies the notion that true leadership transcends the workplace and embraces the entirety of the human experience. The constant support of his vivacious wife and two daughters is a defining feature of his personal life, adding to his grit and equilibrium in both personal and professional spheres. His combination of a youthful spirit, boundless energy, and a generous heart not only makes him an exceptional leader but also a cherished friend and mentor to those fortunate enough to be part of his orbit.

ISHA wishes him continual growth and incomparable achievements in all his future undertakings.

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Mr. Mandayam Aji Srikanth

Recipient of
Prof. Ramesh K Oza Oration

Citation

The Indian Speech-Language and Hearing Association recognizes the contributions of Mr. Mandayam Aji Srikanth as an Entrepreneur in the field of Speech and Hearing and confers the Prof. Ramesh K Oza Oration for the year 2024 upon him.

Mr. Mandayam Aji Srikanth/aka Srikanth earned his Bachelor degree from the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysuru. His passion for accuracy and excellence in clinical work enabled him to build up his career. His achievement is a lot more noteworthy because it is posited in a predominantly tribal area. If such yeomanry has been shown to be possible in the most neglected, unreached and deprived populations, success could have come only with a great deal of sacrifice, forethought and hope. He stands out as a beacon of hope, as a model for potential and an example of how service to society can still be made sustainable despite financial obstacles. His persistence for four decades set the path for the next generation to follow.

He began his practice in Vishakhapatnam, in 1982 at a time when knowledge about Audiologists was minimal to zero. Vishakhapatnam then had a school for children with hearing impairment. He began working in the Omkar and Lions School for the Deaf as Principal and was subsequently deputed to the Government E.N.T. Hospital, Vishakhapatnam and Government General Hospital, Kakinaada as Audiologist. He retired as Audiologist in the Hearing Aid Centre, A.P. Differently Abled and Senior Citizens Assistance Corporation, Andhra Pradesh. From his work in Lawsons Bay, he never looked back, building a name for himself in Vizag and later in the speech and hearing world.

He received training in Cochlear Implant in Melbourne and continues to update his knowledge. He trains many audiologists in the field some of who are posted as interns. His towering reputation for accurate diagnosis and appropriate therapy enabled his interaction with ENT surgeons and other medical practitioners. This partnership enabled the creation of a sustainable cochlear implant program, that continues to grow. Presently he works as Proprietor and Audiologist, at Kishan Digital Hearing Aid Clinic, Vishakhapatnam and serves as Consultant Audiologist for 3 Corporate Hospitals in Vishakhapatnam.

Mr. Srikanth is unassuming and can put everyone at ease. He has always been ready to take up challenges, be it to try out new technology related to hearing aids or Google maps to AI. He faces each hurdle calmly, takes stock and acts- logically planning with a vision of the future goal. These personal attributes have led to his success with patients from both rural and urban backgrounds.

He was the Founder Vice-President of Andhra Pradesh Audiologists & Speech Language Pathologists Association. He has served as the EC member of ISHA as well as CIGI where his work was respected for its quality. His organisational capacity led to conducting the prestigious CIGICON in Vishakhapatnam singlehandedly organising every aspect to the minutest detail and in impeccable taste.

His knowledge about disability is broad- beyond hearing loss. He served as resource person for more than 800 camps organized by the Department of Disabled Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh for identification and certification of disability and issue of free hearing aids. In addition, he provides free services to many and has supported many patients with his own resources.

He was awarded with the Dr. Vyaghireswarudu Memorial Oration in the year 2006 and Life Time Achievement award from the Andhra Pradesh Association of Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists.

ISHA wishes him continual growth and incomparable achievements in all his future undertakings.

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Mr. M. A. Srikanth
Recipient of Prof. Ramesh K Oza
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55th ISHACON- Award's

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IMPACT OF COUNSELLING ON CHANGING THE PERSPECTIVES ABOUT
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THE ASSOCIATION OF LISTENING EFFORT, SUBJECTIVE FATIGUE AND
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CHILDREN WITH MINIMAL TO MILD CONDUCTIVE HEARING LOSS.

