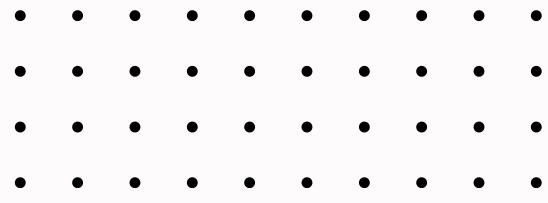




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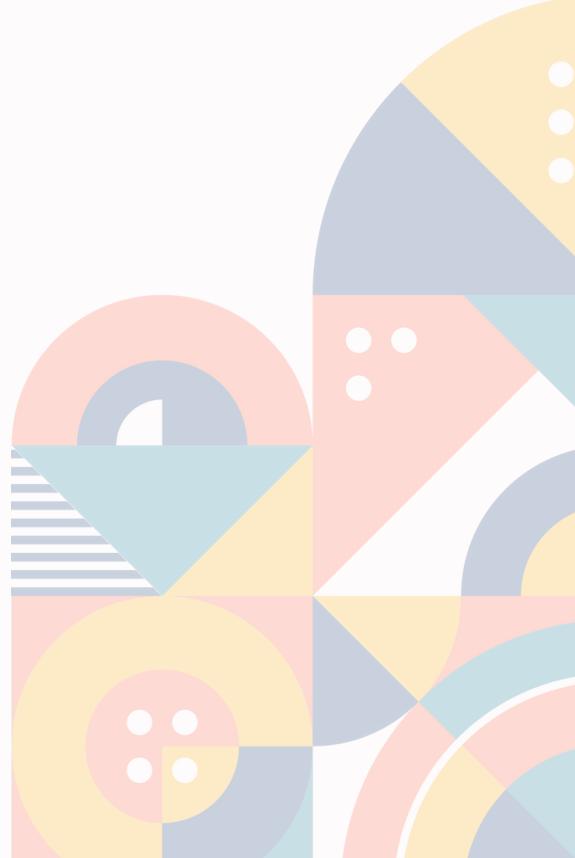
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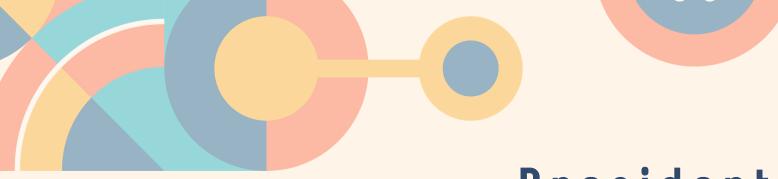


On behalf of EC of ISHA  
we wish you a very

Happy  
New Year

May peace guard your mind,  
joy anchor your days, and success  
follow every sincere effort.

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## President's Message



Greetings to all the ISHA members!

**Dr. Aparna Nandurkar**

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year 2026!

Over the last six months, The EC of ISHA has steadily moved towards the goals set for this year. We have made some progress and are happy to provide you with an update of the activities in this Pathfinder.

As stated in the last issue of Pathfinder, our theme for this year's work is "Collaboration". The EC has focused extensively on taking forward the connections with professionals across the country, especially the private practitioners, through the CONNECT AND COLLABORATE programs held at various locations. Our collaboration for supporting continued education is also going strong through the support for activities such as the IFNRCN. We are in touch with the existing state branches of ISHA, and encouraging formation of various other state branches, effectively moving towards the common goal of fulfilling the vision and mission of ISHA.

The Journal of ISHA has been making remarkable progress, bringing quality research articles to you on a regular basis. The JISHA webinars are also well attended and appreciated by members for providing useful insights into research. The EC looks forward to more participation from members in future events.

ISHA EC also facilitated a conversation on the ongoing debate on RCI vs NCAHP and provided useful insights for further discussion. The EC is making a strong effort to support the grievances and professional issues reported by members and taking appropriate actions for their redressal. We all need to get together to advance our field and pave the path for a secure future together!

The ISHACON at Ahmedabad is just round the corner and I am positive it will bring a lot of the professionals together to network, collaborate and discuss issues relevant to our profession.

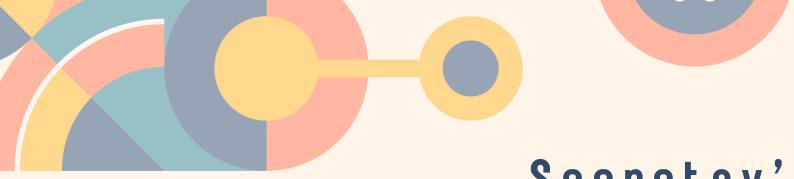
Hope to see you in Ahmedabad soon!

Best wishes!

Dr. Aparna Nandurkar

President-ISHA





## Secretary's Message



**Dr. Namita Joshi**

Dear members ,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude and appreciation for the incredible journey we've shared. It's been a year of growth, innovation, and dedication to our mission.

In this annual newsletter, we highlight some of the notable achievements, milestones, and stories that showcase our commitment to excellence. From updates on our projects and initiatives to spotlights on our team members, we're excited to share our progress with you.

This has been an incredible journey for me personally and professionally serving secretary of this association. Signing out as secretary this year has given me immense pleasure to announce that ISHA has been visible nationally through different awareness programs and grants for research work. ISHA also represented well Internationally through EC attending symposiums world wide. ISHA looking forward to host the events in collaborations with other associations in future.

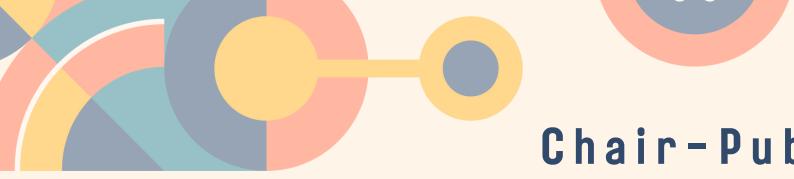
Team ISHA have been successful in bridging gape between research and clinical work by bringing out new monographs each year. Private practitioners and clinical researchers have been more in Connect than ever through CONNECT programs conducted pan India. The membership drives have made all the inactive members to be back in action. New website has made easy for members to access the data, contact us and pay through online mode. This year, ISHA continues to speak against the illegal and unethical practices. We also have cohesive effort put against the institutes practicing against the RCI regulations. Meeting with RCI representatives also has been effective to initiate the corrective framework for the field at local level.

