

Minutes of 25th Meeting of Executive Council of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi held in hybrid mode under the Chairpersonship of Sh. Rajesh Yadav, Joint Secretary, DEPwD, and Chairperson Executive Council of ISLRTC on 06.06.2023 at 03:00 PM, in Module no. 403-405, Fourth Floor, NSIC Business Park, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi-110020.

The 25th Meeting of Executive Council of ISLRTC was held in hybrid mode under the Chairpersonship of Sh. Rajesh Yadav, Joint Secretary, DEPwD, and Chairperson Executive Council of ISLRTC. The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

Sh. Mrityunjay Jha, Director, ISLRTC, welcomed the Chairperson and all EC Members/participants. Thereafter, agenda items were discussed as under:

Item No.25.1

Confirmation of the minutes of 24th meeting of EC held on 22nd March, 2023.

Minutes of the 24th EC Meeting held on 22nd March, 2023 under the Chairpersonship of Sh. Rajesh Yadav, Joint Secretary, DEPwD, were considered and confirmed.

Item No. 25.2

Action Taken Report on minutes of 24th meeting of EC held on 22nd March, 2023.

The Council noted the action taken on the 24th EC minutes held on 22nd March, 2023 with observations in respect of some agenda items as under:

24.14

Annual Maintenance of Computer

After considering the matter the Chairperson observed that going for comprehensive annual maintenance contract will be better and in case there is no such option available on GeM, the Centre may invite tender.

24.16

Uniform Recruitment Rules, Terms and Conditions of appointment of regular as well as contractual staff of National Institute.

The Council noted that Recruitment Rules, consolidated salary and terms and conditions circulated by DEPwD vide their letter no. N-602/11/2022-NI dated 25th March, 2023 will be implemented by the Centre w.e.f. 01.07.2023 onward.

24.17

Delegation for Financial Powers of Director

The Council noted that the delegation of Financial Powers to Director as suggested by DEPwD vide their letter no. N-2206/110/2022-NI(E-24107) dated 25th March, 2023 and approved by EC in its 24th EC meeting has been implemented w.e.f. 01.04.2023.

24.18

Delegation for Financial Powers (provision of imprest amount).

The Chairperson directed that a formal circular may be issued by the Centre regarding provision of imprest advance to different functionaries as suggested by DEPwD vide their letter no. N-2206/110/2022-NI(E-24107) dated 25th March, 2023 and approved by EC in 24th EC meeting.

Additional Item

Status of 90 hours self-learning module on ISL for various stakeholders.

The Council had detailed discussion on the proposal of developing self-learning module on ISL for various stakeholders. It was observed that content for 90 hours duration may be time taking to develop and may also not be suitably convenient to use and assimilate by the prospective beneficiaries. As part of Deaf-NP pilot project targeting parents, siblings and family members content of around 30-40 hours have been used which proved to be quite effective. Keeping in view the objective of wider coverage of target beneficiaries, the Council recommended to develop 30-40 hours online content in ISL which could be useful for self learning module and can also be used by various organizations including for further expanding of Deaf-NP project. This content will be made available free of cost by ISLRTC through various means. The Council also decided that this content must be developed by end of August, 2023 and additional manpower i.e. Instructor, Interpreter and Video Editor may be engaged as per requirement to complete the task.

Item No. 25.3

Engagement of Deputy Director (Administration) on contract basis.

The Council accorded ex-post facto approval for engagement of Deputy Director (Administration) on contract basis initially for a period of 01 year with the consolidated salary of Rs.75,000/- per month in accordance with the remuneration fixed for the post of Level-11 by DEPwD vide their letter no. N-602/11/2022-NI dated 25th March, 2023.



Agenda Item No. 25.4

Extension of contract of M/s DS Manpower Services for providing 01 Accountant from 05.05.2023 till 31.03.2024.

The Council accorded approval for extension of contract of M/s DS Manpower Services for providing 01 Accountant from 05th May, 2023 to 31st March, 2024 or appointment of regular Accountant, whichever is earlier, on the same rates and terms & condition.

Item No. 25.5

Service being provided by the Institute

After taking note of various services being provided by ISLRTC, the Council recommended that ISLRTC may start online interpreting services to meet requirement of deaf community in emergency situation through whatsapp, video call. To expand the outreach and coverage, other willing Institute/organizations conducting DISLI course may also be requested to provide such services. Whatsapp no. of ISLRTC and all other organization will be made available on ISLRTC website and also be disseminated to various organization working in this field.

The Council also recommended that ISLRTC may organize an online conference of Interpreters to update them about the services being provided by ISLRTC and to request them to provide interpreter services closer to their place of stay in emergency situation.

Some of the members raised the issue of Interpreters being called as witnesses in Court cases. The Council recommended that ISLRTC may issue a letter to all the State Government and concerned agency requesting that the services of Interpreter may be used for facilitating communication of deaf community and involving them as witnesses will discourage them from coming forth in Court cases.

Item No. 25.6

Recruitment status of various post

The Council noted recruitment position against sanctioned posts. Keeping in view the fact that ISLRTC has got limited staff, the EC observed and recommended that no ISLRTC staff be sent on deputation.



