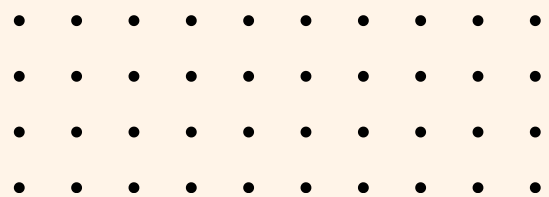




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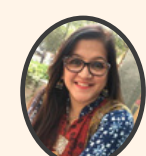
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President's Message



Dr. Aparna Nandurkar

Dear Members,

Greetings to all the ISHA members!

Over the last months since the ISHACON 2025 at Patna, The EC of ISHA has been working towards the goals set for this year. The last few months have been productive and we are happy to provide you with an update of the activities in this Pathfinder.

The underlying theme of this year's work is "Collaboration". Over and above the collaborations developed in the past, the EC is focusing on initiating dialogues and collaborating with various organizations and is mindful about how these collaborations can benefit ISHA members. The collaboration for continued education with entities such as IFNR is going strong and connections with new projects are being fostered, such as that for International Patients' Union and the ARQ summit. ISHA's efforts to strengthen ties with private practitioners in the field is ongoing, with the Connect and Collaborate workshop for the Gujarat practitioners in May 2025. We are also building strong ties with the state branches of ISHA, and all of us are moving towards a common goal - upholding the vision and mission of ISHA.

ISHA is keen on including all its members and all speech and hearing professionals across the country in celebrating various landmark days related to our profession. In the last five months, we have already disseminated awareness material and conducted competitions for days such as the World Hearing Day, World Voice Day, International Cochlear Implant Day, World Autism Awareness Day and National DNA Day! It is heartening to see the participation from the members. The EC looks forward to more participation in future events and increasing the visibility of ISHA and our profession, both nationally and globally.

ISHA has received several concerns and complaints about issues that infest our field. The EC is leaving no stone unturned in addressing each of these complaints and taking appropriate actions for their redressal. Each of us needs to contribute, we need to join hands and foster meaningful collaboration to advance our field and face the future together!

Hope to be in touch!

Best wishes!

Dr. Aparna Nandurkar



Secretary's Message



Dr. Namita Joshi

Dear Life members,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we continue to work towards our mission of promoting excellence in the Speech Language and Hearing Profession, I would like to share some updates with you all.

We are actively working on advocacy nomenclature and pay-scale parity in government sectors. We have also made attempts to meet officials in the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI). We have been working towards raising our voices against fraudulent and illegal practices. We are also taking legal actions wherever required.

I appeal all members to rise and stand united against the fraudulent practices. Work as a team and support the regional and national associations to avoid the damage it is doing to our field. I appeal all members to speak up against unethical practices, lead by example. Let's create a safer and more trustworthy environment for the beneficiaries.

With the new website, we are now able to pay online for all the registrations. The ISHA office is slowly getting transformed into a digital database. I request all members to update their ISHA profile and avail space for advertising their office and advocate about their services. With the new website, it's now easy to access the journal, e-monographs, and YouTube videos of previously done webinars.

I request members to come forward and submit the proposals for monographs. Avail research grants for National and international scientific papers. ISHA has granted many awareness activities in recent years and will continue to support monetarily for such activities for those who apply through the website.

We are actively planning to welcome you all to Ahmedabad, Gujarat for the 57th ISHACON 2026. I am sure it will be a great event to learn and have fun as well. Looking forward to all of you attending this event in large numbers.

I encourage you all to stay connected with ISHA and participate in all endeavors. Your contributions and feedback are invaluable in shaping the future of the Association and Profession.

Regards

Dr. Namita Joshi

Chair-Publications



Dr. Deepa Valame

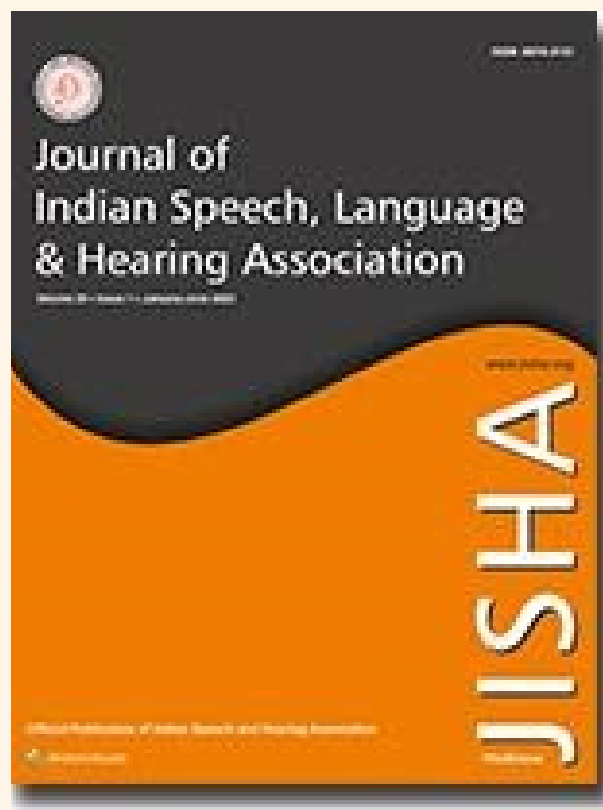
Dear Members,

The current issue of JISHA was published on 2nd July 2025, featuring 12 articles. At present, 13 manuscripts are under review.

JISHA has applied for DOAJ indexing, and we remain hopeful for a positive outcome.

In recent months, the editorial committee has undertaken several initiatives to enhance the journal's efficiency. Notably, the reviewer database has been updated to streamline the peer-review process and reduce the turnaround time from manuscript submission to final decision. Additionally, a comprehensive document outlining the roles and responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editors, and Assistant Editors has been developed. A flowchart illustrating the manuscript workflow—from submission to acceptance or rejection—has also been introduced to improve process transparency and coordination.

We are pleased to share that JISHA has received the first installment of ICSSR funding, and we are confident of continued support in the future.



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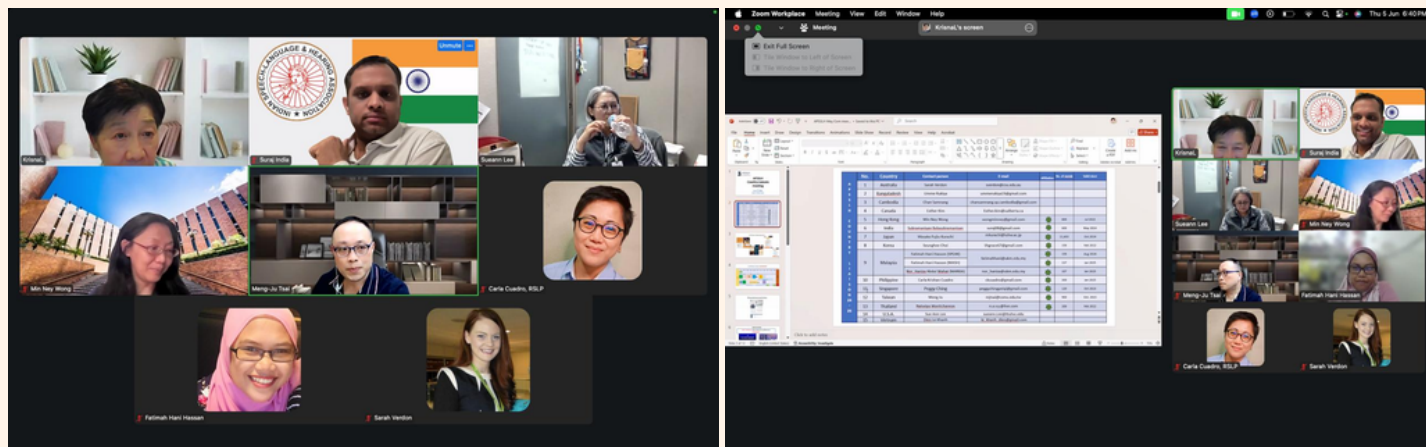
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Chair-Public Relations & Liaising

APSSLH- Country Liaison meeting



Dr. Subramaniyan B



Meeting Summary:

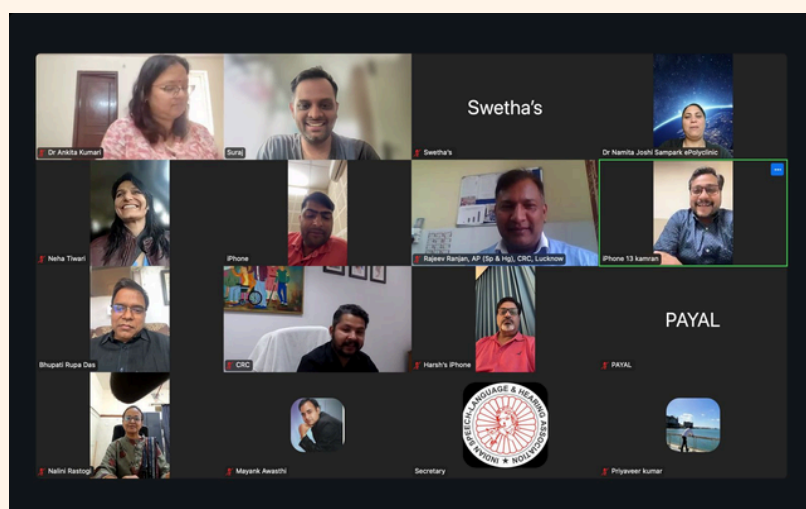
The meeting commenced with the President of APSSLH extending a warm welcome to all country liaisons. A key focus of the discussion was the upcoming 2025 Annual Conference.

