



DR. SOMASHEKARA H. S

Consultant - Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology

Qualification

Ph.D. | MASLP

Overview

Dr. Somashekara completed his Bachelor in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (BASLP) from Manipal College of Allied Health Sciences, MAHE, in 2006, followed by a Master in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (MASLP) from Dr. M. V. Shetty College of Speech & Hearing, Mangalore University, in 2008. Dedicated to clinical research and academic excellence, he earned his Ph.D. from Kasturba Medical College (KMC), Mangalore, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), in 2017. Over nearly two decades, he has held progressive academic appointments at KMC Mangalore, advancing from Lecturer to Assistant Professor and serving as Associate Professor since May 2019. He holds professional registrations with the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI No. A 15744) and the Indian Speech and Hearing Association (ISHA No. L11071493), and previously served as Secretary of the Dakshina-Kannada Speech and Hearing Association (2014–2016). At KMC Hospital Mangalore, Dr. Somashekara provides comprehensive clinical evaluations and individualised rehabilitation programmes for paediatric, adult, and geriatric patients. As a top speech-language pathologist and hearing specialist in Mangalore, his

audiological practice encompasses diagnostic hearing assessments across all age groups, speech audiometry, immittance evaluations, auditory processing disorder interventions, hearing aid evaluation and fitting, Auditory Verbal Therapy (AVT), and preventive hearing conservation initiatives. In speech-language pathology, his clinical expertise covers child language disorders, speech delays, articulation and pronunciation difficulties (unclear speech), stuttering/stammering, early literacy, learning disabilities (dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia), autism spectrum disorders (ASD), and intellectual disabilities. For adults and elderly individuals, he delivers specialised therapy for post-stroke speech problems (aphasia/apraxia), traumatic brain injury rehabilitation, age-related cognitive-communication decline, voice disorders, dysphagia (swallowing difficulties), and speech and swallowing rehabilitation following head and neck cancer treatment. A prolific researcher and recognised Ph.D. and postgraduate research guide, Dr. Somashekara has guided more than 25 postgraduate dissertations and co-guided Ph.D. scholars. He has authored more than 20 scientific publications in national and international peer-reviewed journals, and has secured prestigious research grants from agencies such as the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi. He holds registered literary copyrights for diagnostic tools in phonological awareness assessment and training. His work has earned multiple accolades, including the Best Paper Presentation Award at the 12th Kerala State Branch ISHA Conference (2019) and the Distinguished MAHE Alumni Award. Dr. Somashekara actively advocates for community healthcare through awareness camps, guest lectures, television broadcasts, and educational articles in leading regional newspapers. Fluent in Kannada, English, Hindi, Tulu, and Konkani, Dr. Somashekara combines thorough diagnostic precision with empathetic, family-centred counselling, ensuring that patients and caregivers receive structured guidance, individualized home programmes, and compassionate therapeutic support.

Field of Expertise

- Diagnostic audiological evaluations
- Speech and language assessment and therapy
- Hearing aid evaluation and fitting
- Auditory Processing Disorder (APD)
- Auditory Verbal Therapy (AVT)
- Paediatric speech and language disorders
- Speech delay and articulation/pronunciation disorders
- Stuttering/stammering
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Learning disabilities — dyslexia, dysgraphia and dyscalculia
- Intellectual disabilities
- Early literacy
- Adult neurogenic communication disorders
- Post-stroke aphasia and apraxia rehabilitation
- Traumatic brain injury rehabilitation
- Cognitive-communication disorders
- Voice disorders
- Dysphagia/swallowing disorders
- Speech and swallowing rehabilitation following head and neck cancer
- Hearing conservation and preventive audiology
- Paediatric, adult and geriatric rehabilitation

Languages Spoken

- Kannada
- English
- Hindi
- Tulu

- Konkani

Talks & Publications

- More than 20 scientific publications in national and international peer-reviewed journals.
- Guided 25+ postgraduate dissertations and co-guided PhD scholars.
- Recipient of the Best Paper Presentation Award at the 12th Kerala State Branch ISHA Conference (2019).
- Conducts awareness camps, guest lectures, television programmes, and educational articles on hearing, speech, language, and swallowing disorders.
- Recipient of the Distinguished MAHE Alumni Award.
- Secured research grants, including from NCERT, New Delhi.
- Holds registered literary copyrights for diagnostic tools in phonological awareness assessment and training.