

# THE PATHFINDER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Greetings from ISHA!!!

At the outset, let me thank you all for reposing faith in me and electing me for the post of PRESIDENT of this august body. The EC members and I, will do our best to meet your expectations and take ISHA forward. I take this opportunity to share with you the first issue of Pathfinder for the year 2020-21.

The year 2020 started on a good note. We had a very productive and informative 52nd ISHACON organized by the Chandigarh branch & Dept of Otolaryngology, PGIMER, Chandigarh. A big round of applause to the organizing team for their efforts in making the event a grand success. I also thank the EC members and office staff of ISHA for supporting the organizing committee of 52nd ISHACON.

But soon we were faced with the unprecedented challenge of “COVID-19”. This pandemic which has affected many countries across the globe, including India is something that most of us never dreamt of. These are testing times indeed.

COVID-19's rapid spread has led to the closing down of academic institutions, hospitals, speech and hearing practices and rehabilitation centers across India and with only a short notice. We need to practice infection control methods at our homes and workplaces during and even after this COVID-19 pandemic. This has also changed the way we live. It is time for us to rethink our lifestyle and our functioning. We cannot and must not take things for granted.

I think the time has come to reassess our role as healthcare or rehabilitation professionals, we must continue to provide our services to our clients, be it a child with hearing aid or CI or a child with speech and language disorder. We need to explore opportunities such as tele-practice/tele-rehabilitation methods wherever possible. We need to be innovative.

I understand that virtual practice may not be feasible for everyone. Where regular practice has to be carried out, I urge you to use appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). Please make the necessary changes in the set ups and practice protocols to minimize the risk of infection. Follow the guidelines issued by the government from time to time.

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ISHA and its SIGs are working hard during this lock down to keep you all abreast of the latest developments. We are sharing messages, updating the web pages, and conducting webinars. It is heartening to receive such an overwhelming response to our webinars. May we hope to receive the same even after the lock down period? Your enthusiasm and appreciation motivate those who are working behind the scenes to make these events happen.

A sincere request to the members of ISHA – Please do not share your membership benefits with non members. Encourage them to join ISHA instead.

I am delighted to announce that a new Special Interest Group (SIG) in the area of Speech and Language is ready to be launched in a couple of weeks. You will hear from us soon regarding the new SIG, which will enable you to attend more activities in the speech and language domain too.

Let us practice all the safety measures, pray to the almighty that we come out of this situation at the earliest and resume our NORMAL life.

Happy reading...

## **FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK**

Honorable Members,



Wish you all a very happy New Year-Ugadi, Puthandu, Vishu, Gudi Parva, Baisakhi, Poila Baisakh, Bihu.....

I want to share with you all that 52nd ISHACON at Chandigarh was a grand success. CISHA deserves a big round of applause for organizing it so well.

I am happy to inform you that the Journal of India Speech Language and Hearing Association is being published on time. The Special Interest Group in Audiology has started functioning and the Special Interest Group in Language and Speech will also start functioning shortly. ISHA has entered a new phase after implementation of amended byelaws. There may be some hiccups during the transition. I request all the members to cooperate with ISHA and render their constructive suggestions/criticism. I, on behalf of the association, also request you to kindly update your contact details.

Presently, we are passing through the turbulent atmosphere of COVID 19 pandemic. We, as professionals, need to take utmost care in handling this crisis. ASLPs need to follow the instructions of the Government in containment of COVID 19 and its fallout. I know that many of us are worried about the conditions of our clients as they are unable to get the required services during lock down. Members must be worried about their own safety as well. ISHA is working on bringing out comprehensive guidelines regarding COVID 19 for its members. We will share it with you shortly.

Jai Hind!!!

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## Activities of Branches and Chapters

### A. BIHAR (BISHA)



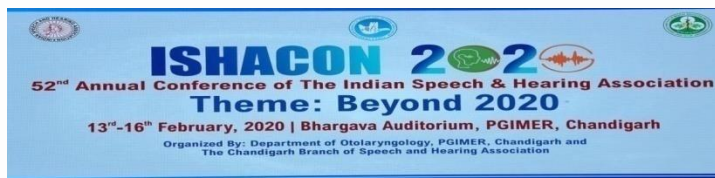
BISHA conducted its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference – BISHACON 2020 which was held between 7-8 March 2020.

### B. CHANDIGARH(CISHA)

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of ISHA was organized by Chandigarh Branch of Indian Speech and Hearing Association at PGIMER, Chandigarh from 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The conference was attended by approximately 750 delegates from India and abroad. The distinguished speakers included 15 International and 34 National speakers.