I am happy to see great response for registration for the 57th ISHACON 2026 to be conducted in Ahmadabad, Gujarat from 30th to 1st Feb. I assure the participants an extravaganza of scientific sessions and cultural gathering. The conference has been thoughtfully designed to offer a rich academic experience through high-quality scientific sessions, keynote lectures, workshops, panel discussions, and evidence-based clinical presentations.

It gives me immense pleasure to see enthusiasm in youngsters to come forward and work for ISHA. We value your support and partnership in helping us achieve our goals. Your trust and loyalty mean the world to us as EC, and we look forward to continuing our work together in the years to come.

Thank you for being part of ISHA. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and stay informed about our endeavors.

Warm regards,  
Dr. Namita Joshi



## Chair-Publications



Dear Members,

**Dr. Deepa Valame**

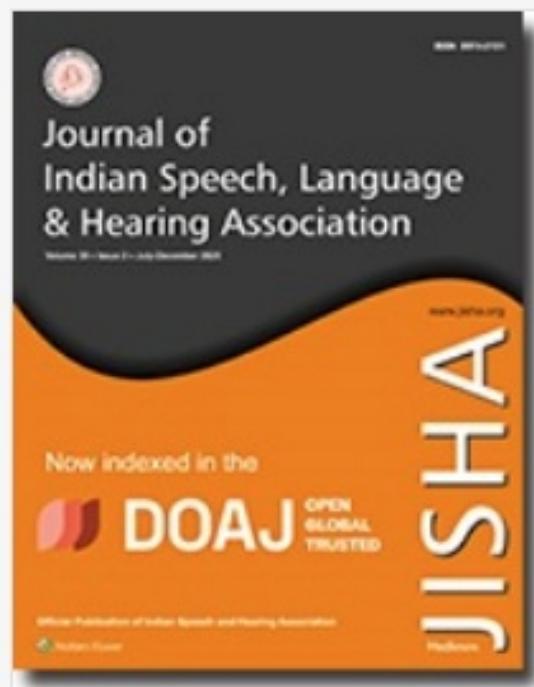
Wishing all of you a very happy new year. This new year marks a great beginning for JISHA. We are very happy to publish online JISHA Volume 39 (2) with eleven articles that will surely make an interesting read.

This year, we have conducted three webinars under the aegis of JISHA. These were well-attended and highly appreciated, and we have more in store.

I am pleased to announce that JISHA is now indexed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) (<https://doaj.org/toc/2348-5078>), as per a letter dated November 27, 2025.

DOAJ is a globally recognised open-access directory of diverse journals with scientific rigour. This is only the first step in our vision to make JISHA a leading journal in the field of speech-language, swallowing, hearing and balance. We have now initiated the application process for indexing JISHA with ESCI (Emerging Sources Citation Index), a part of Clarivate's Web of Science. We hope to be indexed in ESCI in this year. I sincerely request you all to submit your high-quality manuscripts for publication in JISHA. Together, let's raise JISHA to newer heights.

Deepa A, Valame, Ph.D.  
Chair, Publications, ISHA



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# Chair-Publications

## JISHA Webinars



**INDIAN SPEECH LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION**

**JISHA Webinar on**

**Role of AI in research and application to the field of speech-language and hearing**

**TUESDAY**  
**14 OCT 2025**  
**3.00- 4.00 PM**

**ZOOM LINK**  
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**Dr. Prashanth Prabhu**  
Assistant Professor of Audiology

**Topic:** Role of AI in research and application to the field of speech-language and hearing

**Resource Person:** Dr. Prashanth Prabhu, Assistant Professor in Audiology, AIISH, Mysore

**Date:** 14.10.2025



**INDIAN SPEECH LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION**

**JISHA Webinar**

**From Clutter to Clarity: Effective Approaches to Synthesising Literature and Identifying Research Needs**

**FRIDAY**  
**21 NOV 2025**  
**3.00- 4.00 PM**

**ZOOM LINK**  
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**Dr. Chanchal Chaudhary**  
Assistant Professor  
Kasturba Medical College,  
Mangalore

**Topic:** From Clutter to Clarity: Effective Approaches to Synthesising Literature and Identifying Research Needs

**Resource Person:** Dr. Chanchal Chaudhary, Assistant Professor, Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore

**Date:** 21.11.2025

**Youtube link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4IGPQZiseY>



**INDIAN SPEECH LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION**

**JISHA WEBINAR**

**RESEARCH PROPOSAL WRITING: AN ART AND A SCIENCE**

  
**DR. PALLAVI KELKAR**

Associate Professor in the Department of Speech-Language Pathology at Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed University) – School of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology (SASLP), Pune

**Wednesday; 24 December 2025; 03.00 PM**

**REGISTER NOW**

**Zoom Registration Link:**  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYKUaATT5OYzuHxxanm>

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# Chair-Private Practice



**Mr. Ram Pravesh Kumar**



9 October 2025 | New Delhi

ASHA initiated communication with IGNOU, following which IGNOU formally contacted ISHA regarding an Inter-Professional meet. Indian Speech-Language & Hearing Association Chairperson - Private Practice, Ram P Kumar, connecting with past Presidents and members of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Indira Gandhi National Open University Directors, and the Delhi Branch leadership (President, Secretary, and EC Members) to strengthen inter-professional collaboration in Speech and Hearing services, while establishing a strong, credible, and inclusive platform for the growth and representation of Private Practitioners.

## ISHA Connect & Collaboration | Karnataka: 26 October 2025 | Bengaluru

The ISHA Connect & Collaboration Program - Karnataka was organized under the leadership of Dr. Namitha Joshi, General Secretary, ISHA, and Ram P Kumar, Chairperson - Private Practice, ISHA, with the gracious presence and support of Dr. Gopi, Treasurer, ISHA. The program created a dedicated and inclusive platform for Private Practitioners to connect, learn, and grow together.

