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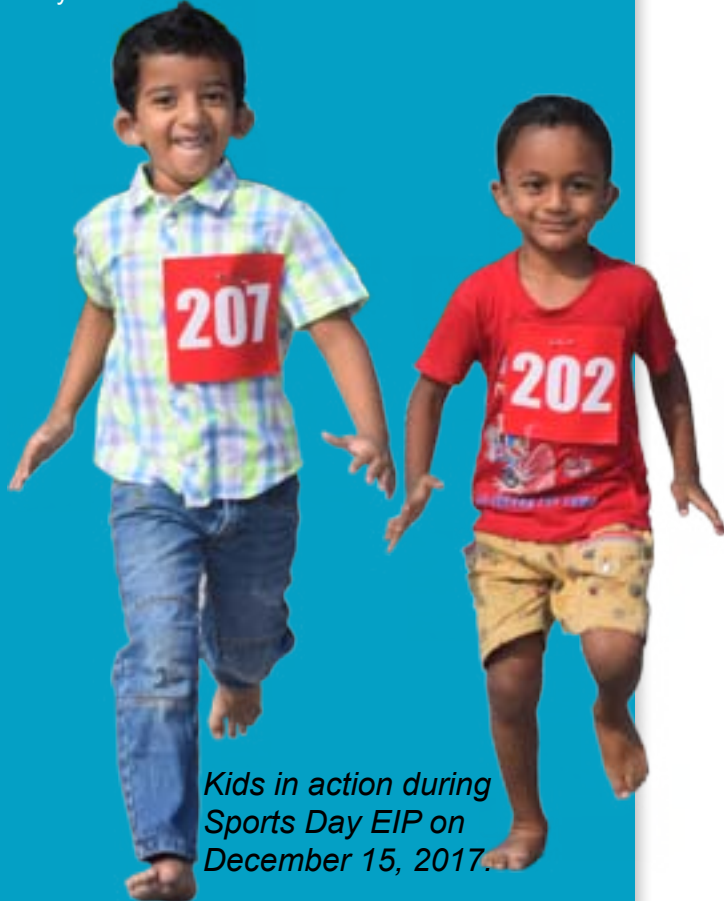
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*Kids in action during Sports Day EIP on December 15, 2017.*



**Dr Samuel N. Mathew**  
Executive Director

It is my pleasure to present the last newsletter of the year. We had a terrific year 2017. Although I was away for 3 months during July to October, I was able to keep in touch with everything happening on campus on a daily basis, sometimes attending meetings live. With technology it is possible for us to keep in touch with each other irrespective of where we are. This newsletter is a good example. We are glad that we are able to bring out this colorful newsletter to your inbox in such details in such short time. We don't print this newsletter. We just email this around the world to our well wishers.

You can see from the pictures, the diversity of our campus. Our students are our focus on the campus. In addition to the training imparted in their area of expertise and skill, we guide them to be well rounded citizens who contribute to the wider society.

We had a colorful, well choreographed NISH day celebration which marked 20 years of operations. You can see a glimpse of the event and the cultural programs presented by the staff and students. Of course the other events through out the quarter is shown too. All for your viewing and reading pleasure!

Please write to us your thoughts! Your comments and blessings are much valued by all of us NISHians. Please feel free to write to me at [snm@nish.ac.in](mailto:snm@nish.ac.in).

Enjoy!  
Thanks  
Sam



*Selfie time after the graduation ceremony.*



## NISH DAY 2017

NISH day was conducted on October 14, 2017. Mr Hitesh Ramchandani, a motivational speaker from Singapore and Mr Biju Prabhakar IAS, Special Secretary, Department of Social Justice were the chief guests of the function. Mr G. Vijayaraghavan and Dr Samuel N. Mathew addressed the gathering. Variety entertainment by the students and staff followed the formal meeting. The disability awareness short film produced by NISH was also released during the function.



[Click here](#) to see more photos

The Federal Bank Director Board sub-committee on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) visited NISH on Tuesday August 8th, 2017 to review the CSR-funded programmes. The sub-committee consisted of the Chairman of the Board, Mr. K.M. Chandrasekhar IAS (Retd), Mr. Syam Srinivasan MD & CEO and Mr. Harish H., Engineer CSR Chair.

The activities of Centre for Assistive Technology & Innovation (CATI) and the progress on the Neuro Developmental Sciences (NDS) -Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST) collaboration were presented to them and they were very appreciative of the work being done at NISH.





Shri. Ramdas Athwale, Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India visited NISH on 31st August 2017. He visited the different departments at NISH and interacted with the staff.



## International Week of the Deaf



The vice president of the World Federation of the Deaf, Mr. Joseph Murray addressed the staff and students on 23rd September, 2017. The talk was organized as part of 'International Week of the Deaf' celebrations.