The conference highlights were as follows:

- Three parallel pre-con workshops on day 1 (on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020). The topics for precon
  - Vestibular Assessment & Management
  - Dysphagia Assessment and Management in children and adults
  - Role of Neuroimaging in communication sciences.
- The conference was held between 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Feb. It comprised of
  - Plenary sessions (30)
  - Joint sessions (3)
  - Symposium (2)
  - Orations (3)
  - Panel discussions (5)
- Scientific papers included both oral and poster paper presentations by professionals as well as students from all over India. The details are-
  - Oral papers – Audiology (19), Language (12), Speech (15)
  - Poster papers – Audiology (57), Language (34), Speech (50)



The scientific feast concluded on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 with a valedictory function.

Following are the links for downloading souvenir as well as photos of the conference:

Souvenir Link: -

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1hogSxnz2-SK5LpLpX3-atUjbUmn3hLyt>

Photos link: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1A4W6S7R7b3IaIMEXDD1GY8S0Flo1TujM>

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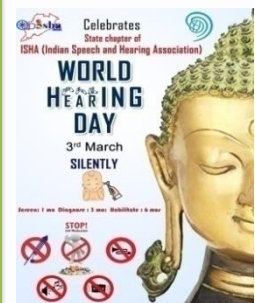
## C. DELHI (DISHA)

DISHA conducted its first meeting on 12.01.2020 with the professionals in Delhi NCR after the registration of the association (Delhi Branch of Indian Speech and Hearing Association –DISHA) under Society Registration Act. This meeting was organized at the Constitutional Club of India, New Delhi. The objectives of this meeting were to announce the registration of the association, to present the By-Laws of the association, plan for future activities, to launch membership drive and to have elections for the various posts in the association. The meeting was attended by 46 Speech and Hearing Professionals.



## WORLD HEARING DAY

On 01/03/2020 to celebrate the World Hearing Day (03/03/2020) DISHA conducted its first academic oriented activity with a Workshop on Intervention of Childhood Speech and Language Disorders. This workshop was organized at C.B.S.M, Dwarka, New Delhi from 09:00 A.M till 02:00 P.M for both professionals and students. This program was attended by 69 participants.



DISHA conducted its first webinar on ‘How to calculate Speech Language and Hearing Disability’ on 27.03.2020 using the ISHA webinar platform. This webinar was attended by 95 participants.

## D. KERALA (KSB)

ISHA - KSB took part in the World Hearing Day (WHD) activities. Its entries won the first prize in Drawing Competition and a first prize in the Photo Contest also. World Health Organization (WHO) commended ISHA - KSB and in a show of appreciation has included the prize winning entries in WHD 2020 global report.



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## E. MAHARASHTRA (MISHA)

MISHA conducted its first using ISHA webinar platform on 07.03.2020. The topic was 'Update on Disability Certification in the field of Speech, Language and Hearing'. Dr. S. P. Goswami, Professor of Speech Pathology and HOD of Dept. of Speech Language Pathology, AIISH, Mysuru & Dr. Rajeev Jalvi, Reader & HOD, Dept. of Audiology, AYNISHD, Mumbai served as resource persons. Ms. Archana Acharya, EC of MISHA was the coordinator, 142 participants attended this webinar.

## WORLD HEARING DAY

Awareness drive carried out by MISHA on account of World Hearing Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

## F. MYSURU (MYISHA)

MYISHA conducted a E-poster competition for professionals:

- E-posters to raise awareness regarding speech and hearing problems.
- E-posters mentioning services offered by Audiologists & SLPs.

## G. TELANGANA (TASLPA)

(Telangana Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists Association)

## WORLD HEARING DAY

On the occasion of World Hearing Day 2020, TASLPA conducted the following programs:

### 1. Public Awareness Walk – Walkathon

Walkathon event was organized by TASLPA as a part of 'World Hearing Day' and 120 ASLPs, nurses and doctors participated in this event.



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## 2. Meeting the Health Minister and Sensitizing the Telangana Government



The President of TASLPA Dr. C.S.Swathi, EC member Mr. Madhusudan Reddy and Advisory member Mr. Shiv Prasad met Sri Etela Rajendra, the Honourable Minister for Medical & Health and Family Welfare. The minister gave a message on the occasion of World Hearing Day, which was circulated to all the members.

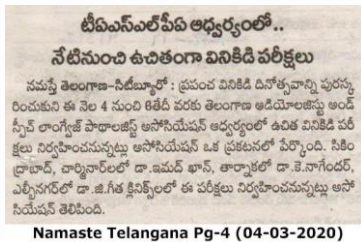
## 3. Free Hearing Screening in the State of Telangana

As a part of World Hearing Day on March 3rd 2020 Telangana Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists Association conducted FREE HEARING TESTING CAMP from 4th to 6th March 2020 in 26 clinics & in 8 District centres in the state of Telangana. These were widely covered in the media.