This initiative reinforces ISHA's commitment to empowering Private Practitioners through collaboration, learning, and leadership.



### MoU Signing

ISHA Connect & Collaborate: 26 October 2025 | Bengaluru

A landmark moment of the event was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Indian Speech-Language & Hearing Association (ISHA) and the Otolaryngologists Association of Karnataka, marking a significant step toward integrated and collaborative patient management.

The MoU was formally signed by Dr. Namitha Joshi, General Secretary, ISHA, in the presence of Dr. Somasunder, General Secretary, Otolaryngologists Association of Karnataka, and Ram P Kumar, Chairperson - Private Practice, ISHA, further strengthening medical and inter-professional collaboration.

This partnership reinforces the shared mission of Audiologists, Speech-Language Pathologists, and ENT professionals in delivering holistic, ethical, and patient-centered hearing and communication healthcare across India.

# Chair-Private Practice



## Honouring 20+ Years of Dedicated Service - Private Practice ASLPs

At the Connect & Collaboration Workshop, Karnataka, ISHA proudly honoured Private Practice Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists (ASLPs) with 20 years and more of dedicated service to the community.

Their lifelong commitment to ethical practice, community-based care, mentorship, and improving the lives of individuals with hearing and communication disorders continues to strengthen both the profession and society. ISHA sincerely salutes their unwavering service and leadership.

### Sponsors & Partners

Heartfelt thanks to our valued supporters for strengthening collaboration and ethical private practice:

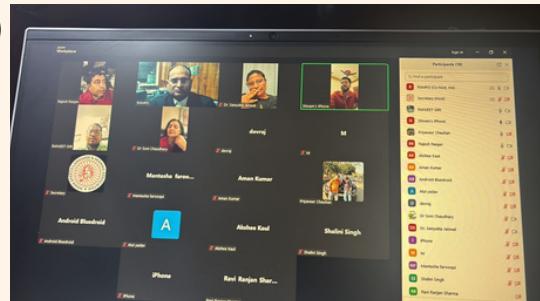
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🙏 Thank you for your continued support to ISHA and the Audiologists & Speech-Language Pathologists (ASLP) Private Practitioners community.

### Event: ISHA Connect & Collaboration - UP (Private Practitioners)

Date: 4 Nov 2025 | Time: 7-8 PM | Mode: Online (Zoom)

First-ever ISHA online meet for UP private practitioners with ~40 Audiologists & SLPs. Key discussions focused on collaboration, referral ethics, ISHA clinic credentialing, and strengthening representation.



# Chair-Private Practice

## UPCOMING EVENT

ISHA Connect & Collaboration – UP (Private Practitioners)



# ISHA CONNECT & COLLABORATE

ASLP PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS – UTTAR PRADESH

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**200 PARTICIPANTS ONLY**

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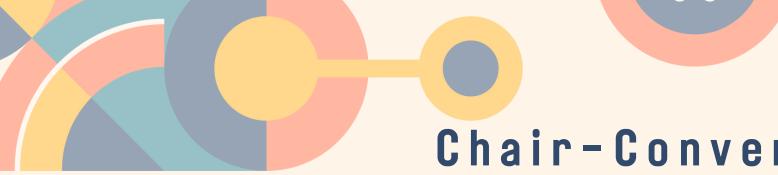
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## Chair-Conventions & Events



Dr. Chandrakant  
Vishwakarma

Dear Members,

It gives me immense pleasure, on behalf of the Organising Committee, to warmly welcome you to the 57th ISHACON, scheduled to be held at the AUDA Auditorium, Ahmedabad, Gujarat between 30th Jan 2026 to 1st Feb 2026. This prestigious annual conference continues to be a platform for academic excellence, professional networking, and meaningful exchange of ideas in the field of speech and hearing.

We are proud to announce that we have received an overwhelming response from across the country, with more than 400 scientific abstracts submitted. After a rigorous review process, 224 abstracts have been selected for oral and poster presentation at the conference. This remarkable participation reflects the strong academic spirit and research enthusiasm within our fraternity.

To ensure uniformity and high standards in scientific presentations, the guidelines for poster and oral presentations have been uploaded to the official ISHA website ([www.ishaindia.org.in](http://www.ishaindia.org.in)) and the 57th ISHACON 2026 website (<https://ishacon2026.com/>). We request all presenters to carefully review and adhere to these guidelines for a smooth and enriching scientific experience.

Embracing the theme where technology meets knowledge, we are delighted to introduce the official ISHACON conference mobile application (ISHACON 2026). This app has been developed to serve as a one-stop platform containing comprehensive information about the conference, including the scientific programme, faculty details, schedules, venue information, and important updates. All participants are kindly requested to download the app from app store / play store and actively use the app to stay informed and engaged throughout the conference.

We look forward to your enthusiastic participation and wholehearted support in making the 57th ISHACON a memorable and grand success. Let us come together to learn, share, and advance our profession.

[Download the app now](#)

With warm regards,

Dr. Chandrashekhar Vishwakarma

Chair - Conventions & Events

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**Guidelines for Oral Presentation**

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**Scientific Schedule**



# ISHA ACTIVITIES



## ISHA Webinar: Unlocking Potential Together

ISHA, in collaboration with IQoro and Nayi Disha, successfully organized the webinar titled "Unlocking Potential Together" on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025. Ms. Angie Carter from IQoro and Ms. Nidhi Srivastava from Nayi Disha served as the resource persons. The session focused on collaborative, evidence-based approaches to supporting individuals with developmental and neurodiverse needs.



Youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4IGEXqCX3Q>

A promotional image for the ISHA Webinar titled "Finding Clarity: An Open Conversation on RCI and NCAHP". The event is organized by the Indian Association of Speech-Language and Hearing Professionals (IASLHP). The moderator is PRAKASH BOOMINATHAN (L11040521). The panelists are C S VANAJA (L11030086), S P GOSWAMI (L11040368), CHANDAN SAHA (L11040555), PINKI SINGH (L11092229), and JITENDRA SAINI (L16092786). The webinar is scheduled for 30th November, 2025, at 4pm via Zoom. The registration link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tQwga390ISzmfl0KCmMD5tg>.