SARANSH JAIN

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EFFECT OF AGING ON SEMANTIC INFORMATION PROCESSING

VISHAL KOOKNOOR, HEMANTH NARAYAN

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Activities of Branches & Chapters of ISHA

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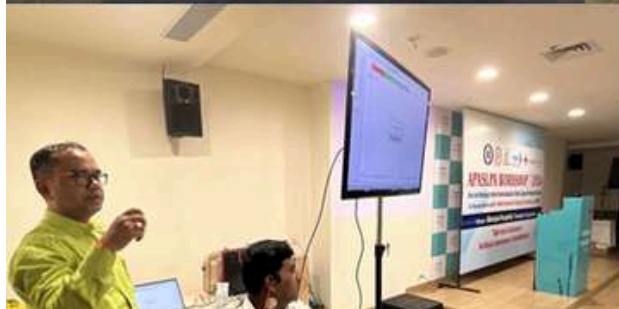
The Andhra Pradesh Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists Association (APASLPA), a state branch of ISHA, conducted an APASLPA-ISHA vestibular workshop on February 18, 2024.

The workshop, titled "Understanding Vertigo: A Clinical Approach from an Audiologist's Perspective," featured Dr. Amrutha Preethi, MS ENT, as the speaker.

Organizing members

1.G.Sri lakshmi

2.P.Gopi Venkatesh



The Andhra Pradesh Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists Association (APASLPA), a state branch of ISHA, in association with MAA Institute of Speech and Hearing (MISH), conducted a state-level APASLPA-ISHA workshop and hands-on training titled "Gateway to Success in Vestibular Assessment and Rehabilitation" on June 9th and 10th, 2024, at Manipal Hospital, Thadepalli, Vijayawada.

The following eminent speakers were invited for the workshop-

- Dr. Srinivas Dorasala, MS (ENT)
- Dr. Sujeet Kumar Sinha, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Audiology, AIISH, Mysore
- Dr. Yugandhar Ramakrishna, MS AuD, PhD, CCC-A, Professor and Vestibular Neuroscientist, California State University, Northridge
- Mr. Swarup Bikash Mishra, M.ASLP, Vertigo Specialist

Assam

The Assam branch of the Indian Speech and Hearing Association (AISHA) was formed in March 2022.

AISHA collaborated with APSI and NEBOI to conduct the national conference, Phonocon 2024, held from 9th to 11th February 2024.



AISHA Academics conducted webinars on various topics.

<p>Dr. Ashok Kumar Biswas Speaker May 26 Thursday 7pm TOPIC: APHASIA- IT'S CLASSIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT TOOLS zoom ID: 872 8068 5932 Password: 056493</p>	<p>Dr. Aziza Karim Speaker June 27 Monday 7pm TOPIC: SCHOOL BASED EAR & HEARING SCREENING zoom ID: 899 3629 9949 Password: 637405</p>
<p>AISHA ACADEMICS Session 7 TOPIC: APHASIA- IT'S CLASSIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT TOOLS zoom ID: 872 8068 5932 Password: 056493</p>	<p>AISHA ACADEMICS Session 6 TOPIC: SCHOOL BASED EAR & HEARING SCREENING zoom ID: 899 3629 9949 Password: 637405</p>

Delhi

Delhi Branch of Indian Speech Language and Hearing Association (DISHA) conducted the following events:

- International Patients Union Conference
- Online Introductory Apraxia Course
- Hands on training course on Vestibular Assessment and Rehabilitation Course
- Door to door survey to identify the individuals with communication disorders in Delhi NCR and Jammu & Kashmir was presented in a Pannel discussion

Election of EC Members on May 6, 2024

Mr. Vijay Aggrawal took charge as the President
Dr. S. M. Tarique Najeeb was elected as President Elect
Dr Kaushal Sharma as Joint Secretary
Ms. Akanksha Gupta as Chair EC – Editorial
Mr Ravi Patel as Chair EC – Education & Research
Mr Rishi Bhardwaj as Chair EC – Ethical
Mr Aman Munday as Chair EC – Fund Raising
Ms. Komal Sharma as Chair EC – Promotional
Mr. Syed Khaja Ameenuddin as Chair, EC – Advisory.



Door to door survey to identify the individuals with communication disorders in Delhi NCR and Jammu & Kashmir was presented in a Pannel discussion.



Hands on training course on Vestibular Assessment and Rehabilitation Course

Gujarat

The ISHA Gujarat Branch organized the following events:

- A one-day seminar on 'Latest Guidelines on Disability Certification and Speech & Hearing Disorders, including Swallowing Issues'. Approximately 100 speech and hearing professionals participated in this RCI approved seminar.
- GISHA also conducted its annual state conference, GISHACON 2024, on 23rd and 24th February 2024. More than 200 speech and hearing professionals attended the state conference from various parts of the country. The Dr. B Mallikarjun Oration award was presented and implemented during this conference.



