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Dr. Krupa M., is currently an Assistant Professor at the Department of Speech Language Pathology, Sri Ramachandra Faculty of Audiology & Speech Language Pathology, SRIHER (DU). She is also a Hanen certified Speech Language Pathologist and runs parent empowerment programmes (It Takes Two To Talk & More Than Words) for families of children with communication difficulties. Her clinical and research inclinations are in the areas of language development in children, developmental disorders, empowering families especially those who are autistic and other neurodevelopmental disorders, augmentative and alternative communication and literacy. She also supervises student activities and works closely in clinical and awareness activities with multidisciplinary teams on campus – Vidyasudha Early Intervention Centre and Karthikeyan Child Development Unit. Krupa M also conducts workshops and lectures on language and related development, red flags for communication disorders, possible intervention for school teachers handling young children.

Krupa Murugesan has presented and published her research findings in several national and international forums including conferences and journals in areas related to autism spectrum disorders, caregiver-child interaction among south Indian Tamil speaking families, screentime and language development. She has a few awards to her credits, namely the Shaila Vora Award for Best Paper in Language at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of Indian Speech Language and Hearing Association. One of her multidisciplinary research publication was awarded with Shri. V.R. Venkataachalam Research Award for Best Research Publication in a Journal with Highest Impact Factor for the year 2021.

She has been teaching several courses for undergraduate and postgraduate students since 2009. Some of the subjects handled include Introduction to Speech Language Pathology, Speech Language Diagnostics and Therapeutics, Language Disorders in Children, Augmentative and Alternative Communication, Language and Literacy Disorders and Practices in Speech Language Pathology..