

- **Learning Disability Clinic:** This is a specialized unit exclusive for comprehensive assessment and management of children with Learning Disability. It has a team of professionals to provide suitable services for the child.



- **Services at School setup:**

- Speech Language Pathologist will identify the problem faced by the child in school during the visit, and the teacher will be orientated regarding the modifications that can be incorporated to help them in regular class room settings.
- Caregivers will be counselled regarding the type of school placement, importance of home training and follow up process.



- AIISH also has team of Medical professionals such as ENT doctor, pediatrician and neurologist who assesses and treat the medical problems

Tips to prevent Learning Disability

- Provide adequate speech and language stimulation during childhood.
- Take immediate treatment for ear related disorders.
- Children with difficulties in speech pronunciation should be identified early and rehabilitated.
- Take proper health care and nutrition during pregnancy
- Avoid infections during pregnancy especially in the first trimester
- Avoid marriage among blood relatives
- Avoid first baby conception before 16 and after 35 years.
- Take your child for regular vaccination.

Your child scoring poor marks??? Check for **Learning Disability!!!**



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What is Learning Disability (LD)?

- Learning Disability is a condition in school going children characterized by significant difficulties in academic skills like learning, reading, writing, reasoning, mathematical problems etc.,
- These children will have average or above average intelligence. That is their IQ is like other normal children
- However, all children who have difficulty in academics may not have learning disability.
- They usually show a relatively stronger ability to learn visually.
- It is seen in both boys and girls. However, it is more common in boys compared to girls.

Causes of Learning Disability

The causes for Learning Disability are not well understood but may include:

- Heredity – abnormality in genes inherited from parents.
- Problems during pregnancy and birth – these include abnormalities in the developing brain, premature birth, illness or injury, fetal exposure to alcohol or drugs, low birth weight, oxygen deprivation.

Characteristics of Learning Disability

A child with Learning Disability may exhibit one or more of the following features:

- Problems with handwriting, spelling, learning mathematic concepts and organizing/ ordering numbers (ex: 0 onwards in increasing order or decreasing order).
- Difficulty in understanding multiple tasks at a time.
- Problems with memory, social skills and time management.
- Difficulty with matching letter combinations to specific sounds (alphabet combinations to sound). (ex: identifying first letter in word 'CAPITAL')
- Difficulty to break up words into their alphabet combinations.
- Mirrored errors/ mirrored writing [eg. bat' as 'dat', 69as 96].
- Problems in coordination with fine motor skills (eg cutting, writing).
- Difficulty recognizing slightest differences between two similar images/objects.
- Confusion between upper and lower case letters.

If child has any of the above symptoms, first speak to their teachers and ask about their learning or behaviour in class.

Treatment facilities available at All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) for Learning Disability

AIISH has state of the art software programs and professionals to treat children with Learning Disabilities. Following are the treatment facilities available:

• Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) consultation:

- Provides detailed assessment and speech therapy for management of child's language, reading & writing, and mathematical skills etc.



It is offered online also for those who prefer to attend the speech therapy from their homes. The parents of these children are also provided with home training programs.

- **Psychologists consultation:** To assess child's mental abilities and IQ.



- **Special Educators:** To assess and help child's academic abilities.

