

## 'Give more avenues for deaf students'

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National Association of the Deaf secretary A.S. Narayanan has said that there is an urgent need to include Sign Language in the education system of deaf students from the primary stages.

He was speaking at the three-day workshop on 'Preparing The Deaf Student for Higher Education' at the National Institute of Speech and Hearing (NISH), Akkulam, here.

Inaugurating the workshop, Director of Public Instructions A. Shajahan said that opportunities are low for deaf people. "However, it is possible to give an overview of the opportunities available in the country for the deaf students. They should be able to continue their higher studies and get good jobs in future," Shajahan said.

NISH executive director Samuel N. Mathew said that the need of the hour is to think about innovative ways to help deaf students emerge successful in their lives. "The revolution which starts in NISH should spread to different parts of India," he said.

The issues of teaching deaf students at degree level, the need for reviewing the degree programme, teaching deaf students and so on are being discussed in the three day workshop.

Experts from various schools and colleges conducting deaf education across India are the main speakers. The three day workshop will conclude on July 26.