## 4. Publication in media & awareness through social sites for public awareness

Hearing Testing Camps from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March, across Telangana



Namaste Telangana Pg-4 (04-03-2020)



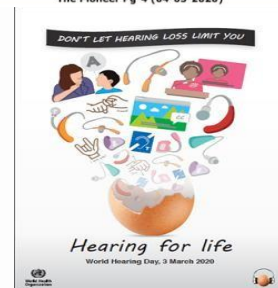
The Pioneer Pg-4 (04-03-2020)



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Hindi Milap Pg-19 (04-03-2020)



## H. WEST BENGAL (SHAIWB)



World Hearing Day was Celebrated by West Bengal Branch on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020



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## ISHA ACTIVITIES

### A. Annual Meeting during ISHACON

ISHA conducted its Annual Meeting on 15.02.2020 during the 52<sup>nd</sup> ISHACON. It was decided during the meeting that the Annual Convention and Annual General Body Meeting would henceforth be held together in September. This decision was taken to abide by the rules of Registration of Societies Act which stipulates that the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) should be conducted in September and that maximum number of attendance should be obtained in order to renew the registration of the association.

Therefore from the year 2021 onwards, the convention and Annual General Body Meeting will together be conducted in September. The practice of conducting the convention in January/February and holding the Annual General Body Meeting in September will no longer be followed.

### B. Contribution to PM Relief Fund towards COVID-19

In response to the appeal by the Government of India for contribution towards Covid 19-PM Cares Fund, ISHA mailed its members on 17<sup>th</sup> April and 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 seeking approval to transfer money for this noble cause. A majority of members approved the proposal.

ISHA made a total contribution of **Rs. 1,39,251/- only** (1 Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty One only to PM Cares Fund.)

The break up is as follows.

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|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Sponsorship Fees:              | 1,00,000 |
| 2. EC members sitting Fees:       | 5,500    |
| 3. Delhi Branch-ISHA (7/4/2020):  | 5,000    |
| 4. Amount collected from members: | 28,751   |

Sl. No.	Member / Branch / Institute	Date	Amount
1.	Anonymous	30.03.2020	1000
2.	Shrutisneha	30.03.2020	1000
3.	Shushilraj	30.03.2020	451
4.	Atularya	30.03.2020	100
5.	Madhav Agrawal	02.04.2020	1800
6.	Sinha Speech & Hg.	02.04.2020	2000
7.	Sudhir	04.04.2020	1400
9.	Asha Speech & Hg.	08.04.2020	11000
10.	Samwad Speech & Hg.	13.04.2020	10000
<b>Total</b>			<b>28751</b>

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## C. ISHA Orations & Awards

### SCIENTIFIC AWARDS during 52<sup>nd</sup> ISHACON

Under Graduate (Awards for Poster Presentation)

**Manohar Memorial Award for Best Poster in Speech-Language (UG)**

*Komal Soni, Vidushi Saxena, Himadri Bhagat, Indranil Chatterjee & Rakesh Singh*

**Manohar Memorial Award for Best Paper in Audiology (UG)**

*Archisman Shubhadarshan, Dipika Behera, & Sushmit Mishra*

Post-graduate & above (Awards for Poster Presentation)

#### SPEECH-LANGUAGE

**Dr. M. Raghunathan Memorial Award for Best Poster in Speech-Language**

*Mr. Deepak. P*

#### AUDIOLOGY

**Dr. M. Raghunathan Memorial Award for Best Poster in Audiology**

*R. Rajesh Kumar, Prawin Kumar, Vipin P. G., Kumari Apeksha, & Niraj Kumar*

**Muktesh Award for Best Paper in Audiology**

*Shubhaganga Dhrruva Kumar & Asha Yathiraj*

**Dr. N. R. Chaudhary Memorial Award for Best Paper in Audiology**

*Dr. Kumari Apeksha & Dr. Ajith Kumar U.*

Post-graduate & above (Awards for Oral Presentation)

#### LANGUAGE

**Shaila Vora Award for Best Paper in Language**

*Priyanka Nayak, Aysha Shaheen, & Sudhin Karuppali*

#### SPEECH

**Dr. B. M. Abrol Award for Best Paper in Speech**

*Rakesh C. V. & Santosh Maruthy*

**Muktesh Award for Best Paper in Speech**

*Swapna N. & Talla Santoshi*

#### AUDIOLOGY

**Dayalan Samuel SSV Award for Best Paper in Audiology**

*Niraj Kumar Singh, Sachchidanand Sinha, Prawin Kumar, Nirnay Kumar, & Sudhir Kumartim*