The President announced that the abstract submission deadline has been extended and reported a positive response to paper submissions thus far.

Benefits for affiliated countries were reiterated, and members were encouraged to share conference flyers in their respective country. It was clarified that affiliated Life members from ISHA will receive special registration rates upon verification.

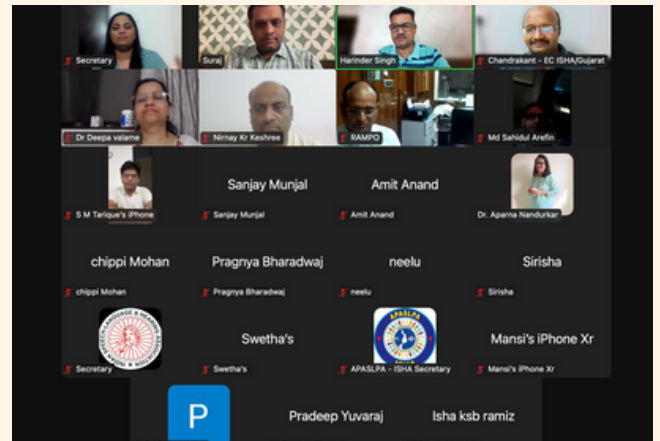
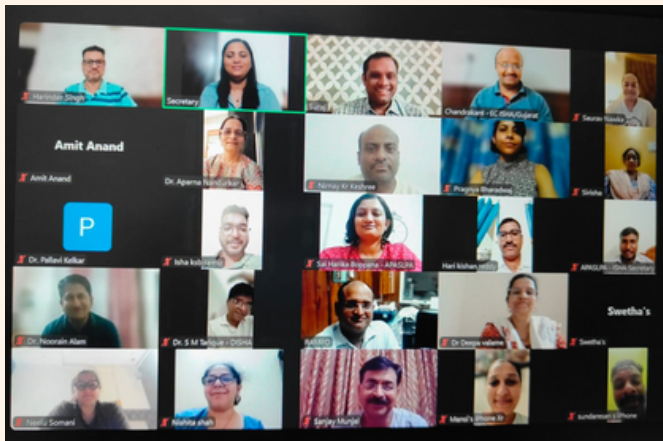
Regarding future leadership, Executive Committee (EC) positions for the next term will be announced shortly. Members were urged to actively participate in the election process, and the requirements for both participating in the election and serving as office bearers were explained in detail.

Meeting with Uttar Pradesh Branch of ISHA



**Meeting with UP branch of ISHA:
Discussion on revamp of the team**

ISHA EC & State-Chapters EC Meeting



Date: May 9, 2025

The Indian Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ISHA) convened a State-Chapters Meeting on May 9, 2025, to strengthen coordination, address regional concerns, and update representatives on key developments within the association. Following were discussed:

- **Update on RCI-ISHA Legal Proceedings**

The Secretary provided a briefing on the recent meeting with the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) regarding the malpractice complaint filed by ISHA in the Delhi High Court, emphasizing the association's continued advocacy for professional regulation and ethical standards.

- **State-Level Issues and Concerns**

Representatives from various state chapters shared challenges and raised concerns related to local practice environments, regulatory issues, and member engagement. Collaborative solutions were discussed to address these region-specific matters.

- **Conference Planning & Professional Development**

The meeting included discussions on scheduling of upcoming conferences, continuing education programs, and strategies to enhance professional development opportunities across states.

- **Financial Support from ISHA**

An update was shared on financial assistance and resource allocation to state chapters for organizing events, workshops, and member support activities.

- **Collaborations, Publications & Building Fund Initiatives**

ISHA presented updates on ongoing national collaborations, publication efforts, and progress on the ISHA Building Fund Initiative, aimed at establishing a dedicated infrastructure to support long-term growth and community engagement.

The meeting concluded with a collective commitment to enhance coordination, transparency, and shared vision between the national body and state chapters.

APSSLH Affiliate Membership

ISHA has renewed its affiliated membership with APSSLH (Asia Pacific Society of Speech, Language and Hearing) for the year 2025-26.



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



Important Announcement

Journal Access

ISHA has obtained affiliated membership with APSSLH (Asia Pacific Society of Speech, Language and Hearing) for the period May 2025.-May 2026. Access to the scientific journal Folia Phoniatica et Logopaedica can be facilitated through ISHA office.

Visit the Journal website



To get a copy of article of your interest, please send email to

office@ishaindia.org.in &
secretary@ishaindia.org.in

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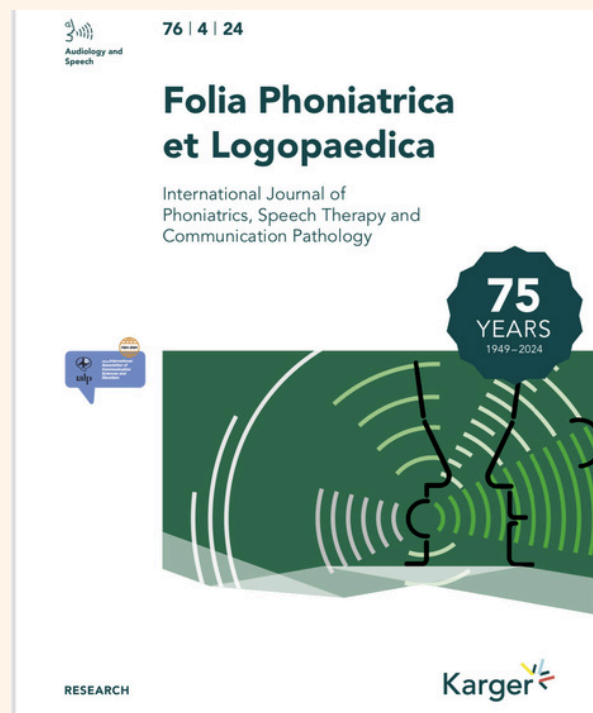
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For Request from:

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-Professional Matters & Chair-Service Matters



Mr. Nirnay Kumar Keshree



Dr. Md. Sahidul Arefin

Overview:

During the first quarter of the reporting period, a total of 13 complaints were officially received by the Indian Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ISHA) regarding professional misconduct, ethical violations, and service-related issues in the fields of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

Key Highlights:

1. Total Complaints Received:

13 complaints on record concerning professional and service-related violations.

All complaints were screened and addressed as per internal protocols, wherever feasible.

2. Critical Issues Identified:

Out of the total complaints, 2 cases have been identified as serious in nature, with broad legal and ethical implications.

These two cases are currently being reviewed for further escalation, including the possibility of filing Public Interest Litigations (PILs) in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the Hon'ble Delhi High Court, respectively.

These involve concerns with regulatory violations, misuse of public resources, and endangerment of service quality and patient rights.

3. Action Taken:

A total of 35 official emails and communications have been sent to various individuals, authorities, institutions, and statutory bodies, urging appropriate remedial action and intervention.

Some issues have been partially resolved through communication, follow-ups, or institutional actions.

However, the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) – the apex regulatory body – has largely not responded, despite repeated reminders and substantiated documentation.





Chair-Professional Matters & Chair-Service Matters

Other Important Concerns:

Use of the 'Dr.' Prefix by Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists:

Over 50-60 emails have been received regarding the use of the 'Dr.' prefix by professionals within the field.

The issue was discussed in the Executive Council (EC) Meeting, and it was resolved that:

The matter will be formally tabled and deliberated upon in the upcoming General Body (GB) Meeting.

The discussion will be guided by the existing legal provisions, academic qualifications, and professional ethics, along with relevant directives from the University Grants Commission (UGC), RCI, and Medical Council of India (where applicable).

Conclusion & Way Forward:

The first quarter saw a significant surge in grievances highlighting professional concerns, regulatory gaps, and service violations. While we acknowledge some headway in minor dispute resolutions, the lack of timely and effective responses from statutory authorities, particularly RCI, remains a major obstacle.