## Webinar: Finding Clarity – An Open Conversation on RCI and NCAHP

ISHA organized a webinar titled "Finding Clarity: An Open Conversation on RCI and NCAHP" to provide clarity on regulatory frameworks and professional guidelines governing allied health practice. The session offered participants an open platform to understand the roles of RCI and NCAHP, address queries, and discuss implications for education, registration, and professional practice, fostering informed and ethical service delivery.

## ISHA ACTIVITIES

### ISHA AWARDEES 2026



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*during*  
**ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING**

## AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING



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#### NOTICE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

Date: 23.12.2025

To

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

Dear Madam/Sir,

Greetings from ISHA

This is to bring to your kind notice that the Annual General Body Meeting of Indian Speech-language and Hearing Association (ISHA) for the year 2025-26 is scheduled during the 57<sup>th</sup> ISHACON from 4 pm onwards on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at AUDA Auditorium, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The following are the agenda for the meeting. The members are cordially invited to attend the AGM.

##### *Agenda for the meeting:*

1. Approval and adoption of minutes of last GB meeting held on 15.02.2025 (uploaded in members page)
2. Report of the Executive Committee for the year 2024-25 and calendar year 2025-26 till date by the Hon. General Secretary
3. Treasurer's Report:
  - Approval of Audited statement of accounts for the year 2024-25
  - Financial statement for the year calendar year 2025-26 till December 2025
  - Proposal of Budget estimate for the year 2026-27
4. Report for the year 2024-25, and calendar year 2025-26 till date by
  - Chair-Publication,
  - Chair-Professional Matters & Chair-Service Matters
  - Chair-Conventions & Events,
  - Chair-Public Relations & Liasing
  - Chair-Research & Training Promotion
  - Chair-Promotional Activities
  - Chair-Private Practitioner
5. Special reports
  - Report of Accreditation of Private Clinics
  - Panel Report on NCAHP and RCI
  - Updates on legal cases
6. Discussion on Dr. S. R. Chandrashekhar Travel Fellowship-Renewal
7. Elections for the vacant posts in the Executive Council of ISHA
8. Signing the MOU for hosting 58<sup>th</sup> ISHACON 2027 at Vishakhapatnam
9. Any other topic with permission of the chair
10. Vote of Thanks
11. National Anthem

We look forward for your esteemed presence and valuable input.

Yours Sincerely,

(Dr. Namita Joshi)  
Hon. Gen. Secretary

# Financial Support for Professional Development

Institute	Workshop/Seminar/Conference	Date	Amount
Dr. S R Chandrashekhar Institute of Speech and Hearing	Two day seminar titled'Fluency Disorders: Exploring the Tip and Depth of the Iceberg'	10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2025	25,000/-

The Department of Speech Language Studies, S. R. Chandrasekhar Institute of Speech and Hearing, successfully organized a two-day seminar titled “Fluency Disorders: Exploring the Tip and Depth of the Iceberg” on 10 and 11 October 2025. The seminar witnessed active participation from 35 professionals and 102 student delegates, with eight eminent resource persons contributing as speakers.

The event commenced with a keynote address on “The Changing Landscape of Fluency Disorders.” Scientific sessions covered a wide range of topics, including typical versus atypical dysfluencies, recent research in developmental stuttering, assessment and management of cluttering, psychotherapy and cognitive behavioural therapy for stuttering, the Lidcombe Programme, therapy for preschoolers, articulatory and kinematic perspectives of stuttering, and technology-based assessment and intervention.

The seminar was marked by engaging discussions and meaningful interactions, making it a valuable academic and professional learning experience for all participants.



### Financial Support for Professional Development

Institute	Workshop/Seminar/Conference	Date	Amount
MyISHA Chapter	Two day seminar titled 'Hearing Horizons 2025'	20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec, 2025	25,000/-

The Mysuru Chapter of the Indian Speech-Language and Hearing Association (MyISHA), in association with the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, successfully organized "Hearing Horizons 2025", a two-day RCI-approved national conference held on 20 and 21 December 2025 at AIISH, Mysuru. The conference was attended by approximately 200 professionals and 150 students and early-career audiologists from across the country.

The event featured plenary lectures, manufacturer-led technical sessions, hands-on masterclass training, a recruitment drive, focus group discussions, and multiple parallel sessions addressing current and emerging issues in hearing healthcare.

The primary objective of Hearing Horizons 2025 was to bridge the gap between academic institutions and private practitioners by promoting collaboration, knowledge sharing, and consistency in best clinical practices, ultimately enhancing the quality of hearing healthcare delivery nationwide.

The conference concluded with a strong public call to prioritize hearing health, encourage timely hearing assessments, and seek consultation with qualified audiology professionals for appropriate hearing aid interventions, thereby reducing the long-term impact of hearing loss on individuals, families, and society.



## Financial Support for Professional Development

Institute	Workshop/Seminar/Conference	Date	Amount
All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysuru	National workshop on 'Emerging Trends in Multidisciplinary Evidence Based Intervention of Neurodiverse Population'	18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 2025	25,000/-

The National Workshop on “Emerging Trends in Multidisciplinary Evidence-Based Intervention of the Neurodiverse Population” was successfully conducted on 18 and 19 December 2025 at the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru. Organized by AIISH, the two-day workshop focused on bridging the gap between research and clinical practice in neurodiversity.

The workshop brought together Speech-Language Pathologists, Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Special Educators, and students, offering updates on evidence-based, multidisciplinary interventions for neurodiverse individuals.

Key topics included Gestalt Language Processing, Sensory Integration, Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), and technology-driven neuro-rehabilitation.

Through expert sessions led by faculty from the Department of Speech-Language Pathology, AIISH, participants gained practical insights into collaborative, technology-enabled care approaches. The workshop emphasized holistic intervention, social-emotional development, active engagement of neurodivergent individuals, and the critical role of parents in the intervention process.



**AIISH educates professionals on neurodiversity**

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STATING that families are the cornerstone of effective care for neurodiverse children, Prof. Thomas Kishore, globally acclaimed researcher and clinical psychologist from NIMHANS, Bengaluru, inaugurated a two-day RGT CREDITED workshop on 'Emerging Trends in Multidisciplinary Evidence Based Intervention of Neurodiverse Population', organised by AIISH on its Nainisham Campus. Prof. Kishore spoke on the growth of AIISH in supporting parent-mediated interventions as a sustainable and impactful approach in managing Neurodevelopmental Disorders (NDDs) such as Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD).

