

Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the General Council of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi held under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD and President, General Council, ISLRTC on 07th June, 2022 at 11.00 AM. In the Conference Room, 5th Floor, B-III Block, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-03.

The 10th Meeting of the General Council of ISLRTC, New Delhi was held under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD and President, General Council, ISLRTC on 07th June, 2022 at 11.00 AM. The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

2. Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD welcomed the GC members and they introduced themselves. Thereafter, agenda items were discussed as under:

Item No.10.1

Confirmation of the minutes of 9th meeting of GC held on 19th February, 2022

Minutes of 9th General Council meeting held virtually on 19th February, 2022 were confirmed.

Item No. 10.2

Action Taken Report on minutes of 9th meeting of GC held on 19th February, 2022

The Council noted the action taken on the minutes of the 09th General Council meeting held on 19th February, 2022 and the decision taken in respect of following agenda items are as follows:

9.4 The Chairperson of the Council advised the Centre to ensure that the Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Centre for the FY 2021-22 is prepared, so that it is ready for laying in both the houses of Parliament by 30th November 2022.

Additional Agenda item of 19th EC Meeting:

1. Continuation of Short Term Training Course on Basic ISL.

The Council was apprised that, there was very less response towards the notification made by the Centre in Apr, 2022 for conducting Short Term Training Program (STTP), it was observed that the fees of Rs. 12,500/- per participants for 15 days may be the constraint in getting the participants /stakeholders for the STTP, however some of the schools from outstation requested to conduct STTP. To cater the requirement the Centre is planning to

conduct Training for Trainers (ToT). The trained resources can be utilized for imparting training in various parts of the Country. So the Council decided that the teachers of Deaf Schools funded under DDRS may be called for having ToT and the Centre may review the fees charged for conducting STTP.

The Council also decided that the Centre may write to Railways, Airport Authority, PSU to conduct STTP.

2. Introducing Alumni Chapter

The Council decided that the option of Alumni chapter is to be created on the website and the data it is to be reviewed and updated on quarterly basis.

3. NCERT Projects on ISL

The Council decided that all efforts are to be made to develop textbook of class 6th and 7th so that it can be launched on 23rd September 2022 (Sign Language Day) and the Centre is to make a standard plan to launch the add on ISL, every year on Sign Language Day.

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

The Council decided that apart from development of 05 books of NBT the Centre to work on developing ISL videos of unsung heroes of tribal freedom fighters under India @ 75, Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Item No. 10.3

Office Space for ISLRTC

The Council decided on completion of renovation work at ISLRTC a visit of Hon'ble Cabinet Minister is to be organized.

Item No.10.4

Recruitment Rule for the Post of "Accountant"

The Council approved the proposal to modify the Recruitment Rule for the post of Accountant at the Centre, as given below:

Existing Criteria	Proposed amendment
"The incumbent of the post will have to obtain "A" level ISL course within 02 years from the date of joining".	The incumbent is to achieve basic communication skill in ISL for which the Centre will conduct Basic ISL course of minimum 90 hours duration within 09 months from the date of joining.

Additional Items : In the meeting following items were also discussed and the decision taken are as follows :

1) MoU with AIISH Mysuru for conducting short term courses on Basic ISL:

The Council decided that the Centre may liaise with AIISH Mysuru to have an MoU for conducting short term courses on Sign Language through online/ offline mode.

2) To review the course duration of DISLI

Considering the demand and downfall in admission due to implementation of course duration of DISLI from 01year to 02 year, the Council decided that the Centre to discuss the matter with RCI to review the duration of 02 year DISLI course and to simplify the course in different modules of shorter duration.

3) Submission of Proposal for the way forward

The Council decided that the Centre may have a core group meeting within a month to discuss the task the Centre is going to take up in next one year for the way forward.

4) Increasing footprints of ISLRTC

The Council decided that the Centre to work on increasing the footprints and start DISLI Courses in various NI's And CRC's as a Nodal/Study Centre. The classes may be conducted by using Smart Class rooms through online mode.

5) Development of State Board Text Books in Sign Language

After Development of ISL Content of NCERT upto Class VIII, the Department may organize a meeting of all NCERT Directors to discuss the matter of developing State Board study material. Till that time CIET, NCERT will come up with SOP for development of study material for conversion into ISL.

Annexure-I

List of Participants

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	
1.	Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD	President, General Council
2.	Sh. Rajesh Yadav	Joint Secretary, DEPwD & Director, ISLRTC
3.	Prof. M. Pushpavathi	Director, AIISH, Mysuru, Karnataka
4.	Sh. Kshitij Mohan	Director, IFD
5.	Ms. Anu Jain, Joint Director	Department of School Education and Literacy, New Delhi
6.	Dr. Bharti Kaushik, Associate Professor, CIET, NCERT	Representative of Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education
7.	Sh. Bherav Dutt	Deputy Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education
8.	Ms. Daisy Sebastian, Coordinator Academic and Intervention programs	Representative of NISH, Kerala
9.	Sh. K. Murali	Director, Deaf Leaders Foundation, Coimbatore
10.	Smt. Usha Punjabi Superintendent, MBS, Indore with (Attended : Smt. Monica Punjabi)	Member
11.	Sh. Sanjay Kumar	Deputy Director (Admin), ISLRTC
12.	Sh. Harish Soni	Assistant Professor, ISLRTC
13.	Dr. Andesha Mangla	Assistant Professor, ISLRTC
14.	Sh. Aviz	Section Officer, ISLRTC