As Chairs of the respective domains, we firmly recommend:

Strategic legal preparation for the two major unresolved cases for PIL filing.

Continued pressure on RCI and affiliated institutions for transparent, ethical, and timely redressal.

Institutional clarity and national consensus on sensitive issues like the 'Dr.' prefix through democratic discussions in the GB.

We reaffirm our commitment to uphold the professional integrity, service quality, and legal accountability of our field.

Chair-Private Practice



Mr. Ram Pravesh Kumar

CONNECT @ Gujarat

Event Title: ISHA Connect & Collaboration Workshop with Gujarat Private Practitioners

Date: May 11, 2025

Venue: Government Spine Institute, Civil Hospital Campus, Asarwa, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Theme: Empowering Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists through Unified Practice, Innovation, and Technology Integration

Videos recorded between 9 am to 5 pm

<https://youtube.com/live/mZX0uUMHfPA?feature=share>

Overview

The Indian Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ISHA), in its continued commitment to strengthening the voice and visibility of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists (ASLPs) across India, successfully conducted the Connect & Collaboration Workshop for Gujarat's private practitioners on May 11, 2025, at the Government Spine Institute, Ahmedabad. The event brought together 72 private practitioners and 14 student volunteers who supported logistics including registration, stage coordination, guest facilitation, hospitality, and cultural engagement.

This program was conducted by ISHA in collaboration with the Gujarat branch of ISHA. The program was led by Dr. Aparna Nandurkar, President of ISHA & Dr Namita ISHA Secretary Video message along with Ram Pravesh Kumar, EC Chair - Private Practice, and Dr. Chandrakant Vishwakarma, EC Chair - Scientific Sessions & Event Coordinator.



Workshop Highlights

The event ran from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM, and was professionally recorded by audio-visual technicians for full-day documentation.

Technology Partners & Demonstrations: Product demos and innovations were presented by: XceptionalLEARNING, Speech Gears, Bernafon Auditivo, ALPS Hearing Research

9:30 AM	Pledge and Dialogue with Gujarat ASLP Private Practitioners – Ram Pravesh Kumar
10:00 AM	Technology for Sustainable Clinical Practice – Ms. Rakshitha S & Ms. Kavya S Kumar
11:10 AM – 12:00 PM	Aphasia: Overview & Differential Diagnosis – Dr. Rupali Mathur
12:15 PM – 12:45 PM:	Meet, Greet, Empower – Mr. Hemant Patel, Organizing Secretary, ISHACON 2026
12:45 PM – 1:30 PM:	Basics of Audiology – Mr. Amit Anand
2:15 PM – 3:00 PM	Changing Trends in ASLP Practice – Mr. Jignesh Chauhan
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Practical Vertigo Management – Dr. Chandrakant Vishwakarma

Inauguration Ceremony: The workshop was inaugurated by: Mr. Jignesh Thakkar, President of GISHA, Ms. Ruchi Shah, General Secretary of GISHA, Dr. Aparna Nandurkar, President of ISHA, Mr. Dholakiya, ASLP Private Practitioner and Past Organisers President of GISHA, Dr. Chandrakant Vishwakarma, EC Chair - Scientific Sessions & Event Coordinator, Ram Pravesh Kumar, EC Chair - Private Practice

Chair-Private Practice

ASLP Private Practitioners' Feedback

The workshop received overwhelmingly positive feedback from Gujarat's ASLP Private Practitioners. Participants appreciated the:

- * Diverse scientific sessions that offered fresh perspectives and practical takeaways
- * Open forum that encouraged honest sharing of challenges and opportunities
- * Collaborative environment fostered through MoUs and multi-specialty discussions
- * Recognition given to active participants and senior practitioners
- * Professional networking and empowerment opportunities throughout the day

Many practitioners expressed enthusiasm for future ISHA regional initiatives and called the event “a landmark movement in private practice collaboration.”

Significant Milestones Achieved

1. ISHA – ENT Association of Gujarat Collaboration:

A formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between ISHA and the ENT Association of Gujarat. The MoU was signed by Dr. Aparna Nandurkar, President of ISHA, and Dr. Keyur Gavadia, ENT Surgeon and President of ENT Association, Gujarat Branch—strengthening interdisciplinary ties in integrated hearing care and joint initiatives.



2. Collaborate with the Physiotherapist Association of Gujarat ISHA – Physiotherapist Association of Gujarat

Collaboration: Another landmark MoU was signed between Dr. Aparna Nandurkar and Dr. Dhara Sharma, President of the Physiotherapist Association of Gujarat. This collaboration lays the foundation for a holistic rehabilitation model through team-based care.



3. Collaboration with Pediatricians Association of Gujarat



Team Connect celebrated Mother's Day on 11th May with the participants

CONNECT @ Maharashtra

Event Title:

ISHA Connect Workshop with Maharashtra Private Practitioners in collaboration with MISHA branch

Date: Jan 19, 2025

Venue:

Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), Bandre Reclamation, Mumbai-400050

Theme:

Discussion on the issues of Audiology private practitioners moderated by Dr. S M Tarique and Workshop by Raakhee Butala on the topic 'When hearing aids are not enough in adults' selection, fitting and benefits of CI in adults.




ISHA Private Practice Subcommittee Highlights

The ISHA Private Practice Subcommittee—a dynamic team of ASLPs across India—spearheaded impactful national awareness and advocacy campaigns in the first half of 2025.

Subcommittee Members:

Manish, Avinash, Sunil Patil, Sankalp, Kiruthika Thiyagu, Debosmita J Gupte, Tintu Mary Babu, Bindu, Dr. Chandrakanta, Dr. Kalyani, Dr. Neha, Rohit, Dr. Tarique, Aditi Shekhar, Ramandeep (Karnataka), Chandrima Bhattacharya, Vivek, Dr. Pavan Dev, Amit Anand

World Hearing Day – March 3

 Safe Listening for Gamers campaign promoted WHO-guided listening: noise-cancelling headphones, screen-time awareness, and hearing protection.

International Women's Day – March 8

Theme: Accelerate Action. Posters and member training highlighted women's health in communication sciences.

Autism Awareness Month – April

April 2 kickoff with superhero-themed outreach promoting inclusion and support for neurodiverse families.

World Voice Day – April 16

Short videos raised awareness on vocal hygiene, early detection, and prevention of voice disorders.

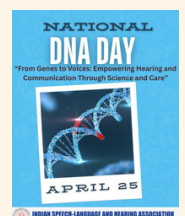
National DNA Day – April 25

First-ever campaign linking genetics with communication disorders through posters and expert-led videos.

ISHA Private Practice continues to lead in promoting communication health, early intervention, and excellence in Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology.



National DNA Day





Chair-Conventions & Events

Dear Member,



**Dr. Chandrakant
Vishwakarma**

It is with great enthusiasm that I, as Chair of Events and Conferences, announce the 57th Annual Conference of the Indian Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ISHACON 2026). This prestigious event will be held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat—a city celebrated for its vibrant cultural heritage and as the birthplace of iconic leaders Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The conference is scheduled to take place from January 30th to February 1st, 2026.

Conference Theme: “Innovations Beyond Boundaries”

ISHACON 2026 aims to unite audiologists, speech-language pathologists, researchers, students, and industry professionals to explore and share the latest innovations and advancements in the field. The conference will offer a dynamic program featuring:

- Keynote addresses by distinguished national and international experts
- Panel discussions on emerging technologies and therapeutic strategies
- Oral and poster presentations of original research
- Hands-on workshops designed for practical learning
- Networking opportunities with leaders, peers, and industry stakeholders

Registration & Early Bird Offer

We encourage all interested professionals and students to register early and take advantage of the Early Bird offer. Early registration secures your spot at the conference and grants access to exclusive benefits and discounts.

For details on registration fees, deadlines, and benefits, please visit: ishacon2026.com

Call for Abstracts

We invite researchers, clinicians, and academicians to submit their abstracts for consideration. Accepted submissions will be featured in oral or poster presentation sessions during the conference.

Please refer to the abstract submission guidelines on the conference website and ensure timely submission to avoid any last-minute issues.

Networking & Knowledge Exchange

ISHACON 2026 provides a platform for knowledge sharing, collaborative learning, and professional growth. Attendees will have opportunities to engage with fellow professionals, discover emerging trends, and foster lasting collaborations.

Chair-Conventions & Events

We Welcome Your Feedback

Your ideas and suggestions are valuable to us. If you have recommendations to enhance the conference experience, please write to us at: chair.events@ishaindia.org.in. Our goal is to make ISHACON 2026 an enriching and memorable event for all participants.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ahmedabad for ISHACON 2026. Let us come together to push the boundaries of innovation in speech-language and hearing sciences.

JAI HIND!

For regular updates and detailed information, please visit the official conference website: ishacon2026.com
Let me know if you'd like this formatted for a newsletter, flyer, or website post!

