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Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment has launched the first Indian sign language dictionary today which comprises of 3000 words.

During the launch of the dictionary in Delhi, Thaawarchand Gehlot addressed on the occasion and said that the aim is to give the constitutional right to speech to deaf people and opportunity of freedom of expression, and also bringing them into the mainstream society.



Thaawarchand Gehlot launched the first 'Indian Sign Language Dictionary.

The minister hoped that more and more people use this dictionary and get the benefit of learning Indian Sign Language.

WHO DEVELOPED THIS DICTIONARY?

The dictionary was developed by Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre (ISLR&TC) under Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), M/o Social Justice & Empowerment.

DREAM PROJECT FOR DEVELOPING THE DICTIONARY:

Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre (ISLR&TC) has been working on its dream project of developing the Indian Sign Language Dictionary for last one and a half years.

ABOUT INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE DICTIONARY:

The dictionary is being developed in both print and video format. ISL dictionary consists of various categories of words, for example, everyday terms, legal terms, medical terms, academic

terms and technical terms.

CATEGORIES OF INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE DICTIONARY:

- **Everyday Terms:** The videos in this category contain the sign and the corresponding English term
- **Legal Terms:** This category includes videos for 237 legal terms help explain complicated legal terminology like Affidavit, Acquittal, etc.
- **Academic Terms:** The words in this category are from various subjects like Physics, Geography, Biology, Maths, etc. And it contains 229 videos for 212 terms
- **Medical Terms:** This category includes 200 sign videos for 200 medical terms will help the deaf community to better understand medical terminology used in hospitals and in medical situations
- **Technical Terms:** This category has 206 videos of sign and explanations in ISL for 204 technical terms that are used in vocational training or in computer courses

SCENARIO RECORDED BY CENSUS 2011:

- As per the census 2011, there are 50,71,007 deaf people and 19,98,535 with speech disability in India
- ISLRTC, New Delhi realized the gravity of the situation and issues being faced by a large number of deaf people in common communication