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To,
Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
Prime Minister's Office
South Block, Raisina Hill
New Delhi-110011.



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Subject:- World Hearing Day 2021: Inclusion of Sign Language

Respected Sir,

Greetings from the National Association of the Deaf(NAD)!

As you may be aware, the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) is a federation of deaf organizations from 122 nations; its mission is to promote the human rights of deaf people and full, quality and equal access to all spheres of life, including self-determination, sign language. We (NAD) are a member of WFD, representing 18 million deaf people in India.

World Hearing Day is celebrated on 3rd March every year. The theme this year is "Hearing Care for All! Screen. Rehabilitate. Communicate". The World Report on Hearing will be launched by WHO on the day.

The Report includes sign language but has not highlighted it! Following are the recommendations of the World Federation of the Deaf for the inclusion in the Report:

- Early intervention: Access to sign language at birth is a fundamental human right.
- Involvement of Deaf People in the policy making related to the issues of deaf people.
- Sign languages should be recognised and integrated into all services.
- All deaf children and their families must have access to sign languages.

Sir, we would be highly grateful if you could please write to the Hon'ble Minister of Health to highlight the above- mentioned recommendations to WHO so that these can be included in the World Report on Hearing.

Looking forward to a positive response from you.

Yours Sincerely

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3. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organisation, HQ, Avenue Appia 20, 1211 Geneva (Switzerland).
4. Dr. Roderico H. Ofrin, WHO Country Representative to India, Office of the WHO Representative to India, R.No.537, A Wing, Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi-110011
5. Dr Joseph Murray, President, World Federation of the Deaf, Helsinki (Finland).

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