Kerala

ISHA Kerala State Branch (ISHA-KSB) conducted the following events:

- ISHA KSB collaborated with the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Malabar Medical College, Kozhikode, AOI Malabar, and Calicut chapters for "MALABAR MMC ENTCON," held on May 11-12, 2024. The first day focused on Audiology topics and received CRE status. Nearly 150 ASLP professionals participated, providing excellent feedback.
- A workshop on "Guidelines for Establishing and Operating a Private Clinic for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Services" took place on June 30, 2024, at Sidra Pristine Hotel, North Ernakulam.
- On March 2, 2024, a Cyclothon and Walkathon was organized at Kozhikode Beach, flagged off by Mayor Dr. Beena Philip. The event, in collaboration with multiple local organizations, received significant public and media attention.
- A Walkathon was also organized in Kasaragod on March 2, 2024, in partnership with Marthoma College of Special Education Badiyadka and Lions Club of Vidyanagar Kasaragod. The event was inaugurated by Kasaragod MLA Mr. N A Nellikkunnu.
- ISHA KSB initiated the Sanjay Sukumaran Memorial Endowment Award in memory of the late Mr. Sanjay Sukumaran, a senior ASLP from Kozhikode and founding Secretary of the association.



Maharashtra

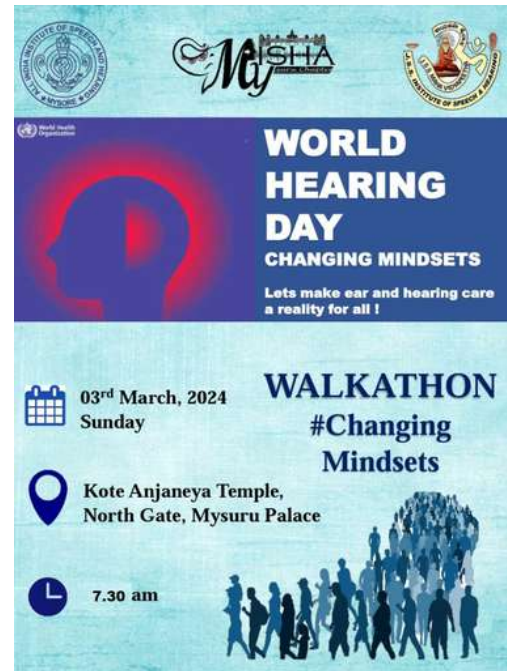
Indian Speech and Hearing Association, Maharashtra Branch conducted the following activities:

- On 17th December 2023, MISHA conducted an RCI recognized offline Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) titled "Revisiting Speech in Noise Testing: The story behind M-RAMSIN". The webinar aimed to train audiologists and speech-language pathologists in installing, using, and interpreting the M-RAMSIN test.
- Speech and Hearing Fortnight was observed from 1st to 15th December 2023. As part of this, a competition titled "Victory ki Kahaani" was organized, encouraging members to submit videos depicting success stories of patients with their consent.
- In celebration of World Hearing Day 2024, videos featuring celebrities such as Marathi actress Gauri Deshpande and Instagram influencer Pulkit Kochar were circulated on social media platforms and uploaded on the MISHA YouTube channel. Posters highlighting myths and facts related to hearing were also shared on the MISHA WhatsApp group and Facebook page.
- MISHA conducted a 2-day RCI approved offline CRE on 8th and 9th June 2024 titled 'Vocal Rehabilitation: Exploring unexplored populations in speech pathology' at Hotel Sea Princess, Juhu, Mumbai. The program was attended by over 80 ASLPs from across Maharashtra and received excellent feedback from the audience.