57th ISHACON Hosted by Gujarat Chapter @ Ahmedabad



The flyer for the 57th ISHACON 2026 conference is designed with a light blue background and a green border. At the top, it features the logos of the Indian Speech and Hearing Association (ISHA) and the Gujarat Branch (GISHA). The main title 'ISHACON 2026' is prominently displayed in green and black, with the dates '30th 31st January 1st February 2026' below it. The subtitle '57th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF INDIAN SPEECH LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION' is in bold black text, followed by the tagline 'Innovations Beyond Boundaries' in a green banner. A 'SAVE THE DATE' section uses calendar icons to show the dates. The 'REGISTRATION' section, marked 'STARTING SOON', is in a green and black box. The 'Organised by' section lists the Indian Speech and Hearing Association, Gujarat Branch. The 'Venue' section specifies the AUDA Auditorium, Karnavati Club Road, Shela, Ahmedabad - 380058, Gujarat. The bottom left features a collage of images: a statue of Mahatma Gandhi, a modern building, a temple, and a lion.

ISHACON 2026
30th 31st January 1st February 2026

**57th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF INDIAN SPEECH
LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION**
Innovations Beyond Boundaries

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Indian Speech and Hearing Association,
Gujarat Branch

Venue :-
AUDA Auditorium, Karnavati Club Road,
Shela, Ahmedabad - 380058, Gujarat

Website: <https://ishacon2026.com/#>



CALL FOR PAPERS

Greetings!

The scientific committee of ISHA invites scientific papers for the 57th ISHACON, 2026 to be held at Ahmedabad, Gujarat from 30th to 1st February, 2026. The abstracts of papers may be submitted under Speech, Language, and Audiology Categories either in the platform or poster modes. The platform presentations are open to PG/PhD/Research Fellows/Practising Professionals.

KEY DATES

September 30, 2025 : Last date for submission of abstracts (Max. words -1200)

October 31, 2025 : Notification of selection/rejection of abstracts.

November 30, 2025 : Last date for submission of full-length papers

(Follow submission guidelines of JISHA: <https://journals.lww.com/INSH/Pages/informationforauthors.aspx>)

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Important information for authors and presenters

Preparation

Abstracts must be original clinical/research work from authors only, with literature reviews/ compilations not accepted.

Submission

Last date for abstract submission is 30th September 2025 by 11 PM.

Membership

All authors must be ISHA members for submission.

Visit www.ishaindia.org.in for details

IMPORTANT ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INFORMATION

57th ISHACON Announcement

The corresponding author will be **intimated by email** about the selection of the abstract by October 31, 2025. Alternatively, the information will also be posted in the web portal of ISHA. If the abstract is selected for presentation, a link will appear to submit the full length article in the 'Article submission' section.

Full length papers must be submitted before 30th November, 2025.

CALL FOR PAPERS

GUIDELINES FOR FULL-LENGTH PAPERS

The authors of the abstract that are accepted who wish to compete for awards MUST submit the full-length paper to the online submission portal of the conference (Please visit: www.ishaindia.org.in).

Preparation:

- The Full-length papers must be prepared in accordance with the manuscript preparation guidelines of the Association's official journal (JISHA). These guidelines are available at: <https://journals.lww.com/INSH/Pages/informationforauthors.aspx>.
- Only the article files comprising of the title of the study, and full-length paper with bibliography should be submitted. DO NOT MENTION THE AUTHOR AND CO-AUTHORS NAME, INSTITUTE NAME AND ADDRESS IN THE ARTICLE FILE.
- Avoid the use of bullets in your article file.
- Ensure that the combined file size does not exceed 1 MB.

Submission:

- The article files must be submitted to the submission portal of ISHACON.
- DO NOT SUBMIT your article files to JISHA Portal!

REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

Abstracts:

All abstracts will be reviewed by more than one reviewer. The outcome of this review process would be recommendations for 'accept' or 'reject'.

Full-length papers:

Prior to the commencement of the review process, a similarity (plagiarism) check would be performed on all full-length papers. Only those papers with a similarity index $\leq 25\%$ would be reviewed by more than one reviewer (and thus be eligible for possible awards) on the following aspects:

- a. The adherence to the preparation guidelines
- b. The logical organization of the content and substrates on which the outcome(s) is/are derived (e.g., study design, sample size, methods of data collection, analysis, and interpretation)
- c. The research/clinical impact of the study and
- d. The onsite evaluation

For any further clarifications/queries, kindly write to us at chair.events@ishaindia.org.in

Dr. Chandrakant Vishwakarma : Chairperson and Overall Coordinator

Dr. Hema N. : Coordinator for scientific papers - Language

Dr. Priya M.B. : Coordinator for scientific papers - Speech

Dr. Mukesh Sharma & : Coordinators for scientific papers - Audiology

Mr. Achaiah M.A.

56th ISHACON Inauguration



Oration Awardees



Dr. Suman Kumar



Dr. Mallikarjun Urs



Dr. Krishna Y.

Dr. S R Chandrasekhar Travel Fellowship



Dr. Swathi Kiran

56th ISHACON Scientific Awards



INFLUENCE OF CARTOON-BASED SCREEN TIME ON AUDITORY AND PHONOLOGICAL PROCESSING ABILITIES IN YOUNG CHILDREN	VARSHA U, KISHAN MADIKERI, SUNILA JOHN	Best Paper in Audiology
THE EFFECT OF MULTI-TALKER SPEECH BABBLE, SPEECH SHAPED NOISE AND WHITE NOISE ON IMMEDIATE AND DELAYED WORD RECALL: EXPLORING THE RELATIONSHIP WITH MEMORY AND ATTENTION	SARANSH JAIN, HARSHAN H S, CHANDNI JAIN	Second Best Paper in Audiology
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ISHA ACTIVITIES

RCI-CRE webinar on Tele-Voice Therapy-Challenges and Opportunities



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The webinar titled "Tele-Voice Therapy - Challenges and Opportunities" was conducted on **January 25, 2025**, as an RCI-CRE approved program, organized under the auspices of the Indian Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ISHA).

Dr. Aishwarya Nallamuthu served as the resource person, delivering an insightful and engaging session on the evolving landscape of tele-practice in voice therapy. The webinar explored both the challenges and opportunities associated with delivering voice therapy through virtual platforms, addressing clinical strategies, ethical considerations, and emerging technologies.

The session saw active participation from over 120 attendees, including professionals and students from across the country, reflecting the growing interest in tele-practice models within the field of speech-language pathology.

International Patients' Union

Mr. Ram Pravesh Kumar, Chair of Private Practice at the Indian Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ISHA), was deputed to represent ISHA at the International Patients Union meeting held on April 7, 2025.

During the meeting, Mr. Kumar highlighted the vital role of nurses, community health workers, and allied health professionals in reducing the burden of hearing and communication disorders within the community. His address emphasized the importance of collaborative, multidisciplinary care in improving patient outcomes and access to services.

He also engaged in meaningful discussions with key stakeholders, including:

- Prof. Uma Kuar, Founder and Head, Department of Rheumatology, AIIMS, New Delhi
- Mr. Kamal Mehrotra, Representative, Pharmacist Association
- Dr. T. Dileep Kumar, President, Indian Nurses Association

These interactions fostered interdisciplinary dialogue aimed at strengthening healthcare delivery through integrated approaches.

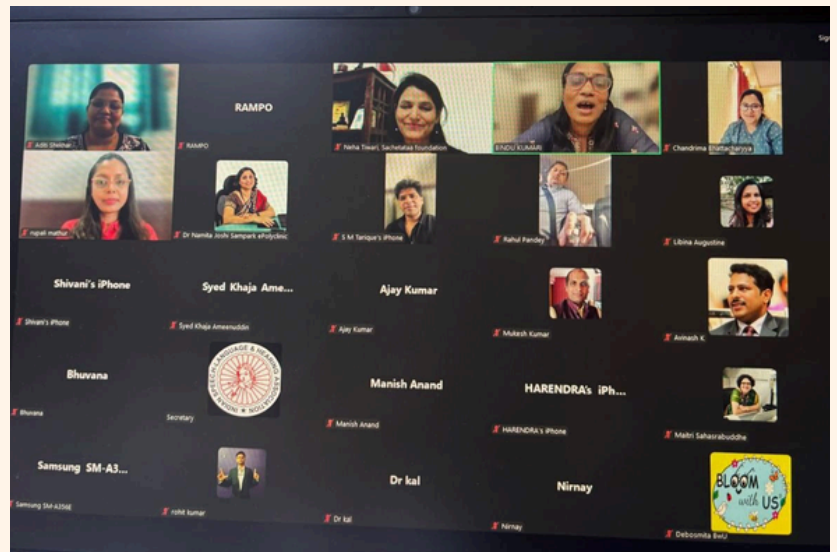


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ISHA ACTIVITIES

ISHA Celebrates International Women's Day 2025



Date: March 8, 2025

Format: Webinar

Organized by: Dr. Ram Pravesh Kumar, Chair – Private Practice

Moderator: Dr. Chandrima Bhattacharyya

Inaugurated by: Dr. Namita Joshi, Secretary, ISHA

To commemorate International Women's Day 2025, ISHA hosted a special webinar celebrating the contributions and addressing the challenges faced by women in the field of audiology and speech-language pathology, especially in private practice.

