

## भारतीय सांकेतिक भाषा अनुसंधान एवं प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र

दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग, सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार

## INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRE (ISLRTC)

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India

Mrityunjay Jha Director, ISLRTC

DO No. IS-03007/23/2023-ISLRTC-D 3578

Dear Dr. Gelma,

Date: 08th December 2023

Date 18/12/23

As you are aware, Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi is established as an Autonomous body under the Department of Empowerment Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India in September, 2015. The main objectives of the Centre is to develop manpower for using, teaching and conducting research in Indian Sign Language (ISL) and to promote the use of ISL as medium of education for children with hearing impairment.

- Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 emphasizes on all round accessibility for person with disability and recognizes sign language as a means of communication for teaching learning process for persons with hearing impairment. Further, RPwD Act, 2016 as well as National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 focuses on inclusive education for which use of Sign Language may be encouraged as means of communication for and with the children with hearing impairment.
- Accordingly, to promote inclusive education for children with hearing impairment and to facilitate communication with them, ISLRTC has developed an online course in Self-Learning Mode on Basic Communication Skills in Indian Sign Language (ISL). This course is of duration of 30-40 hours and would be quite useful for teachers as well as students to make the teaching leaning environment inclusive in real sense across schools and would eventually facilitate and improve the learning outcomes of students with hearing impairment. This course can be accessed in following three ways:
  - a) It is readily available on our official website www.islrtc.nic.in under the tab 'Resources =>Online Basic Indian Sign Language Course in Self Learning Mode'
  - b) Additionally, it can be accessed through our official YouTube channel via the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFjydPMg4DapfRTBMokl09Ht-

c) For convenience, a QR code has been generated for easy access to the course

Simply scan the QR code with mobile camera to access the course.

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4. I would like to request you to kindly disseminate the above course amongst teachers, special educators and students in all schools to develop their basic communication skill in Indian Sign Language towards facilitating and promoting inclusive education for children with hearing impairment

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrityunjay Jha)

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