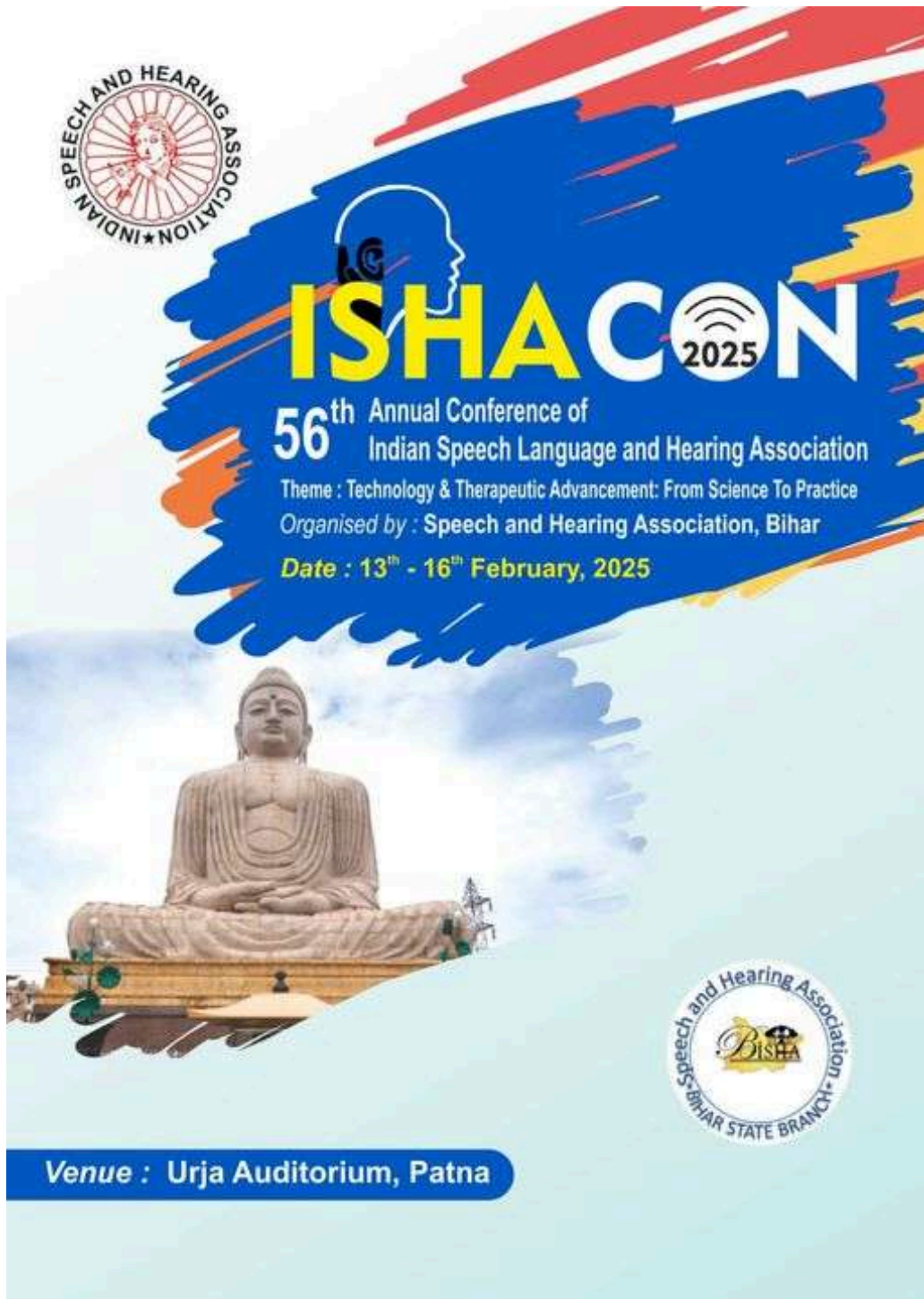


Mysuru

- MyISHA committed to contributing Rs. 7,00,000/- towards the construction of the new ISHA office building.
- To encourage and support young professionals in the field of Audiology, MyISHA awarded Rs. 10,000/- to an M.Sc student in audiology from AllSH to enable attendance at ISHACON 2024 in Kolkata.
- MyISHA sponsored Rs. 25,000/- to one of the EC members to ensure active representation at national conferences.
- As part of MyISHA's public welfare initiatives, financial assistance was provided to cochlear implant recipients. A sum of Rs. 10,000/- each was given to four children to aid in the purchase of accessories or repair of their cochlear implants.
- To mark World Hearing Day on 3rd March 2024, MyISHA organized a walkathon and a street play aimed at raising awareness about hearing health and emphasizing the importance of early detection and intervention for hearing impairments.
- MyISHA conducted a one-day workshop titled "Electrophysiology for Clinical Practitioners" on 23rd March 2024 at AllSH, Mysuru. This workshop was approved by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) as part of the Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) program. It provided hands-on training and updated knowledge for clinical practitioners in the field of electrophysiology, contributing to their professional development.