The event brought together inspiring voices and practical insights, drawing participation from professionals across the country.

Key Sessions & Speakers

- **Ms. Rupali Mathur**

- Topic: The Role of Private Practitioners in Community Awareness Programs

- **Ms. Neha Tiwari**

- Topic: Speech and Communication – Challenges in Private Practice

- **Ms. Bindu Kumari**

- Topic: Hearing and Balance Health in Women – Common Issues

A Platform for Dialogue and Empowerment

This special event not only recognized the efforts of women in our field but also provided a space for dialogue, peer learning, and inspiration. ISHA remains committed to promoting gender equity, professional development, and community engagement across all sectors of practice.

For more updates on upcoming events and initiatives, stay connected with ISHA.



ISHA ACTIVITIES

RCI meeting held on 28.03.2025

The Indian Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ISHA) filed a petition before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court (W.P. (C) No. 1345/2025) against the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, and the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI).

The petition raised serious concerns regarding the inaction of RCI in taking appropriate measures against unqualified and unprofessional individuals practicing as audiologists and speech-language pathologists, despite repeated complaints submitted by ISHA.

In compliance with the directive issued by the Delhi High Court, a meeting was convened at the RCI Headquarters, New Delhi, to address the issues raised.



The Rehabilitation Council of India issued a Notice for Personal Hearing dated March 28, 2025. The meeting was attended by:

Representing RCI:

Dr. Sandeep Tambe, Deputy Director cum Nodal Officer (Legal Matters), RCI, New Delhi
Mr. Manish Sharma, Legal Advisor, RCI, New Delhi

Representing ISHA:

Dr. Aparna Nandurkar, President, ISHA
Dr. Sanjay Munjal, President-elect, ISHA
Dr. Namita Joshi, Secretary, ISHA
Mr. Nirnay Kumar Keshree, Chair – Professional Matters, ISHA
Dr. Md. Sahidul Arefin, Chair – Service Matters, ISHA
Mr. Jabir, Secretary, ISHA Kerala Branch
Mr. Unnikrishnan, Advocate, ISHA

This meeting marks a significant step in ISHA's ongoing advocacy to uphold the professional standards and legal integrity of the fields of audiology and speech-language pathology in India. ISHA remains committed to ensuring that only qualified professionals are permitted to practice, in the interest of public safety and professional accountability.





ISHA ACTIVITIES

Memorandum of Understanding

ISHA Signs MoU with the International Council on Development and Learning (ICDL)

The Indian Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ISHA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Council on Development and Learning (ICDL) to establish a collaborative partnership focused on advancing professional development and training opportunities for ISHA members.

Purpose and Scope of the Collaboration

The purpose of this MOU is to formalize and define the collaborative relationship between ICDL and ISHA. This collaboration aims to provide resources, training, and professional development opportunities to members of ISHA, with a focus on collaborating on offering DIR 101: Introduction to DIR® and DIRFloortime® (“DIR 101”) courses for professionals in India.

ISHA Signs MoU with The Learning Corporation (TLC), USA

The Indian Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ISHA) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Learning Corporation (TLC), USA, marking the beginning of a collaborative partnership to advance technological integration in clinical practice.

Purpose and Focus of the Collaboration

The purpose of this MOU is to formalize and define the collaborative relationship between TLC and ISHA. This collaboration aims to provide resources, training, and professional development opportunities to members of ISHA, with a focus on the utilization of the CT app for Speech, Language, and Hearing professionals across India.

ISHA Signs MoU with Nayi Disha

The Indian Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ISHA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Nayi Disha, an organization dedicated to supporting families of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Purpose of the Collaboration

This partnership aims to empower families by providing them with access to reliable information, resources, and support systems tailored to the needs of children with IDD. Through this MoU, ISHA and Nayi Disha will work together to enhance awareness, improve access to early intervention and therapy services, and promote family-centered care.



Financial Support for Professional Development

Institute	Workshop/Seminar/Conference	Date	Amount
JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysuru	VISHRUTA-2-JSS Annual Vak-Shravana conferene	3-4 April 2025	25,000/-



Date: April 3-4, 2025

Venue: Sri Rajendra Centenary Auditorium, JSS Hospital, Mysuru

Theme: Exploring Best Clinical Practices in Communication Disorders, Dysphagia, and Balance Problems Among the Paediatric Population

The JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysuru, successfully hosted the two-day International Conference "Vishruta 2" (Vibes of Speech and Hearing Research Uniting Technology Advancements) on April 3rd and 4th, 2025. The conference brought together experts, clinicians, and researchers to discuss the latest advancements and best practices in managing communication disorders, dysphagia, and balance-related challenges in pediatric populations.

🌟 Inaugural Ceremony – April 3, 2025 at 11:00 AM

The conference was inaugurated in the presence of esteemed dignitaries:

Chief Guest: Sri Vikas Trivedi, Member Secretary, Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI)

Guest of Honor: Sri R. Mahesh, Director, Medical Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha

Special Address: Dr. C.G. Betsurmah, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha

UPCOMING ISHA ACTIVITIES



ISHA WEBINAR

Unlocking potential together: collaborative webinar with IqOro and Nayi Disha



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with Karnataka ASLP's (Private Practitioners)

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Workshop Highlights

- Collaborative learning
- Clinical Innovations
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Date & Venue



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Mr. Ram Pravesh Kumar
Chair-Private Practice
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Workshop Schedule

Time	Topic & Resource Persons
8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 am to 8:45 am	Registration
8:45 am to 9:00 am	<i>Inauguration and lighting the lamp</i> General Secretary, ISHA President of ISHA Bangalore Chapter, Mysore Chapter, Dakshina Kannada Chapter, Manipal Chapter Chairman/Management/Principal – MVM College of Speech & Hearing
9:00 am to 9:30 am	<i>Welcome address and ISHA collaborating with Professional Associations</i> Dr. Namita Joshi General Secretary, ISHA
9:30 am to 10:00 am	<i>Keynote Address</i> Mr. Ram Prayesh Kumar, ISHA EC – Private Practice
10:00 am to 10:15 am	<i>Talk by Exceptional Learning Team</i>
10:15 am to 11:00 am	<i>Assessment and Therapy for Paediatric and Adult Speech-Language Disorders in Private Settings</i>
11:00 am to 11:15 am	Tea Break
11:15 am to 12:00 pm	<i>Clinical Decision Making in Audiological Rehabilitation: Evidence-based hearing aid fitting and client-centred outcomes</i> Dr. Nitin K Damam, Bengaluru
12:00 am to 12:45 pm	<i>Subjective Assessment and Management of Balance Disorders</i> Mr. Suresh T, Bengaluru
12:45 pm to 1:30 pm	<i>Integrating AI and Tele-technology in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Practice</i> Dr. Kiran S, Udupi
1:30 pm to 2:00 pm	Lunch Break
2:00 pm to 2:45 pm	<i>Multidisciplinary collaboration in the assessment and management of speech, language, and hearing disorders.</i> Dr. Neeraja Karthi and Ms. Megha M Iorapur, Bengaluru
2:45 pm to 3:30 pm	<i>Entrepreneurial Skills for Clinicians: Branding, Marketing, & Patient Retention.</i> (Website design, Social media, Digital booking systems & Ethics of advertisement.) Mr. Adithya K Karthik, Dr. Payan Dey, Mysore and Mr. Achaiah MA, Madikeri
3:30 pm to 3:45 pm	Tea Break
3:45 pm to 4:30 pm	<i>Ethics and Legal Compliance in Private Practice: Avoiding Common Pitfalls</i> Dr. Jayashree S Bhat, Mangalore
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	<i>Panel Discussion:</i> “Challenges in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Private Practice and How to Solve Them” Moderator: PROF. T. DATTATREYA Panelists: 1. Dr. Vikrant Patil, Hubballi 2. Dr. Kiran S, Manipal 3. Ms. Shreya Shetty, Bengaluru. 4. Mr. Vidyasagar, Bengaluru. 5. Mr. Vishnu, Mangalore. 6. Mr. Manish Anand, Mangalore. 7. Mr. Sarath D Das, Bengaluru. 8. Mr. Vaibhav RM, Mysore.
5:30 pm to 5:45 pm	SPONSORS SESSION
5:45 pm to 6:00 pm	Interaction, Networking and Feedback/ Sponsors session
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Launch of ISHA's New Website

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new ISHA website, designed to offer a more user-friendly, informative, and engaging experience for our members.

