

Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the General Council of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi held virtually under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD and President, General Council, ISLRTC on 19th February, 2022 at 04.00 PM.

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2. Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD welcomed the participants and informed the members that Sh. Kishore B. Surwade, Deputy Director General, DEPwD has been given additional charge of the post of Director, ISLRTC. In her opening remarks, she stated that there is huge demand to learn Sign Language for basic communication and easy understanding. So the Centre may start small courses on Indian Sign Language. It may be of small duration to create awareness. Thereafter, following agenda items were discussed:

Item No. 9.1

Confirmation of the minutes of 8th meeting of GC held on 19th March, 2021

Minutes of 8th General Council meeting held on 19th March, 2021 in the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, CGO Complex, New Delhi, were confirmed.

Item No. 9.2

Action Taken Report on minutes of 8th meeting of GC held on 19th March, 2021

The Council noted the action taken on the minutes of the 08th General Council meeting held on 19th March, 2021 with following observations in respect of agenda item No. 8.5.

8.5(iii) With regard to exploring the feasibility of linking DIKSHA portal with UDID and scholarship portal of DEPwD, the Council was further apprised by Dr. Amarendra Behera, Joint Director, CIET, NCERT, the representative from Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education in detail about the initiative being taken by Ministry of Education to digitize such information. To have better clarification about the initiative being taken on the matter the Council advised that a presentation may be made on the matter by Department of School Education and Literacy in the next GC meeting.

Item No. 9.3

Consideration of budget proposal for 2022-23

The Council considered and approved the proposed budget of the Centre for FY 2022-23, as under subject to availability of funds and allocation by the Department:-

Salaries Head	321.00 lakh
General Head	338.00 lakh
Creation of Capital Assets	15.00 lakh
TOTAL	674.00 lakh

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Item No. 9.4

Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Centre for the FY 2020-21

The Council approved the Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Centre for 2020-21.

During the meeting, following points were also discussed-

1. Continuation of Short Term Training Course

Representative from Department of School Education and Literacy suggested introducing Appreciation Course to train around 85 lakh teachers across the country. It will enable them in teaching the study material being translated into Indian Sign Language.

ii) Deputy Director (Admin), ISLRTC informed the Council that the Centre has already developed Short Term Training Programme on Basic ISL which was interrupted due to COVID-19 pandemic. Now, the Centre will take initiative to start the Course at the earliest after shifting to NSIC Business Park, preferably before April, 2022. The Council was also apprised that considering the increase in number of DISLI and DTISL batches and other proposed training programmes, there will be requirement of additional space.

The Council advised that the Centre should list out all the requirements for conducting need based programme on ISL and make necessary arrangements to fulfill the requirements. It was also suggested to increase the number of training programme by utilizing the resources and infrastructure available at other NIs and CRC.

2. Introducing Alumni Chapter

The Centre apprised the Council about the employment cell and opportunities provided to the pass out students of DISLI. In this regard the chairperson observed that the Centre may explore the feasibility to create Alumni Chapter of the passed out student to have updated data and resources available.

3. NCERT Projects on ISL

Representative from Department of School Education and Literacy apprised the Council about the process of recording of NCERT textbooks into ISL, development of ISL Dictionary words into UDL format by CIET, NCERT; need to develop training programme on ISL under the process of standardization of Indian Sign Language. The Council advised that a Power Point presentation on the various projects being taken up in collaboration with ISLRTC and the mechanism adapted for the standardization of Indian Sign Language may be made in the next GC meeting.

ii) It was also decided that the Centre may explore the feasibility to increase the team and number of shifts to expedite the recording of NCERT textbooks into ISL and to provide state-wise list of Interpreters, Deaf Signers and Experts to NCERT.

4. Development of non-scholastic materials of NBT into ISL

The Council suggested that the Centre may explore the feasibility to convert non-scholastic material such as- Comic books, Story books, Picture Story books, etc into Indian sign Language.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Annexure-I

List of Participants

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	
1.	Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD	President, General Council
2.	Sh. Kishore B. Surwade, Deputy Director General, DEPwD & Director, ISLRTC	Member Secretary
3.	Dr. Amarendra Behera, Joint Director, CIET, NCERT	Representative of Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education
4.	Sh. Umesh Grover, President Deaf Welfare Association, Dehradun	Member
5.	Dr. Arun Banik, Officiating Director, AYJNISHD, Mumbai	Member
6.	Sh. K. Murali, Director, Deaf Leaders Foundation, Coimbatore	Member
7.	Smt. Usha Punjabi Superintendent, MBS, Indore	Member
8.	Sh. R. K. Gaur	Internal Auditor, ISLRTC
9.	Sh. Mrityunjay Jha	Deputy Secretary, DEPwD
10.	Sh. Sanjay Kumar	Deputy Director (Admin), ISLRTC
11.	Sh. Harish Soni	Assistant Professor, ISLRTC
12.	Dr. Andesha Mangla	Assistant Professor, ISLRTC
13.	Sh. Aviz	Section Officer, ISLRTC