Item No. 25.7

Status of construction activities

The Council was informed that the matter regarding submission of estimate is being continuously followed up with CPWD and CPWD has assured to submit the estimate within a week.

Item No. 25.8

RCI related issues

The Council noted that RCI has issued a communication through email on 29th May, 2023 clarifying that examination of DISLI and DTISL course from Academic Session 2022-23 will be conducted by AJYNISHD, Mumbai and 02nd Year examination of these courses for Academic Session 2021-23 will be conducted by ISLRTC. The Council recommended that RCI may expeditiously issue examination schedule of DTISL 2021-23 Session to enable ISLRTC to take further necessary action.

Based on the request made by some of the members, the Council recommended that RCI may examine the possibility of including the name of ISLRTC in the certificate which would be issued from Academic Session 2022-23 onwards.

Item No. 25.9

Intake status of various courses being run

The Council noted the intake status of the various courses of the Centre.

Item No. 25.10

Status/compliance of directions given by the Secretary, DEPwD.

The Council noted the action taken by the Centre.

Item No. 25.11

Status/compliance of directions given by DEPwD.

The Council noted the action taken by the Centre.



Item No. 25.12

Matters of National Institutes pending with DEPwD

The Council noted the matters of ISLRTC, pending with DEPwD and recommended that DEPwD may expedite consideration and decision on the pending issue of 7th CPC for the post of Assistant Professor and Librarian and increasing the NPS contribution from 10% to 14% as per guidelines of Ministry of Finance.

After considering listed agenda items, following 02 additional agenda items were placed for consideration of EC with the permission of the Chair

Additional Item no. 1

Inclusion of D.Ed Special Education (HI) in ISL Competition

The Council noted that the ISLRTC has been conducting the ISL Competition every year since 2018. The purpose of the Competition is to spread awareness about ISL, encourage the use of ISL by teachers and parents and showcase the creativity and knowledge of deaf children in telling stories, jokes and essays in ISL. The winners of the ISL Competition are felicitated by the Hon'ble Minister SJ&E in a programme on Sign Language Day on 23rd September every year. The Competition is open to deaf students studying in classes I-XII, and to students of DISLI and DTISL courses across India.

A request has been received in DEPwD from Haryana Welfare Society for Persons with Speech and Hearing Impairment, Panchkula, requesting to include D.Ed. Special Education (HI) training centers in the competition. While considering this proposal, one EC member proposed to include students of B.Ed Special Education (HI) also in ISL competition of the ISLRTC. The Council considered the matter and recommended to expand the coverage of ISL competition of ISLRTC by including the students of D.Ed. Special Education (HI) and B.Ed Special Education (HI).

Additional Item no. 2

RCI Admission

The Council was informed that in accordance with Admission Notification dated 25th May, 2023 issued for the Academic Session 2023-24 by the RCI, ISLRTC issued a Circular on 05th June, 2023 indicating detailed admission schedule for DISLI and DTISL courses. After taking into consideration the comments of MS, RCI and other members, the Council approved the admission schedule of ISLRTC as per circular dated 05th June, 2023.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.



Annexure-I

List of participants in the 25th Executive Council meeting of ISLRTC held hybrid mode on 06.06.2023 at 03:00 PM.

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Position
1.	Sh. Rajesh Yadav, Joint Secretary, DEPwD	Chairperson
2.	Shri Nithali Ram, Deputy Secretary, IFD	Representing Sh. Sanjay Pandey, Joint Secretary & FA, M/o Social Justice and Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan
3.	Prof. M. Pushpavathi, Director, AIISH, Mysuru, Karnataka	Member
4.	Director, Akshar Trust, Vadodara	Member
5.	Sh. A. S. Narayanan, President, National Association of the Deaf (NAD), New Delhi	Member
6.	Sh. Vineet Singhal, Member Secretary, RCI	Member
7.	Sh. Kamla Kant Pandey, Lecturer, Utter Pradesh, Institute of Hearing Handicapped, Allahabad, U.P.	Member
8.	Dr. Vinay Singh, Professor, DEGSN, NCERT, New Delhi	Member
9.	Sh. Arun C Rao, President, ASLI, New Delhi	Member
10.	Mrs. Monika Punjabi, President, ISLIA	Representing Ms. Atiya Hajee, General Secretary, ISLIA, Pune
11.	Ms. Uma Kapoor, Secretary General, AIFDW, Paharganj, New Delhi	Member
12.	Smt. Karri Uma Devi, Rahul Kunj, Srinivasa Nagar, Ring Road, Vizianagaram.	Member
13.	Sh. Mrityunjay Jha, Director, ISLRTC	Member Secretary

Following officials also attended the meeting

Sl No	Name and Designation
1.	Sh. Navin Kumar, Under Secretary (NI), DEPwD
2.	Sh. Harish Soni, Deputy Director (In-charge), ISLRTC
3.	Dr. Andesha Mangla, Assistant Professor, ISLRTC
4	Dr. Abhishek Kumar Srivastava, Assistant Professor, ISLRTC
5.	Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gangwal, Assistant Professor, ISLRTC
6.	Ms. S. Soniya, Assistant Professor, ISLRTC
7.	Sh. Aviz, Section Officer, ISLRTC
8.	Ms. Annu Gautam, Interpreter, ISLRTC