We invite all members to explore the new platform and share their feedback or suggestions to help us continue improving the website's functionality and content.

✉ Please send your inputs to: secretary@ishaindia.org.in

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ANDHRA PRADESH



World Hearing Day – 3rd March 2025

The Andhra Pradesh Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists Association (APASLPA), state branch of ISHA, celebrated World Hearing Day on March 3, 2025, across multiple districts in Andhra Pradesh. The observance featured awareness programs, hearing screenings, and community outreach activities, promoting early detection and hearing health awareness.



Tinnitus Awareness Week Webinar



On February 8, 2025, the Andhra Pradesh Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists Association (APASLPA), state branch of ISHA, conducted a webinar to mark Tinnitus Awareness Week. Esteemed speakers Dr. Y. Krishna (Ph.D) and Dr. Abhinayasri (BNYS) shared valuable insights on tinnitus management.

The session was organized by Hon. Gen. Secretary Mr. P. Gopi Venkatesh, moderated by Mrs. Sai Harika Boppa, and coordinated by Ms. Sucharitha Mathew.

APASLPA-ISHA WEBINAR SERIES

APASLPA-ISHA Webinar Series, launched in July 2025, this knowledge-sharing initiative, envisioned to promote continuous learning and professional collaboration, began with an insightful session

Topic: Hearing Aids

Date: July 2025

Speaker: Dr.Kishan M.M, Ph.D, Associate Professor, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal

This initiative was made possible through the valuable support and encouragement of Dr. Y. Krishna Sir and Dr. Vijaya Kumar Narne Sir, along with the dedicated backing of our Executive Committee.

The webinar series aims to:

- Foster ongoing professional development
- Encourage dialogue and discussion among peers
- Bring forward expert perspectives on contemporary topics

ANDHRA PRADESH

APASLPACON 2025 – National Annual Conference

Dates: June 20–21, 2025

Venue: KKR and KSR Institute of Technology & Sciences (KITS), Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists Association (APASLPA), state branch of ISHA, in collaboration with MAA Institute of Speech and Hearing (MISH), successfully organized the National Annual Conference – APASLPACON 2025 on the theme “Embracing Diversity – Advancing Inclusive Practice in the Field of ASLP.”

✨ Inaugural Highlights

The event was inaugurated by distinguished dignitaries, including:

- Dr. K. Subba Rao, Chairman, KITS, Guntur
- Dr. P. Vijaya, Director, Lalitha Hospitals & President, Indian Stroke Association
- Prof. Patan Ummar Khan, Founder & Chairman, Helen Keller’s Institute
- Dr. B. Rajasekhar, Founding Dean, Manipal University
- Dr. B.S. Premalatha, Professor & Deglutologist, Dr. S.R. Chandrasekhar Institute
- Mr. M.A. Srikanth, Chairman, Srikanth Speech and Hearing Clinic
- Dr. Aparna Ravichandran, Principal, MISH & Organizing Coordinator
- Mr. B. Srinivas, Assistant Director, AYJNISHD(D), Secunderabad
- Mr. Hari Kishan Reddy, President, APASLPA-ISHA
- Mrs. R. Sirisha, President-Elect, APASLPA, Organizing Chairperson



🏆 Lifetime Achievement Recognition

The prestigious Dr. EC Vinay Kumar Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred upon Mr. M.A. Srikanth for his outstanding contributions to the field.

📅 Conference Highlights

The two-day event featured scientific sessions, expert panels, and discussions aimed at promoting inclusive, evidence-based practices in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. The conference fostered collaboration, learning, and a renewed commitment to excellence in service delivery.

The Delhi Branch of the Indian Speech and Hearing Association (DISHA) has remained steadfast in its mission to spread awareness, promote professional development, and advocate for inclusion and accessibility in the field of speech and hearing sciences.

March 2025: World Hearing Day

DISHA celebrated #WorldHearingDay2025 with an enthusiastic and impactful awareness drive on 2nd March 2025, across key locations in Delhi and NCR. The campaign featured 40 participating professionals who engaged with the public to raise awareness about hearing health, hearing loss prevention, and the importance of early identification. The theme emphasized breaking the stigma around hearing issues and ensuring inclusive access to hearing care for all.



April 2025: Autism Awareness Month

To mark Autism Awareness Month, DISHA took to its Instagram handle (@delhiisha_awareness) to share informative posts, visual content, and real-life insights to deepen public understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). A quiz competition was also conducted exclusively for SLP professionals in Delhi NCR, fostering engagement, learning, and peer interaction. The initiative aimed at promoting evidence-based practices and supporting neurodiversity.

May 2025: Dysphagia Awareness Month

During the month of May, DISHA commemorated Dysphagia Awareness Month by releasing a series of educational posts and infographics across social media platforms. These focused on the early signs of swallowing disorders, their impact on quality of life, and the role of SLPs in dysphagia rehabilitation, thereby empowering both caregivers and professionals.



June 2025: Alzheimer's Awareness

Continuing its commitment to neurological conditions, DISHA observed Alzheimer's Awareness Month by publishing a range of content spotlighting the communication challenges associated with dementia and the importance of early speech-language intervention. Posts shared on Instagram brought attention to caregiver support and advocated for inclusive communication approaches for individuals living with Alzheimer's.



Special Announcement: DISHACON 2025

Amidst the awareness initiatives, DISHA proudly announced its flagship event–DISHACON 2025, scheduled for 15th-16th November 2025. This much-anticipated conference promises to bring together speech-language pathologists, audiologists, researchers, and students for two days of scientific exchange, training, and networking.



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1. Minimum Wage Revision for ASLPs:

ISHA KSB played a proactive role in sensitizing the concerned authorities and providing key inputs during the preparation process leading to the Government of Kerala's recent order revising the minimum wages for contract posts. As a result of sustained efforts, including follow-ups and representation, the minimum salary - originally fixed at ₹36,000 in 2021 - has now been revised with a 5% hike, bringing it to approximately ₹37,800.

2. Action Against Misleading Advertisement:

ISHA KSB intervened in response to an unscientific advertisement by an alternative healthcare group claiming to "cure" hearing loss. The matter was taken up with concerned authorities, and the misleading content was successfully removed, reinforcing ISHA KSB's commitment to evidence-based practice and public awareness.

3. Workshop & Professional Meet-up on Hearing Implantable Devices - Thrissur:

ISHA KSB Thrissur District Coordination Committee successfully conducted a Professional Meet-up and Workshop on "Hearing Implantable Devices: Candidacy, Selection & Recent Advances" on May 11, 2025, in Thrissur. The event featured expert-led sessions covering candidacy criteria, evaluation protocols, and recent technological advancements. It provided a valuable platform for ASLPs to exchange knowledge and build professional networks. ISHA KSB extends sincere thanks to all speakers and participants for making the event a success.

4. Professional Meetup by ISHA KSB at Thiruvananthapuram

The Thiruvananthapuram District Coordination Committee (DCC) of ISHA KSB successfully conducted a professional meetup on May 25, 2025, with the participation of around 40 speech and hearing professionals. A key highlight was the felicitation of Dr. Suja Kunnath, Executive Director of NISH, honored by senior member Smt. Annamma on behalf of ISHA KSB. The session also featured an informative talk by Mr. Nikhil Ben on cochlear implant technologies. The event fostered active discussions, peer engagement, and reaffirmed ISHA KSB's commitment to professional development. EC members Mr. Jabir, Ms. Chippi, Mr. Anish Babu, Mr. Sujith, and DCC Coordinator Ms. Rasmiya were present and actively interacted with the participants.



World Hearing Day – 3rd March 2025

World Hearing Day 2025 celebrations were conducted on the 3rd of March 2025. This year, MISHA EC focused on awareness and destigmatization of hearing aids and timely hearing care in the geriatric population. Video testimonials from hearing aid users were released along with a strong message urging timely hearing assessment and intervention from qualified professionals with at least a bachelor's degree in audiology and speech language pathology. In addition, awareness pamphlets were put out on social media platforms as well. A few of the links to the video testimonials on the MISHA youtube channel and the awareness pamphlets on the MISHA facebook page are given below.

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World Autism Awareness Day – 2nd April 2025

On April 2nd, Autism awareness day, MISHA circulated awareness pamphlets across its social media platforms

M-RAMISIN

An article related to the M-RAMSIN test had been published in the Journal of the Indian Speech and Hearing Association in 2024. In addition, Dr. Varsha Athreya, a post doctoral student of Dr. Fitzgerald from Stanford University expressed interest in procurement of the test. A license agreement for M-RAMSIN and any other test developed through MISHA in the past or future was created subsequent to the interest shown by the Stanford team. The license agreement has now been signed and the test has been made available to the Dr. Varsha Athreya and Dr. Fitzgerald.