Inaugurating the two-day workshop on 'Emerging Trends in Multidisciplinary Evidence-Based Intervention of Neurodiverse Population', organised by AIISH on its Nainisham Campus, Prof. Kishore spoke on the growth of AIISH in supporting parent-mediated interventions as a sustainable and impactful approach in managing Neurodevelopmental Disorders (NDDs) such as Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD).

He said intervention strategies must be family-centred, focusing equally on child training and parental well-being. Early identification of parental distress, he said, is critical, as parents and extended family members inevitably become the primary support system for children with NDDs.

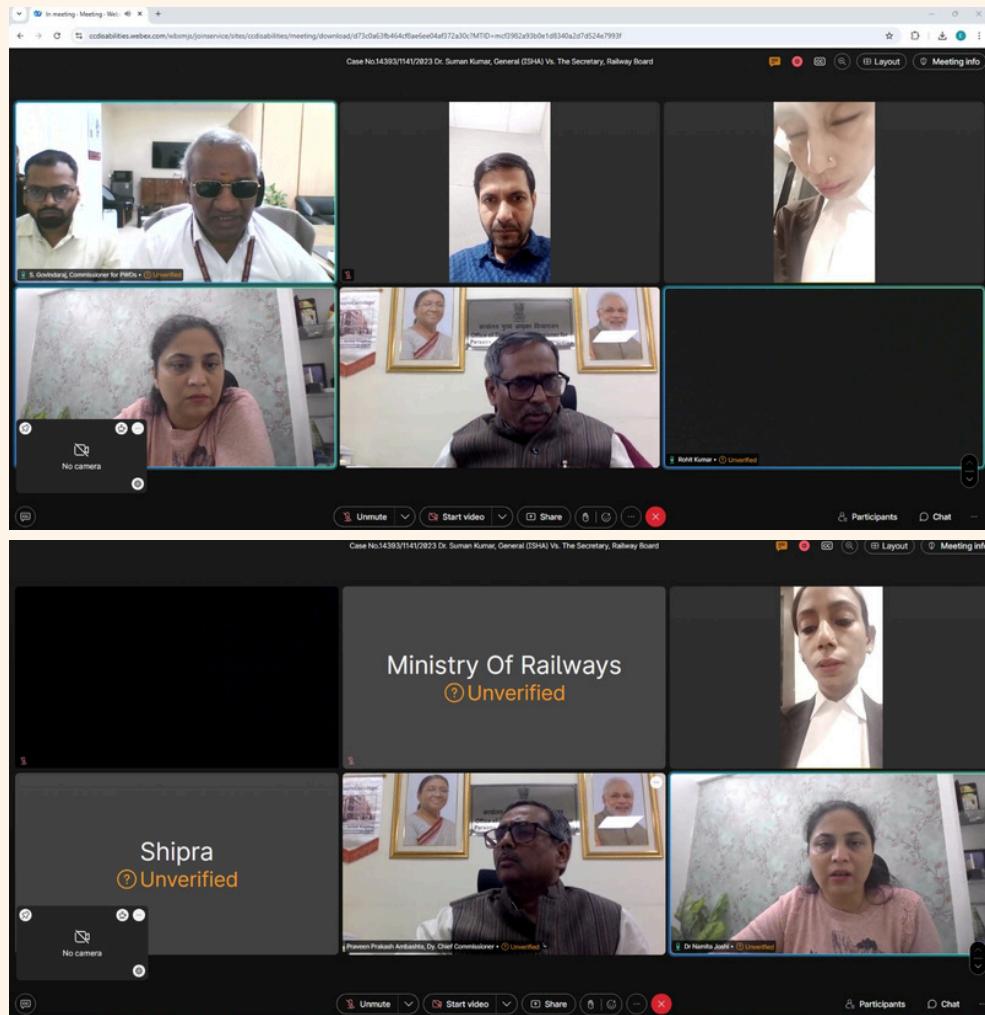
Prof. Kishore said variations in thinking, learning and behaviour should be recognised as natural human differences rather than deficits. He said that parent-mediated interventions have proven effective even in resource-constrained settings and often lead to positive transformations within families, including increased social interaction and a more optimistic outlook on life.

AIISH director Dr M Pushpavathi emphasised on the importance of early identifications of neurodiverse populations and the adoption of evidence-based, multidisciplinary practices to achieve meaningful outcomes.

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Prof. Thomas Kishore, globally acclaimed researcher and clinical psychologist, opens two-day workshop on neurodiversity at the AIISH in Mysuru on Friday | Express

## Replacement of the words Blinds, Deaf and Dumb in Railway Board



ISHA had sent a letter to Office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities informing that the railway board was using Blinds, Deaf and Dumb which has to be replaced as "Persons with Hearing and Speech Impairment. In this connection, A hearing in hybrid mode was conducted on 30.10.2025. The following parties/representatives were present during the hearing:

Sl. No.	Name and Designation of the Party/Representative	Parties	Mode
1.	Dr. Namita Joshi, Representative of the Complainant	Complainant	Online
2.	Dr. Mohammad Shahidul, Arologistic, (ISHA)	Complainant	Online
3.	Shri Brijesh Kumar, Dy. Director, Railway Board	Respondent	Online
4.	Shri Peeyush Kapasi Director, Railway Board	Respondent	Online
5.	Adv. Suman Gupta, Counsel for Railway Board	Respondent	Online

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**APSSLH**  
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**57th ISHACON - 2026**

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REGISTRATION STARTING SOON

Organised by : Indian Speech and Hearing Association, Gujarat Branch

Venue : ALADA Auditorium, Kamolvati Club Road, Ghatia, Ahmedabad - 380016, Gujarat



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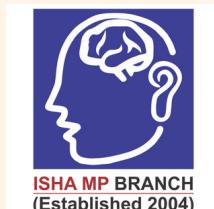
 **ISHA's New Website: [www.ishaindia.org.in](http://www.ishaindia.org.in)**

We invite all members to share their feedback and suggestions for improvement on our website. Your inputs will help us enhance the overall experience and functionality.

