

Indian Speech-Language & Hearing Association (ISHA)

Regd. Under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, Karnataka Act No, 17 Registration No. 25/67-68

Dear Fellow Members

Many members of ISHA have been asking the EC of ISHA to institute some kind of a welfare measure to help the family of deceased members of ISHA. The suggested measures included a group insurance policy or a group health/medical policy to cover all the members of ISHA. Considering that the members of ISHA themselves were not ready for a group insurance policy of any kind as also the high cost associated with it, the EC of ISHA decided to establish a Welfare Fund to assist the family of deceased members of ISHA.

The guidelines that govern functioning of this ISHA Welfare Fund have been approved at the SGMs held in December 22 and January 23, and will further be discussed at the AGM during ISHACON 54. Very briefly, it is agreed that an amount of Rs. 2 lakhs will be given to the needy families of deceased members of ISHA. ISHA will start dispersing this amount starting from April 2024. Till then, it will actively pursue collection of funds from ISHA members. Other measures of collection of funds have also been agreed, but donation from philanthropic members of ISHA will be the main source.

In the meanwhile, an SB account has been opened at the AIISH branch of Bank of Baroda with a seed money of Rs. 1000/-. I am sure that the members of ISHA will appreciate this initiative by ISHA, be part of this exercise, and contribute to the success of this project.

ISHA is trying to get IT exemption under section 80G (an application is yet to be made), but, nobody can predict the time schedule of this even if we succeed to get exemption! I earnestly request the members to contribute generously to this fund without wasting time and without waiting for IT exemption.

Members who donate to this Fund will get a certificate from ISHA and their names will be displayed on the website of ISHA. Photographs of those who donate Rs. 25000/- or more will be displayed on the website.

UPI ID & scanner for the account will be available at ISHACON Delhi. Transfer of money will be much easier in this mode. However, if you prefer to send a cheque or transfer through net banking, then the details of the account to which you can send your contribution are as follows:

Name of the Account: ISHA WELFARE FUND

Account Number: 98320100005234

Bank &Branch: Bank of Baroda, AIISH branch

IFSC: BARB0EXTMYS (5th character is zero)

MICR Code: 570012006

With regards and hoping that my appeal will be seriously respected.

M Jayaram President