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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

- **Bachelors of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology** from Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (SRIHER), Chennai, Deemed to be University
- **MA Speech and Hearing Science** at University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign (2021 - current)
- **Graduate Research Assistant**; Department of Kinesiology & Community Health. Exercise, Cognition and Technology Lab.

INTERNSHIP

Sri Ramachandra Institute for Higher Education and Research (SRIHER), Chennai (September 01, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

- Conducted/Attended seminars; question and answers sessions with alumni and other stalwarts from the field of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology as part of online internship. (September, 2020 – November, 2020)
- On – campus and off- campus internship (December 2020 – June 2021).

Taken and observed diagnostic/ therapy sessions for adults and children with Hearing/ communication and swallowing disorders, SRIHER, Chennai (July, 2017- June 2021)

- The total clinical hours for Speech Diagnostics and Speech Intervention: **750 hours (approx.)**. Observed and handled patients with language disorders, speech sound disorders, voice disorders, fluency disorders, neurogenic speech disorders and swallowing disorders.
- Total Clinical Hours for Audio Diagnostics and Aural Rehabilitation: **621.25 hours plus (approx.)**.

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Title: Oral-diadochokinetic rates for Tamil speaking healthy ageing population: non-word versus real-word repetition (Dual protocol)

Duration: June 12 – December 16, 2019

Team Size: Two

Brief Description: The study was to suggest possible new findings for healthy ageing Tamil speakers using a sequential motion rate (SMR) in the oral-diadochokinetic task (DDK). The study explores the effect of age and gender on DDK measures and compares oral DDK scores for real word and non-word (using dual protocol) stimuli.

Individual Role: Lead author/ presenting author

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Received Travel Grant scholarship provided by the Alumni Association of Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research for ISHACON (February, 2020)
- Certificate of Participation awarded for taking part in 'Innovex' school exhibition, submitted a model on the topic 'Piezo Electricity', Gems our Own English High School, Dubai (November, 2017)

CERTIFICATIONS

Completed following certificate courses

- 'Child Psychology (Advanced Level)' accredited by International Association of Therapists (IAOTH) (March, 2020)
- 'Supporting children with difficulties with reading and writing' authorized by University of London, UCL Institute of Education and Dyslexia and Literacy International and offered through Coursera (April, 2020)
- 'Living with Dementia: Impact on individuals, caregivers, communities and societies' authorized by Johns Hopkins University offered through Coursera (April, 2020)
- 'Managing ADHD, Autism, Learning Disabilities and concussions in school' authorized by University of Colorado offered through Coursera (May, 2020)

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Assistant Holi Coordinator – **ASHA UIUC**. Volunteer driven, non-profit, and active registered student organization at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.
- Worked on scientific poster presentation titled 'Oral-diadochokinetic rates for Tamil speaking healthy ageing population: non-word versus real-word repetition (Dual protocol)' at 52nd Indian Speech and Hearing Association Conference (ISHACON), Chandigarh (February, 2020)
- Attended a seminar and workshop on 'Aural rehabilitation- Goal setting and therapy for professional and students', SRIHER, Chennai (September 19 – 21, 2019)
- Attended a seminar and workshop on 'Early Identification of disability (Neonatal Hearing Screening)', Sri Ramachandra Institute for Higher Education and Research, Chennai (July 25-26, 2019)
- Attended a seminar and workshop on 'Disability assessment and certification procedure for Hearing Impairment Speech and language disability as per RPWD act 2016, Sri Ramachandra Institute for Higher Education and Research, Chennai (August 29-30, 2018)
- Attended a seminar on 'Speech and Swallowing Rehabilitation in Head and Neck Cancer' conducted by Mr. Arun Balaji (Speech Language Pathologist, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai) for faculty and students of Department of Speech Language and Hearing Sciences at SRIHER, Chennai (July 26-27, 2018)
- Virtual Master class webinar on "Expanding Paediatric Dysphagia Practice in NICU and Beyond" on (September 4, 2020).
- "International Webisode on Autism Spectrum Disorder, The spectrum of needs" on 6th of (September 2020).

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Participated in inter-department basketball tournaments conducted at SRIHER for the year 2017, 2018, 2019 (selected team captain in 2019) and was placed in the third place consecutively
- Awarded third place in the inter-department cultural under 'Theatre' category, SRIHER, 2019
- Participated in the inter-department cultural (dance and debate), SRIHER, 2018
- Participated in the inter-college oratorical competition on the topic 'How will you apply Swamiji's messages – "Help and not fight, assimilation and not destruction" in your life' conducted by Meenakshi College for Women, Tamil Nadu at Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Lectures 125th anniversary celebrations, 2018

COMMUNITY SERVICE/ SOCIAL WORK

- Worked as student member of Indian Speech and Hearing Association (ISHA) (2019-2021)
- An active volunteer at “Guardians of Dreams”, Chennai; A social start-up that aims to provide quality life outcomes to children living in orphanages and street shelters in India. (August 2020-present)
- Contributed as National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteer at SRIHER, Chennai (2017 – 2019)
- Actively participated and headed the department’s initiative ‘Eco-club’ team for beach cleaning and tree plantation activities, SRIHER, Chennai (2018-20)
- Volunteered at Care2share, Dubai, a non-profit organization staffed with volunteers who work to provide services to support the needy in United Arab Emirates (UAE) (2017)
- Volunteered at SENSES residential and day care Centre, a non-profit organization, to help those with special needs in the UAE and the Middle East (2017)
- Attended the orientation program for volunteers and certified as the ambassador for the children of ‘Al Noor’ – a training Centre in Dubai for persons with disabilities (2017)
- Participated in clean-up drive of 2014, UAE