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INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF SIGN LANGUAGES

NAD

National Association of the Deaf
"Let us come together, know our rights and claim them"

23 September 2024 - Monday

International Day of Sign Language 2024

THEME – "SIGN UP FOR SIGN LANGUAGE RIGHTS"

Achievement highlight are following below

1. The **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016** includes provisions for sign language, recognizing its importance in promoting accessibility and inclusion.
2. **Droupadi Murmu**, Hon'ble President of India, has shared a video message on YouTube, emphasizing the significance of sign language. You can watch it <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBwZUsBN6os>
3. Thanks to the support of **Shri Narendra Modiji**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, the cabinet committee has approved the inclusion of sign language in the **National Education Policy** for the first time in history.
4. **NCERT** and **ISLRTC** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and are collaborating closely to develop NCERT textbook-based videos in Indian Sign Language. To date, approximately **550 ISL videos** for classes 1-12 have been created.
5. The **Government of India** has approved the creation of posts for **Indian Sign Language teachers and interpreters**, enhancing educational support for the Deaf community.
6. **September 23** is celebrated as **International Sign Language Day**, aimed at raising awareness about sign language and advocating for its universal recognition. This year's theme was "Sign Language - Rights for All." The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre organized this program in collaboration with NAD, with government approval.
7. The National Association of the Deaf has tirelessly fought for and successfully obtained government approval for education in **D.Ed, B.Ed, and M.Ed** programs conducted in Indian Sign Language. This marks a significant milestone in accordance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016. The inclusion of ISL in the syllabus has been approved by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), Government of India
8. Standards and guidelines have been established by the **Ministry of Home Affairs** for specific infrastructure and services in police stations, prisons, and disaster mitigation centers, ensuring accessibility for all.
9. **NAD India** has worked with the government to develop appropriate policies and standards for Deaf and hard of hearing individuals. Recently, we collaborated with the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** to prepare guidelines for captioning and sign language in television programs.
10. We thank **Shri Narendra Modi** for highlighting the launch of the **Indian Sign Language dictionary** and talking books during **Shikshak Parv** on **September 5, 2021**, coinciding with Teacher's Day. PM Modi shared this important initiative on X.com.



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