## Aiming for a Sensory Park

NISH in collaboration with-Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST) is to open a new Comprehensive Care Centre for Neurodevelopmental Disorders. The center's first phase was inaugurated at SCTIMST and the 2nd



phase is going to come up at NISH, with sensory park as the main component. As part of this, the state of art Sensory Integration Room and the Pediatric Gymnasium were launched at NISH aiming to offer services to a large number of children with various developmental disorders.

[Click here](#) to watch the video



Applied Learning Series



4th talk in the Applied Learning series in Neurodevelopmental disorders 'Hanan approach' by Soumya Surendranathan on 22nd July 2017.



Nishians at Excellence & Ethics meet (ECG++) on 23rd September 2017.



An educational visit of the deaf and hard of hearing students of Higher Education Foundation Programme to Asianet studio on August 24, 2017 .



Ms Jeena Mary Joy, Sr Lecturer & HoD, Dept of ASLP, NISH handling a parental counselling session for Sruthitharangam Cochlear Implant Project (SCIP) candidates on September 26, 2017.



Heralding the Importance of Freedom



A skit on Ayyankali’s life was presented by the HEFP and B Sc Computer Science students on August 28, 2017 to commemorate the birth of Ayyankali, the popular social reformer.



*NISHians celebrating the 71st independence day hoisting the national flag & distributing sweets.*

Exploring the options in Communication



EIP and HEFP units at NISH conducted a CRE Programme on ‘Communicative Options in Teaching Children with Hearing Impairment’ from August 16 to 18, 2017.



A session on ‘Dental Care and Awareness’ was conducted on September 28, 2017 by Dr. Tharun Varghese Jacob, Oral Pathologist and Chairperson, Dental Association Thiruvananthapuram branch.





Fifth session of NIM-IS by Sri TK Muhammed Younus, founder and Chief Executive of Koyilandy Palliative Care Society and present General Secretary of NEST- Caring for Children with Challenges was conducted on September 22, 2017.



The 6th passing out ceremony of the kids from the Department of Neurodevelopmental Sciences was held on August 29, 2017.



Skit and poster exhibition organized by Degree HI students in connection with World Deaf Day 2017.





As part of International Deaf Week celebrations, Gravity Club organised a one-day training programme for healthcare professionals on disability awareness and introduction to Indian Sign Language on September 22, 2017.



From the HEFP Induction Programme

In the second half of July, the NISH campus was buzzing with induction programmes held for the new students who joined for different courses of ASLP and Degree HI.

NIDAS Presentation



Tiffany Brar, founder of the Jyothirgamaya Foundation, a non-profit organization whose stated mission is to help blind had an interactive session with the students and staff of NISH on 'Assistive Technology for Visually Impaired' in the NIDAS series.