 Please send your inputs to: [secretary@ishaindia.org.in](mailto:secretary@ishaindia.org.in)

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All branches are kindly requested to keep the ISHA office informed about the functioning of their respective offices. This includes providing regular updates on their Executive Committee (EC) members, ongoing activities, registration processes (if any), and other relevant details.

Please email the above to [secretary@ishaindia.org.in](mailto:secretary@ishaindia.org.in)



### International Professional Collaboration – October 2025

Delhi branch of ISHA, in collaboration with ISHA and IGNOU on 10th December 2025, hosted an interaction with delegates from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). The meeting focused on global professional practices, licensure pathways, cultural and diversity considerations, and international collaboration. Discussions also highlighted milestones such as ASHA's upcoming 100th-year convention and fostered dialogue aimed at strengthening professional standards and a shared vision for the profession in India.



### DISHACON 2025 –

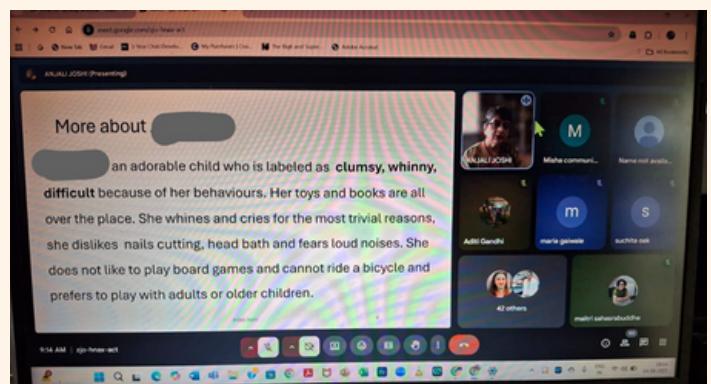
The National Conference on Best Practices in Speech & Hearing (DISHACON 2025) was successfully conducted by DISHA on 15-16 November 2025 at the JLN Auditorium, AIIMS, New Delhi. The two-day conference brought together 430 Speech-Language Pathologists, Audiologists, researchers, and clinicians from across the country for academic exchange and professional interaction. The scientific programme included keynote lectures, panel discussions, paper and poster presentations, and interactive sessions highlighting recent research, clinical innovations, and best practices. The conference emphasized advances in communication, swallowing, and audiological care, emerging technologies, teletherapy, interdisciplinary collaboration, inclusive education, advocacy, parent training, and community outreach for underserved populations.

An online webinar was conducted on 14th September 2025 titled “Building Blocks of Pediatric Rehabilitation”. The theme of the webinar was pediatric rehabilitation involving team members other than audiologists and speech language pathologists. A series of topics along these lines were covered by the resource persons Dr. Anjali Joshi (Occupational therapy), Dr. Krishnaveni Kannan (Behavior therapy), Dr. Minal Sane Joshi (Clinical psychology), Ms. Tabassum Pangarkar (Special Education), and Dr. Sadhana Ghaisas (Genetic testing and counseling).

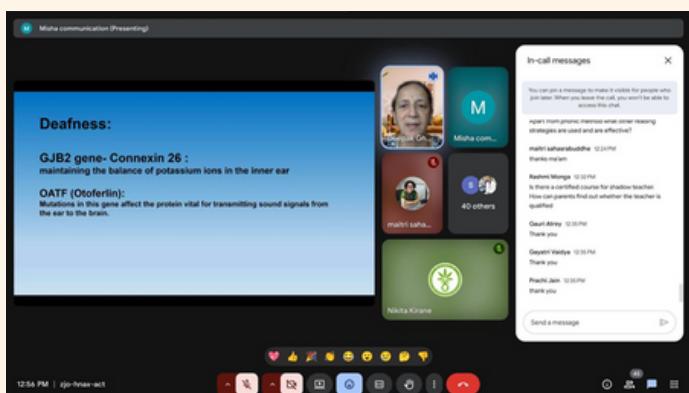
Some snapshots of the webinar series are given below. The program was well attended and received good feedback and appreciation from all attendees.



**Talk by Dr. Minal Sane Joshi  
on psychological testing**



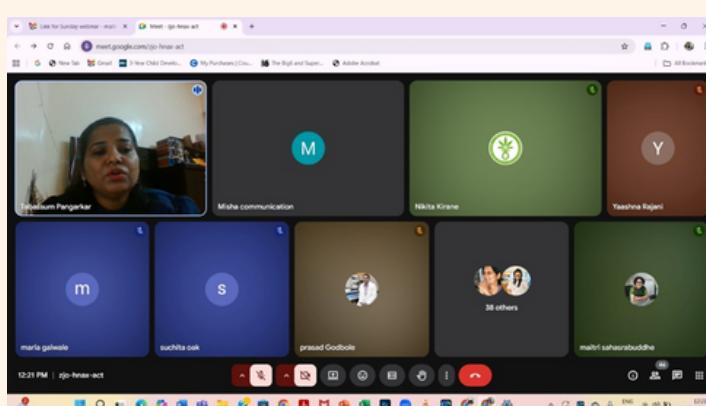
**Dr. Anjali Joshi addressing the participants**



**Dr. Sadhana Ghaisas talking  
about genes and deafness**



**Ms. Krishnaveni Kannan speaking  
about behaviour therapy**



**Ms. Tabassum Pangarkar talking about remedial teaching**



On the occasion of World Audiologists' Day, the MISHA Executive Committee (EC) extended warm wishes to all its members through a specially designed flier commemorating their invaluable contributions to the field of hearing and balance healthcare. The flier was also shared across MISHA's social media platforms to raise public awareness. Through this outreach, MISHA reaffirmed its commitment to promoting hearing health awareness and highlighting the significance of audiology services in the community.

Ms. Devangi Dalal, a MISHA member, received the National Award for Outstanding Individual Working for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of India. In recognition of her momentous achievement, a congratulatory letter was sent to her by President MISHA on behalf of EC MISHA on 3rd November 2025.



