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NAD welcomes govt's decision to set up Sign Language Centre

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The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) today hailed the Centre's decision to establish an autonomous Indian Sign Language Research and training Centre here.

"The decision will help to grow Indian sign language and positively change lives of millions of deaf in the country including producing a large number of sign language interpreters," a spokesperson for the

association said.

"Approval of autonomy to Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre by the Centre coincides with the International Week of the Deaf celebrated by deaf communities world over in the last week of September. This decision of the Indian government would raise its standing in the eyes of world of deaf community," he added.

The Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday had approved the setting up the Centre dedicated to exclusively developing the Indian sign language, something that was missing so far in the training curricula in this specialised field.

The Centre will be located initially at the Institute for Physically Handicapped, New Delhi.

This decision is expected to help the five million suffering from hearing disabilities in the country. It will also provide for an increased accessibility for the hearing impaired in education, in the workplace and in all activities of public life.

The Centre will draw experts from national level organisations of the deaf, universities, academic institutions and independent experts in Indian sign language. UNI PR CH NK1654

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