CONNECT

ISHA, in collaboration with MISHA and AYJNISHD(D), Mumbai, conducted the Connect Program—an offline meet to discuss the challenges faced by private practitioners

Annual General Body meeting of MISHA was held on-17TH MAY 2025

24 new Life Members were inducted into MISHA during the MISHA AGM held in May 2025.

Along with the AGM in May 2025, MISHA conducted an offline RCI accredited two-day CRE on the topic, “Holistic rehabilitation of the elderly: Role of audiologists and speech language pathologists.” The CRE covered a wide range of topics from hearing, balance and auditory processing to language retrieval and cognitive processing in the elderly. The resource persons were MISHA members as well as experts from other professions such as physiotherapy and general medicine. The program received excellent feedback from members.

Newly Elected Members

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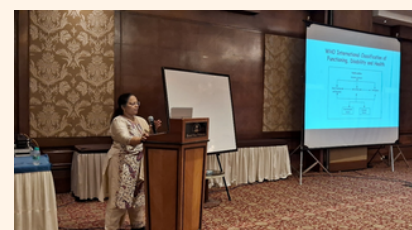
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EC Member- Ms. Nikita Kirane



World Hearing Day Activities

My ISHA conducted two events for World Hearing Day in the year 2025. The first event was a walkathon organized in association with All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysuru , JSSISH Mysuru and Association of Otolaryngologists for India, Mysuru Chapter and a total of 150 students, faculty and ENT doctors attended the event.



The second event was street play to impart awareness in general public. This was organized at the clock tower Mysuru on 16th July 2025.



Observation of World Hearing Day

Speech & Hearing Association of Odisha (SHAO), Branch of ISHA observed World Hearing Day 2025, in form of an awareness activity in collaboration with AYJNISHD, Jnala, Khurdha, Odisha on 3rd March 2025. About 30 children with hearing impairment were participated. Different government schemes for welfare for the persons with hearing impairment were discussed along with orientations to parental hearing care.

The program was headed by Mr. Lanu Wanboy, Asst. Director, AYJNISHD, Jnala and graced by Mr. Narayan Chandra Biswal, President, SHAO, Odisha. Sr. Audiologist Mr. Chandrachud Panigrahi, Sr. Speech Therapist Mr. Amitav Jena, Principal of IIRS & R- Dr. Susmit Mishra, Audiologist- Mr. Swadhin enlightened different audiological perspectives of hearing and speech intervention for HI children. Children were reinforced with teaching learning materials. The program was co-ordinate by Sr. Audiologist Mr. Siba Prasad Sahoo.



Hearing Conservation & Care outreach program to old age and destitute home

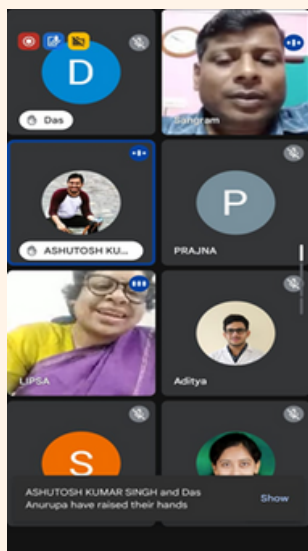
A hearing Conservation & care outreach program held at 'Utkalmani Gopabandhu Adarsha Brudhasrama,' Pandra Chowk, Bhubaneswar on 9th March 2025 (Sunday). About 17 sineor citizen and 12 children screened their hearing and took advice on hearing care and preservation.



President of SHAO Mr. Narayan Chandra Biswal en-lighted on importance on periodic hearing screening and ear hygiene where as Sr. Audiologist Mr. Siba Prasad Sahoo and Ms. Manini Biswal organised the hearing screening program.

Observation of Autism Awareness Day - 2025 in form of Webinar in association with Medical Service Association of Odisha

SHAO observed Autism Awareness Day- 2025 in form of webinar at Medical Service Association of Odisha



About 200 medicos and allied medicos, MBBS trainee students participated accros India in this webinar.

Sr. Speech Language Pathologist & Audiologist Ms. Lipsa Sahoo had her interactive session on topic 'Unfolding Autism' where as President Mr. Narayan Chandra Biswal & EC member Sr. ASLP Mr. Siba Prasad Sahoo coordinated the question answer session.

Workshop on Voice and Swallowing Disorders

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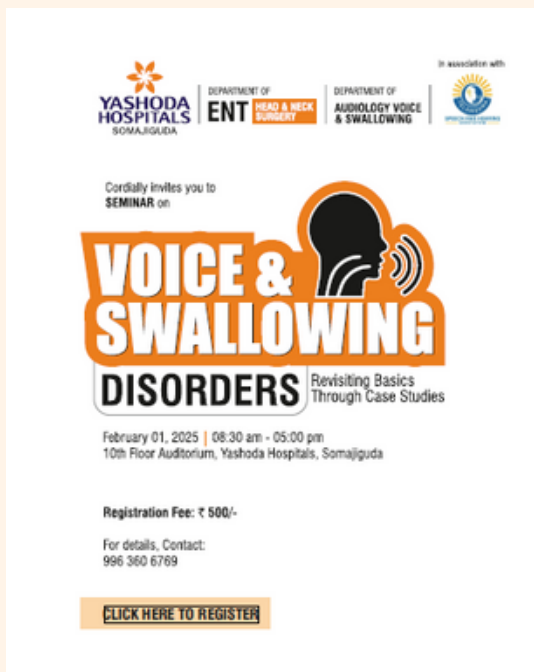
Department of Head & Neck Surgery (ENT) and Department of Audiology, Voice & Swallowing, Yashoda Hospitals, Somajiguda

In association with:

Telangana Speech and Hearing Association (TSHA)

Date: Feb 1, 2025

Venue: 10th Floor Auditorium, Yashoda Hospitals, Somajiguda



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CME on Post Stroke Aphasia

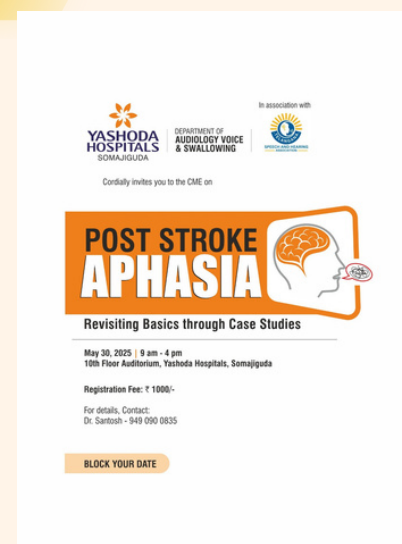
Theme: Revisiting Basics through Case Studies

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In association with: Telangana Speech and Hearing Association (TSHA)

Date & Time: May 30, 2025 | 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Venue: 10th Floor Auditorium, Yashoda Hospitals, Somajiguda