56th ISHACON 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



Call for Scientific Papers for the 56th ISHACON, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 30, 2024 : Last date for submission of abstracts (Max. words-1200)

October 31, 2024 : Notification of selection/rejection of abstracts.

November 30, 2024 : Last date for submission of full-length papers (Follow submission

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- All abstracts should be submitted through online "article submission" module in members only pages of www.ishaindia.org.in
- The last date for submission of abstracts is 30th September 2024 till 11 PM. Abstracts submission portal will be deactivated after 11 PM on 30th September, 2024.
- The presenting author should be a life/ordinary/student member of ISHA. ISHA membership is mandatory for ALL co-authors who are Speech and Hearing professionals/students. Membership number and email ID need to be submitted while submitting the abstract online.
- Please note that new membership registration will not be provided from 25th September to 30th September. Additionally, conversion of the 3-digit life membership number to the current 8-digit number will also not be done during this period.

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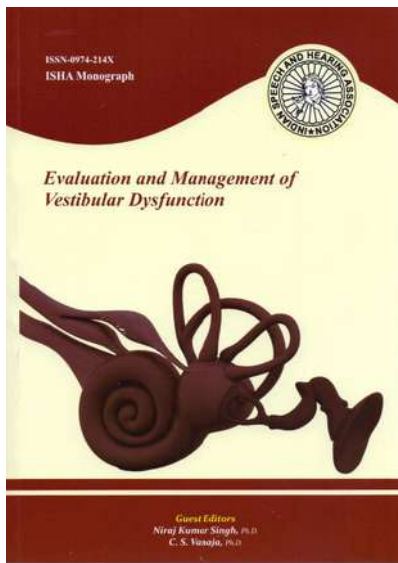
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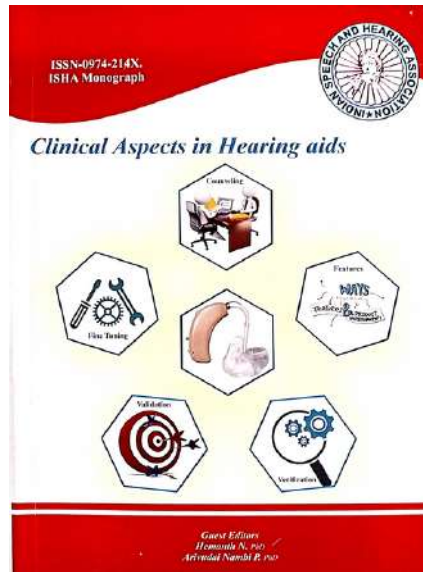
**ISHA EC members
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appointment as
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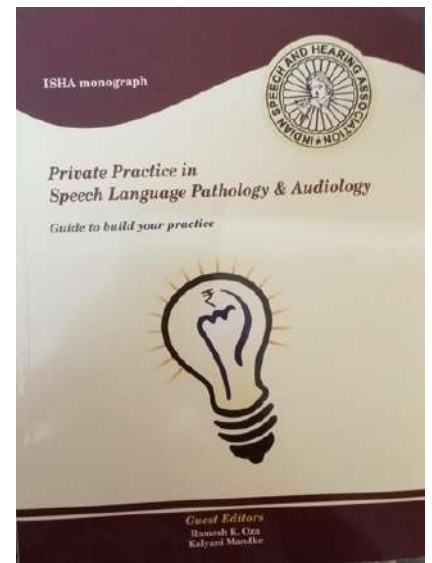
**Dr. Shantha Radhakrishna
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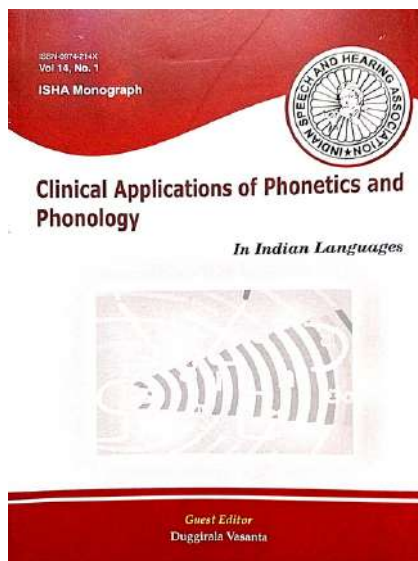
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