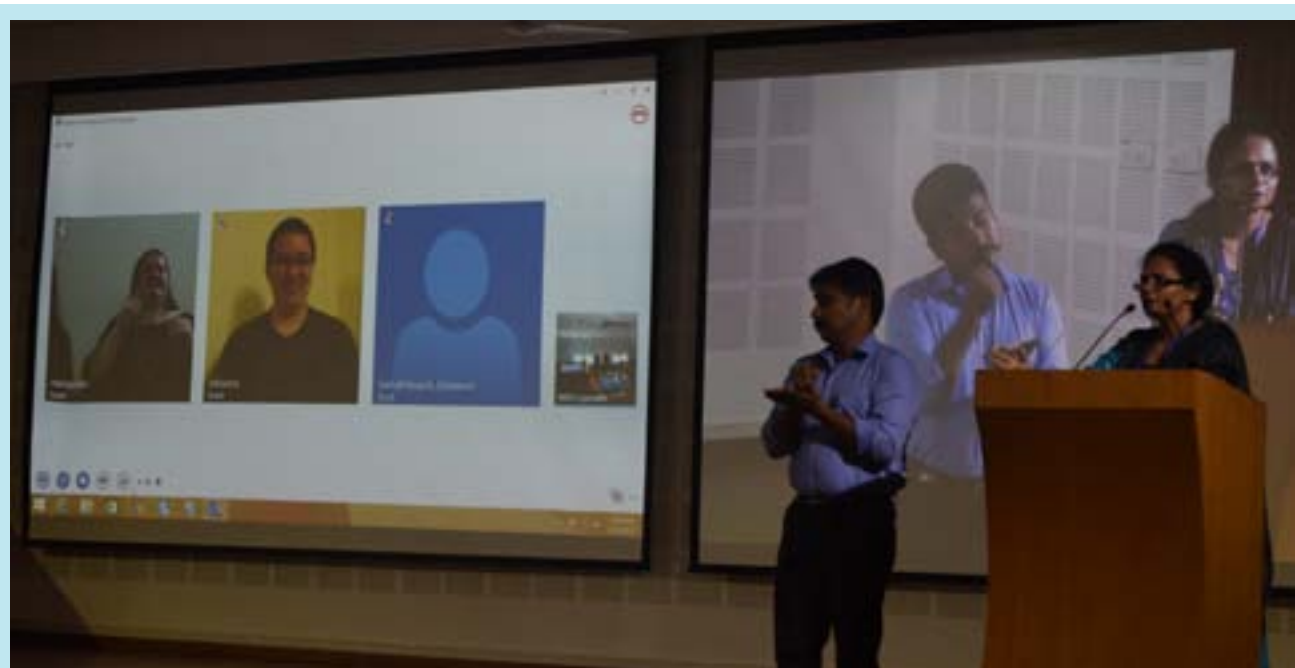


Ms.Padmatharini Ramesh, a popular motivational speaker gave a thought-provoking and inspiring talk at the NIM-IS series on August 12, 2017. She owns a speech clinic called SAVANT to teach children with special abilities to communicate effectively. Eventhough she was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at the age of two years and six months she fought her way out obtaining a masters degree in Speech, Language and Pathology.





The first ‘Gearing Up for Next Academics (GUNA)’ programme was held for the teaching staff at NISH on July 15, 2017.



Ms. Johanna Lucht, NASA’s first deaf engineer interacted with the students and staff of NISH from California over Skype. Her motivational talk was interpreted by ASL interpreters Ms. Arathy Manoharan and Ms. Kelsey Mitchel from Gallaudet, Washington DC and ISL interpretation was done by Ms. Bhavana, Mr. Prasanth and Ms. Raji Gopal.



*X’mas celebration at NISH*



NISH celebrated ‘Children’s Day’ on November 14, 2017 with the kids of EIP performing fancy dress, story telling & rhymes.





Alumni meet of Early Intervention Programme was conducted on November 11, 2017.



**National Conference on Inclusive Schooling**  
Three faculty members of NISH, Ms. Raji Gopal, Ms. Sherin Rahman , Ms. Silvy Maxi Mena and former educational consultant Ms. Aswathy Vinod presented papers based on Innovative Strategies, Assistive Technology and the Teacher’s Training Programme, NIM-TIE at the national conference organized by SIEDI on November 2,3 and 4, 2017 at NDMC Convention Centre, New Delhi. The co-authors include Ms. Chithra Prasad, Dr. Anu Mukund and Dr. Akila Surendran.

NISH PACE SETTERS

*NISH Pace Setter program recognizes the staff who did something beyond their call of duty and thus set a positive example for others to follow. This program is just to say, “You set a good example. We salute you”.*



Ms. Aswathy built the NISH Innovations Model - Training for the Inclusive Educator (NIM-TIE). This is an intense full time program that develops the skills required for the “Higher Education Special Education Teacher” with inbuilt practical and theory sessions.

Thank you Aswathy for your contribution to NISH and setting an example in formulating a specialized curriculum and piloting it .



NISH students participating in the national level painting competition “Creative Masters” organised by ICICI bank on 25th November 2017.

NISH STUDENTS COUNCIL 2017-18

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*Onam Celebration at NISH*



*Participants and trainers of the 'Training of Trainers Programme' organized by NISH in collaboration with ASAP from November 13th to 29th, 2017.*



*First batch students of Diploma in Indian Sign Language (DISLI) course with the faculty members during their farewell function.*



*Degree HI students at Golconda fort during their final year tour to Hyderabad.*



Sparkling Performance by NISH students at National Deaf meet at Ranchi, 2017



**Sreejishna K**, BSc (CS)(HI) I semester Secured 3 gold medal in high jump, long jump and 4X400m relay. She broke the long jump National record which was standing for the past 25 years.



**Benin George Vargheese**, BSc (CS)(HI) I semester secured bronze in high jump. He competed against two current Olympians and lost the gold medal by a whisker.



**Gladin Thomas**, BSc (CS)(HI) III semester and **Abdul Rishad** BSc (CS)(HI) VII semester were part of the Kerala football team and this team secured bronze.



Graduation Day 2017

The successful completion of courses by graduates of 2016-17 academic year was celebrated at NISH on December 9, 2017. The specially curated function was presided over by Dr M.K.C. Nair, Vice Chancellor, Kerala University for Health Sciences.



Dance performance by BASLP students during Disability Day commemoration organized by ORALIA, the Students' Council of NISH.



Online Resources from NISH

- ISL MOOC** ▶ Free online course on Indian Sign Language
- Sign of the Day** ▶ Learn Indian Sign Language from the students of NISH
- ISL Dictionary** ▶ Sign Language Dictionary for Technical Terms
- EIP** ▶ Early Intervention Programme Class Sessions
- “I am that I am”** ▶ Disability Awareness Film
- NIDAS** ▶ NISH Online Interactive Disability Awareness Seminar
- NIMIS** ▶ NISH Innovations Model Inspiring Stories



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