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The following are the recipients of the prestigious Orations & Awards for the year:

- |  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1. Dr. N. Rathna Oration Award               | : Dr. S. P. Goswami          |
| 2. Prof. Kameswaran Endowment Oration Award  | : Ms. Anuradha Rajiv Bantwal |
| 3. Prof. R. K. Oza Oration Award             | : Ms. Annamma George         |
| 4. Bharat Award                              | : Dr. Geeta Gore             |
| 5. Dr. S. R. Chandrasekhar Travel Fellowship | : Dr. Caroline Bowen         |

## D. JISHA Publication

**JISHA Publication:**

July-December 2019 | Vol 33 | Issue 2

This publication of ISHA is available online <http://www.jisha.org/>



## E. Special Interest Group (SIG)

**Coordinators of SIG Group:**

### 1. Clinical Audiology Group:

Ms. Srividya, Asst., Professor, Dr. Chandrasekhar Institute of Speech and Hearing, Bengaluru

### 2. Clinical Aphasia Group:

Ms. Sonal V Chitnis, Asst. Professor in Speech Language Pathology BVDU SASLP Coordinator-Memory Clinic, Bharati Hospital and Research Centre & Consultant SLP at Neurology Dept., Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, Bharati Vidyapeeth University School of Audiology & SLP

## F. Sponsorships

Sponsorships between  
January 2019 to March 2020

Sponsorships for Events	:	2
Student Sponsorship	:	2

Mail from Mr. Asif of Shravana Institute of Speech and Hearing,  
Bellary after obtaining Student Sponsorship



*“Dear ISHA Office,  
I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank ISHA committee members and Executive Council members for providing with a Travel grant of Rs. 5000/- . I am very grateful to ISHA for the same. This grant has boosted my confidence and motivated me for future research activities. Cheers to all the council members. May the speech and hearing field in India grow more. Jai Hind”*

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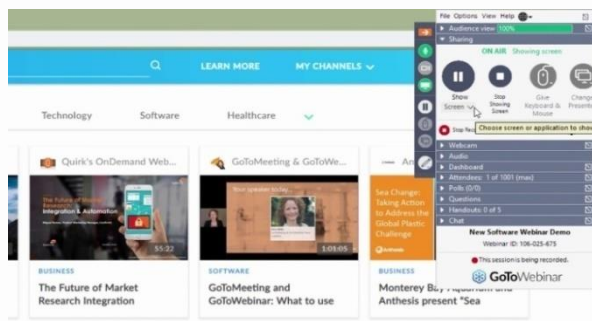
## G. NPPCD-South India Regional Review Meeting

The 'South India Regional Review Meeting of National Program for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD)' was held at AIISH, Mysuru on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2020.



For the first time since the launch of NPPCD program in 2007, representatives of Indian speech and Hearing Association were invited to be a part of the review meeting. ISHA representatives, Prof.Asha Yathiraj and Prof. S.P.Goswami addressed the gathering and highlighted the fact that the "Vision and Mission" statement and some of the objectives of ISHA are in line with the objectives of NPPCD. The two speakers said that in view of the public- private partnership of the NPPCD program ISHA would request its life members to be a part of the program. They also added that Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists could provide diagnostic and rehabilitation services to those referred from screening programs.

## H. Webinar Platform



ISHA has provided a Webinar Platform (Gotomeeting) to all its Branches & Chapters & Special Interest Groups.

**West Bengal, Delhi & Maharashtra Branches of ISHA** conducted webinars through this platform and around 300 members have attended these webinars.

**Clinical Audiology Special Interest Group** also conducted 4 webinars during the last 3 months which saw the participation of and around 750 members.

We sincerely hope that members find this platform beneficial especially during this lockdown. There are many more upcoming webinars being organized by SIG groups & branches/chapters.

Make the most of them!!

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We live in scary times today and we need to let our faith win over fears in our mind. Let's make a conscious effort to have our faith in good things in life.

1. Meditate and keep calm-Your positive energies can make your immunity higher
2. Relax-Listen to good music, dance or do whatever that makes you happy
3. Hear, say and listen to good things, there is a world beyond COVID19
4. Spend time with people who uplift you instead of those who bring you down
5. Stay safe but be kind and loving too, people need healing and love in such times.
6. Let's remember that faith conquers fear anytime and any day.

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<https://www.ishaindia.org.in/advertise.html>

You can also write to [secretary@ishaindia.org.in](mailto:secretary@ishaindia.org.in) to know more about this.

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