## International Day of PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

3rd December 2025

This International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the Indian Speech Language and Hearing Association - Maharashtra branch (MISHA) attempts to reach out to the population at large with simple ways and means to determine when to seek help for various speech, language, swallowing, hearing, balance disorders; and the role of Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists in accurate diagnosis and timely intervention for these disorders. Watch this space for resources.

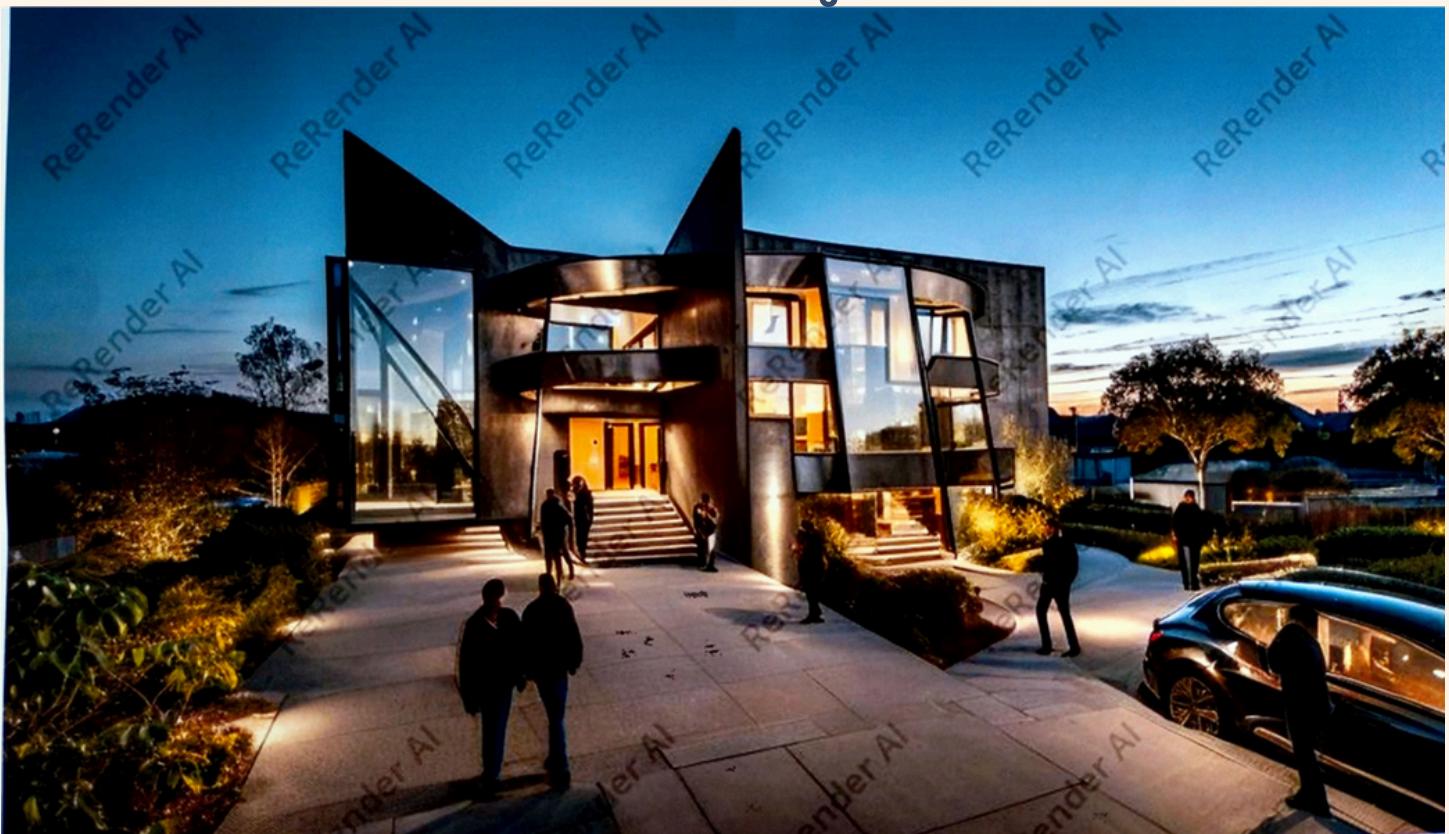
To commemorate International Day of Persons with Disabilities, MISHA approached various MISHA members who are experts in specific areas of rehabilitation such as dysphagia, aphasia, fluency, balance disorders, etc. The members created videos guiding the general public about these disorders and the importance of timely intervention by a qualified and RCI certified audiologist and speech language pathologist. The videos were shared from the 3rd to the 10th of December on the MISHA whatsapp group and facebook page. The links to the videos are given below.

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In addition, awareness pamphlets were put out on various social media avenues as well. MISHA thanks Mrs. Maya Sanghi, Mrs. Rama Vaidyanathan, Ms. Moumita Hati, Dr. Priya Shah, Ms. Sawani Godbole, Ms. Deepali Bhosale, Mr. Daniel Johnas and Ms. Zainab Nagree for sharing the videos. The videos were compiled into a uniform format with the MISHA logo and message and shared over social media by Ms. Sakeena Shora and Ms. Yaashna Rajani.