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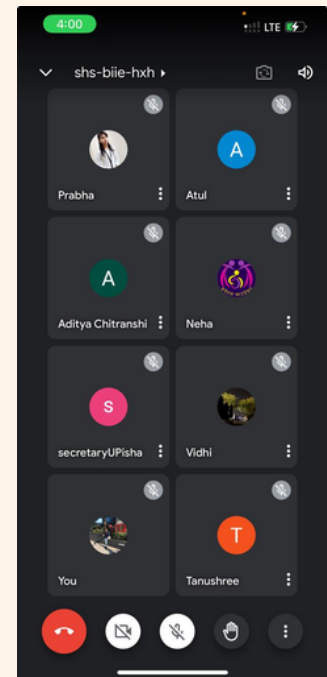
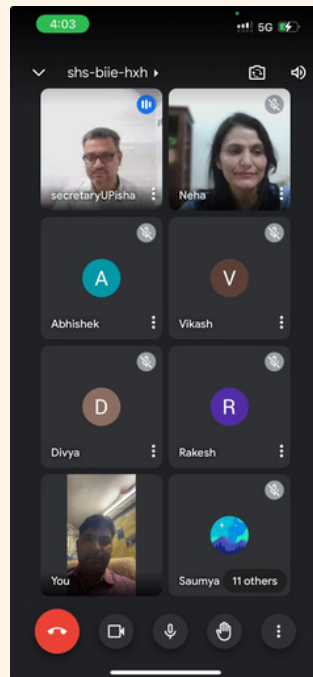
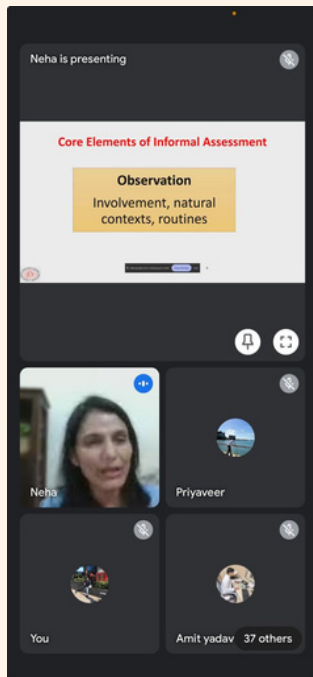
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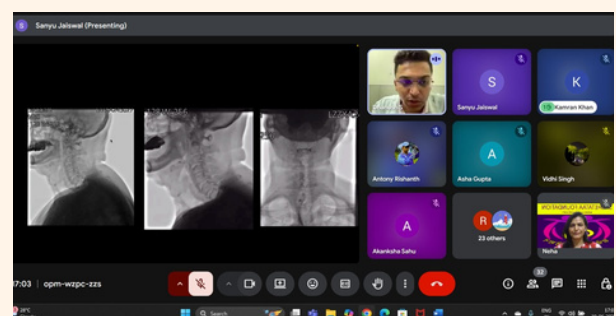
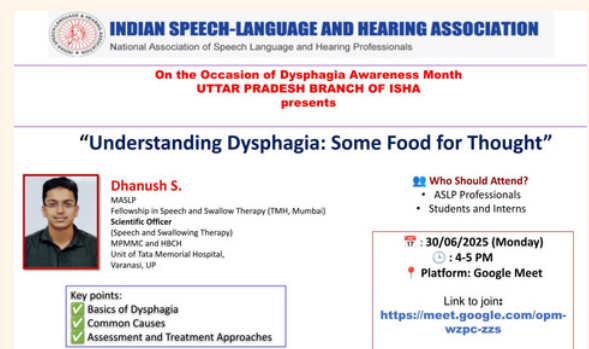
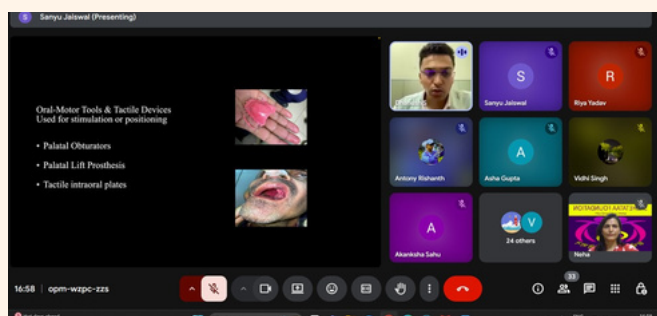
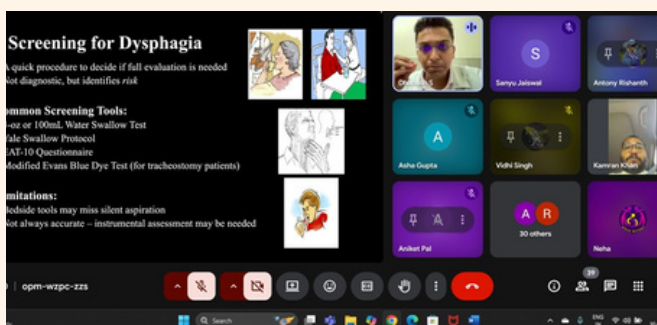
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Webinars

- Webinar titled 'Beyond the Checklist: Mastering Informal Assessment in Communication Disorders' was conducted on 31st May 2025. Ms. Neha Tiwari, ASLP from Lucknow served as the resource person. There were 46 participants in the webinar.



- Webinar titled 'Understanding Dysphagia: Some Food for Thought' was conducted on 30th June 2025. Mr. Dhanush S., Scientific Officer, Unit of Tata Memorial Hospital, Varanasi served as the resource person.



Fund raising Initiative towards ISHA Building Fund



Model Diagram of Proposed Office

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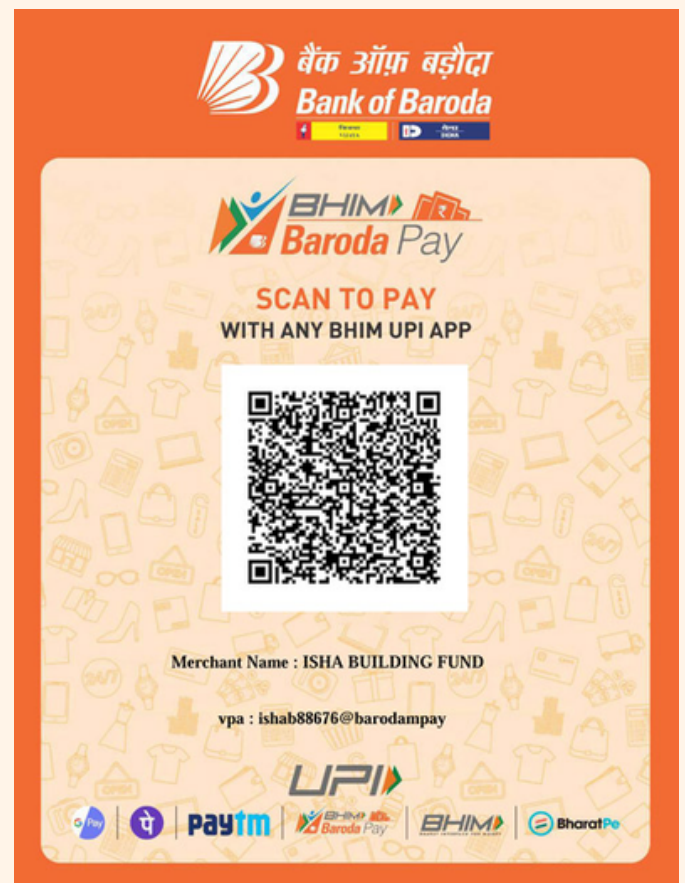


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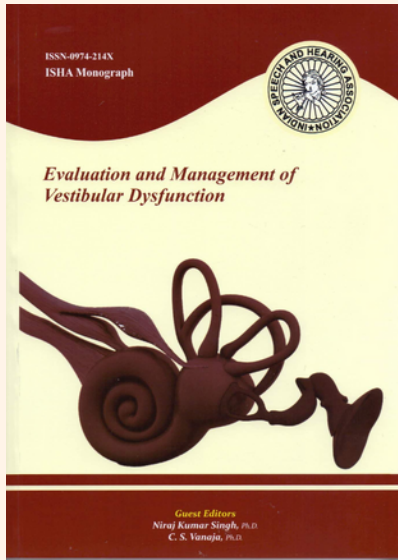
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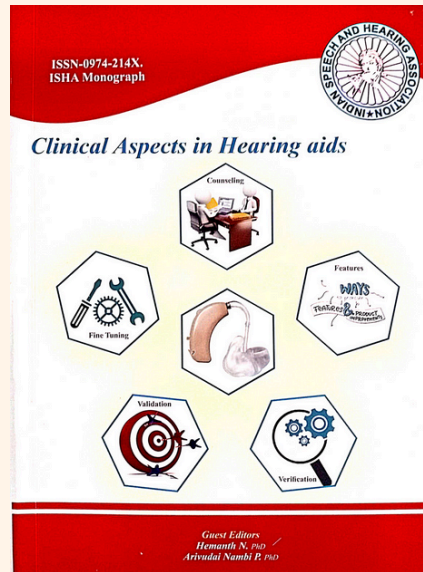


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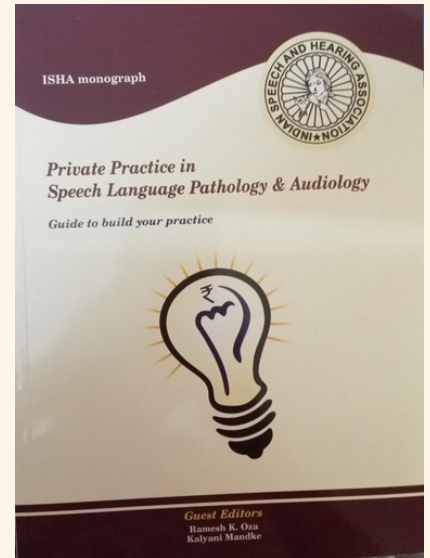
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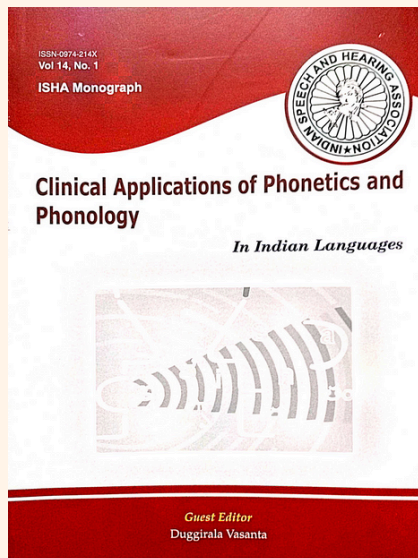
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