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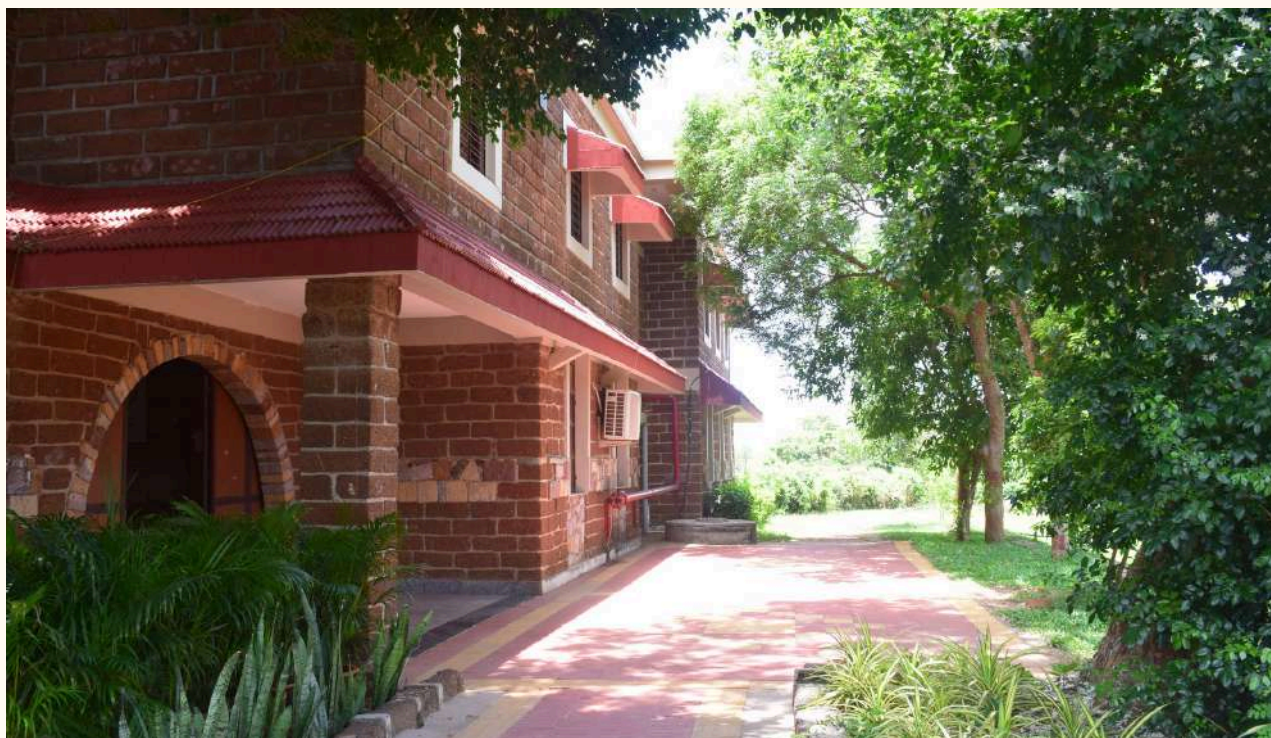


SUCCESS STORY OF THE MONTH

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Introduction



For over 25 years, the Institute of Health Sciences (IHS) has focused on improving medical rehabilitation, training skilled professionals in rehabilitation sciences, and helping people with disabilities gain functional independence.

IHS offers a wide range of services to meet the physical, mental, and social needs of individuals with disabilities or disabling conditions. We believe in creating opportunities for everyone to reach their full potential.

This year has been filled with significant milestones, and in this final edition of our 2024 newsletter, we celebrate these achievements.

We are proud to have received autonomous status and official recognition as notified by Utkal University. We are also excited about the hearing healthcare initiative, supported by SAIL Rourkela, which provides audiological evaluations to children and the elderly.



We also have an announcement for the International Symposium on Audiological Medicine (ISAM), our upcoming event in March.

Join us as we reflect on these accomplishments and look ahead to a promising new year. We hope you enjoy reading this edition and continue to stay connected with us on this journey toward inclusion and innovation!

Major activities undertaken during this quarter



I. SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN (2ND OCTOBER)

To mark Gandhi Jayanti IHS organized a campus-wide cleanliness drive under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan initiative. Led by the Director and supported by faculty, staff, and students, the campaign highlighted Mahatma Gandhi's principles of cleanliness. Participants actively engaged in cleaning activities, promoting a cleaner, greener environment and fostering a sense of community responsibility.

II. IHS LEADERSHIP MEETING (5TH OCTOBER)

IHS held a leadership meeting to address challenges and strategize for the future. Key topics included leadership development, clinical service accountability, teaching standards enhancement, and resource mobilization. This meeting underscored the institute's commitment to progress and innovation.

III. STUDENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (SDP)

The Institute of Health Sciences (IHS) successfully organized two impactful Student Development Programmes (SDPs) designed to enhance crucial skills for aspiring healthcare professionals. These events focused on both communication and safety, offering students opportunities for hands-on learning and personal growth.



Major activities undertaken during this quarter

A. WORKSHOP ON “LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS” (26TH NOVEMBER 2024)



IHS hosted a comprehensive Communication Skills Workshop led by Mr. Nirad Baran Dalai. The workshop was focused on refining communication techniques essential for effective healthcare delivery. Students explored the art of active listening and how to communicate with clarity and confidence, both verbally and non-verbally. Mr. Dalai emphasized the significance of internal, external, and personal communication in fostering effective collaboration within healthcare settings. The session was highly engaging and facilitated a dynamic discussion on the role of communication in patient care, teamwork, and organizational success. With 42 students participating, the workshop proved to be a valuable experience, concluding with heartfelt thanks from Dr. Dipti Ranjan Mangaraj, the event coordinator.

B. FIRE SAFETY TRAINING (7TH DECEMBER 2024)

On December 7, 2024, IHS students took part in a one-day Fire Safety Training Programme held at the Odisha Fire and Disaster Response Academy (OFDRA), Baramunda, Bhubaneswar. A total of 35 students, along with 3 academic staff members, engaged in both theoretical and practical learning sessions focused on fire safety and emergency response. The training covered vital topics such as fire prevention, recognizing potential fire hazards, and using various firefighting equipment. A key component of the training involved hands-on mock drills that allowed students to practice evacuation procedures and respond to fire-related emergencies. This practical approach ensured that participants were well-prepared to handle emergencies in healthcare environments, making the training an essential and successful addition to their skill set.

Both programmes are a testament to IHS's commitment to developing well-rounded, skilled healthcare professionals who are not only equipped with clinical knowledge but also with the soft skills and safety awareness necessary for success in their careers.

Impact Achievement

I. 35,000 HOURS OF TREATMENT PROVIDED



At the Institute of Health Sciences (IHS) in Bhubaneswar, we're proud to offer a comprehensive range of therapeutic services to individuals with disabilities. Our services include treatment for musculoskeletal disorders, neurological conditions, communication and locomotor disabilities, brain and spinal cord injuries, neurodegenerative conditions, and mental health issues. We also specialize in integrative care that combines biomedical approaches, socio-psychological support, health-assistive technology, and dietary therapy.

In the last quarter, we provided 35,000 hours of treatment, reflecting our unwavering commitment to high-quality, consistent care that makes a lasting impact on the lives of our beneficiaries.

II. SAIL ROURKELA SUPPORT FOR HEARING HEALTHCARE

In October, we received support from the Steel Authority of India (SAIL) Rourkela for our hearing healthcare initiative. This partnership allowed us to offer audiological evaluations and electrophysiological tests to children and the elderly, improving their access to essential hearing care. SAIL's generous support has enabled us to extend our hearing healthcare services to numerous patients in need. We hope for a long and healthy relationship going forward.



III. AUTONOMOUS STATUS FOR IHS

We are excited to share that IHS has been granted autonomous status by the UGC, as announced in December by Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, our parent university. This achievement gives us greater flexibility and independence in decision-making, allowing us to enhance our clinical and educational programs. With this new status, we are better positioned to respond quickly to the evolving needs of our beneficiaries, expand our services, and continue delivering impactful care to those who need it most.

Progress in E-governance

IHS has made notable advancements in improving e-governance to enhance operational effectiveness and transparency:

- Upgraded ERP systems to optimize administrative processes and improve efficiency across departments.
- Developed detailed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for classroom and attendance management, ensuring consistency and accountability.
- Implemented a structured faculty appraisal system to standardize performance reviews and foster professional growth.

These initiatives demonstrate IHS's dedication to leveraging technology to strengthen governance, streamline operations, and improve overall organizational effectiveness.



Upcoming Activities

IHS is excited to announce the upcoming International Symposium on Audiological Medicine (ISAM), scheduled for March 2025. This premier event will bring together leading professionals, researchers, and experts in audiology to explore the latest advancements, share knowledge, and collaborate on critical issues in the field.

Since its inception in 2008, ISAM has served as a vital platform for promoting audiology, fostering cooperation among professionals, and highlighting global contributions to ear and hearing care. This year's symposium will be hosted on the IHS campus, offering a unique opportunity to connect with leading experts in the field.

The event will also feature oral presentations, poster sessions, and workshops, providing a platform for researchers to present their latest findings and collaborate on new approaches.



Join us in empowering lives

Stay tuned for the next edition of the IHS Quarterly Newsletter, where we will share more inspiring stories and updates on our ongoing initiatives.

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