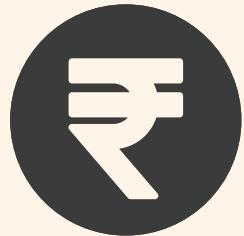


## Fund raising Initiative towards ISHA Building Fund



Model Diagram of Proposed Office

**Appeal to all  
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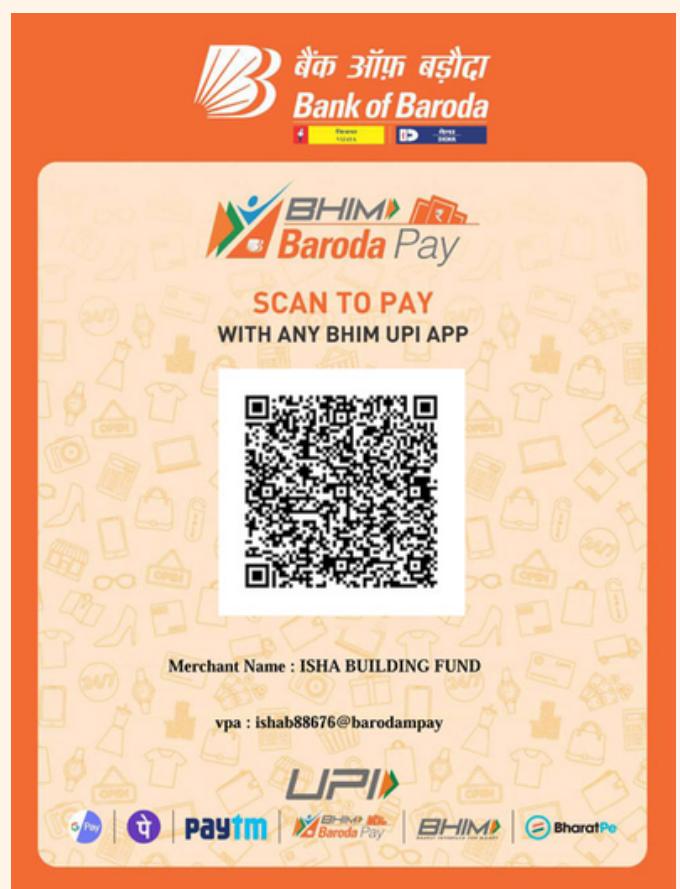


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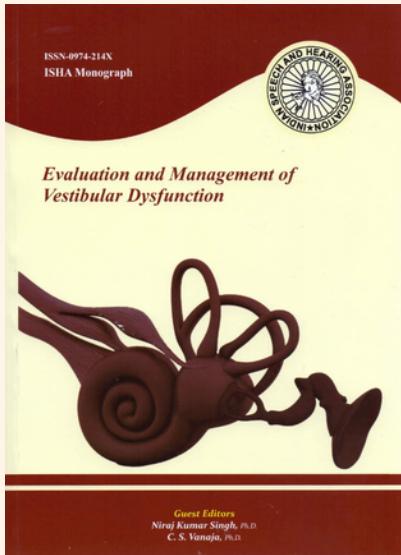
**Funds Raised Till Date :** 33,53,316/-NR\*

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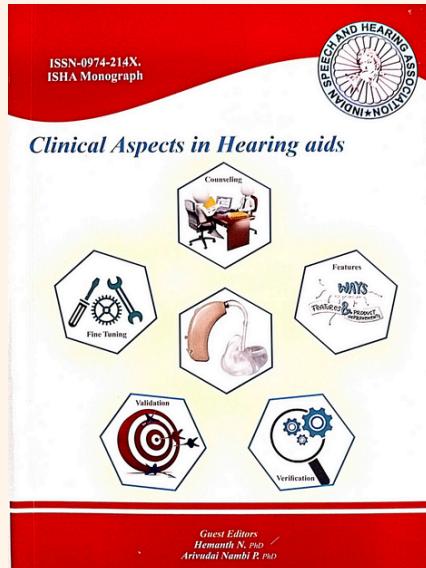


**We thank the members who have generously contributed towards this  
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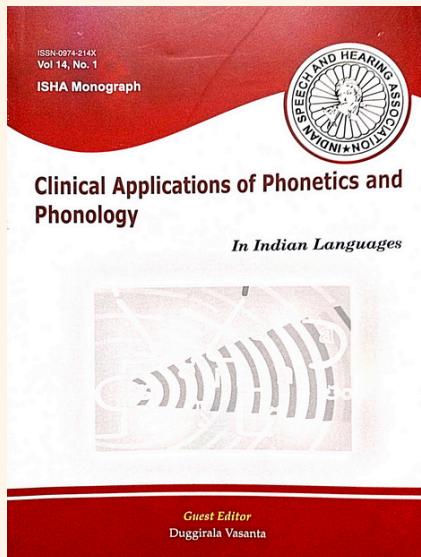
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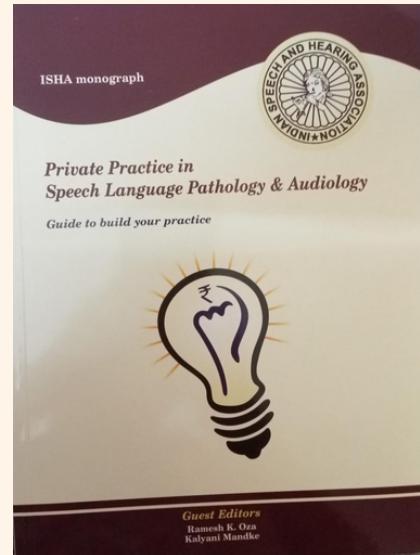
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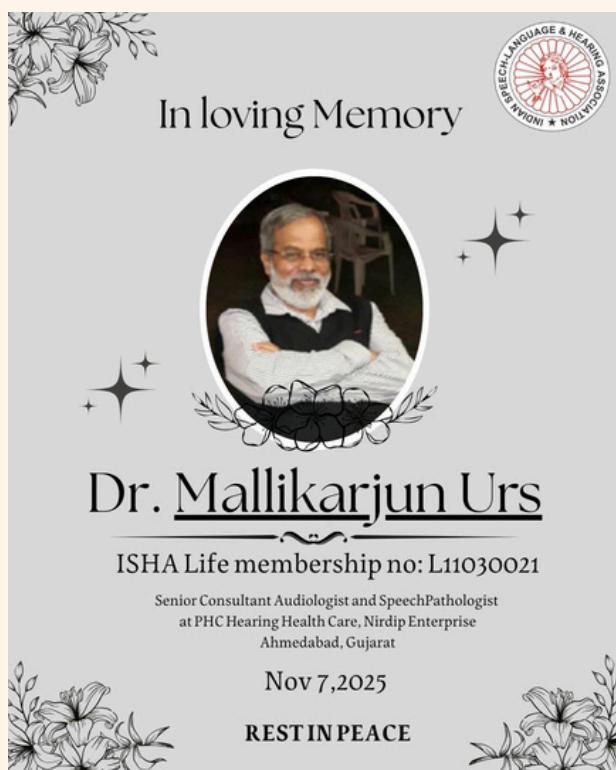
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