

Congratulation to Dr. C. Vanaja (Principal, SASALP) and former students & Audiologist and Speech Language Pathology Aishwarya Malu, on the publication featured in Hindustan Times dated 11th December 2023 on development of Auditory Learning Manual for professionals who are working with children with hearing loss!!!

NOW, A MANUAL FOR THERAPY OF THE HEARING IMPAIRED

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PUNE: Researchers and professors at the Bharati Vidyapeeth's School of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (SASLP) have come up with the country's first Auditory Learning Manual (ALM) for providing therapy to Marathi-speaking children with hearing impairment. The manual on Friday received a copyright from the Government of India.

The Auditory Learning Manual (ALM) is a systematic framework developed for professionals working with children with hearing loss whose primary language is Marathi by a team of Aishwarya Malu, Dr CS Vanaja and Shweta Deshpande of SASLP.

Aishwarya Malu, former consultant audiologist and speech-language pathologist at SASLP, said, the manual was developed in 2018 and the same was used for four years during the therapy sessions.

"The ALM primarily focuses on the development of auditory skills of the child. It can be used by professionals for therapy of children up to four years of age. Based on the age and ability to speak, the therapy can be selected from the manual," she said.

As per the researchers, the prevalence of hearing disability in the state of Maharashtra is 332 per 100,000 persons, (NSSO, 2002) and to the best of the researcher's knowledge, there is no such manual available for the above purpose in the regional languages in Marathi.