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Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India

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Dated: 05th Dec, 2023

Sub: 12th Minutes of Meeting of General Council of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi, held through VC on 28.11.2023 at 02:00 PM.

12th Meeting of General Council of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi, was held through VC on 28th November, 2023 at 02:00 PM, under the Chairpersonship of Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, DEPwD and President, General Council of ISLRTC

2. A copy of the duly approved minutes of the meeting is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action of all concerned.

Encl: As Stated


(Mrityunjay Jha)
Director, ISLRTC

To,

- 1) Shri. Rajesh Yadav, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, 5th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi
- 2) Shri Sanjay Pandey, Joint Secretary & FA, M/o Social Justice and Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
- 3) Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 4) Ms. A Srija, Economic Advisor, Department of School Education and Literacy, Room No.107-D, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

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- 5) Sh. Mrutyunjay Behera, Economic Advisor (HE), Department of Higher Education, 109-C, Shastri Bawan, New Delhi
- 6) Sh. Ajay Tewari, Joint Secretary & Director General of Labour Welfare, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Jaisalmer House, CISF, 26, Man Singh Rd, UPSC, Man Singh Road Area, New Delhi, Delhi 110001
- 7) Prof. M. Pushpavathi, Director, All India Institute of Speech & Hearing Manasagangothri, Mysuru, Karnataka.
- 8) Dr. Raju Arakh, Officiating Director, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), K. C. Marg, Bandra Reclamation, Bandra (West), Mumbai- 400050.
- 9) Sh. Zorin Singha, President, National Association of the Deaf, No. 102, 1st Floor, Plot – 19-A, Vishal Complex, Patparganj Village Mayur Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi-110091.
- 10) Shri Sandeep T.K.M. President, Deaf Enabled Foundation, 3rd floor, Gagan Mahal Road, Domalguda, Hyderabad.
- 11) Executive Director, National Institute of Speech & Hearing, Sreekaryam P.O. Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- 12) Smt. Usha Punjabi, Superintendent, Mook Badhir Sangathan, Scheme, No. 71-B, Behind Ranjeet Hanuman Temple, Indore (M.P).
- 13) Sh. K. Murali, Director, Deaf Leaders Foundation, 59, VOC Nagar, Arun Nagar Extension, TVS Nagar, Thadagam Road, Coimbatore-641025.
- 14) Shri Umesh Grover, President, Deaf Welfare Association, 40, Govindgarh, Dehradun (Uttarakhand)-248001.

Copy to:-

- i) PPS to Secretary, DEPwD.
- ii) US (NI), DEPwD

Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the General Council of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi held through VC on 28th November, 2023 at 02:00 PM.

The 12th Meeting of the General Council of ISLRTC, New Delhi was held through VC on 28th November, 2023 at 02:00 PM, under the Chairpersonship of Sh. Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, DEPwD and President, General Council, ISLRTC. The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

Director, ISLRTC welcomed the Chairperson and all other Members/participants and thereafter with the permission of the Chair, agenda items were discussed and considered seriatim.

Item No.12.1

Confirmation of the minutes of 10th meeting of GC held on 07th June, 2022 and 11th GC held through circulation

Minutes of 10th General Council meeting held virtually on 07th June, 2022 and minutes in respect of 11th GC held through circulation vide email dated 17th Nov, 2022 were considered by the GC and confirmed.

Item No. 12.2 (i)

Action Taken Report on minutes of 10th GC held on 07th June, 2022

The Council noted the action taken on the minutes of the 10th General Council meeting held on 07th June, 2022 with observations/directions as under:

Item No. 10.2 (1)

Continuation of Short Term Training Course on Basic ISL

In this regard the Council directed as under:

(i) To prepare the action plan with timelines of 05 days basic ISL training covering all the special educators of the deaf/deaf ISL Teachers.

(ii) To decentralize the conduct of basic ISL training through identified and willing Centres/Institutes.

(iii) 5-day residential ISL training may be organized during summer vacations for school teachers who do not know ISL. This may be conducted by RCI by involving local organizations and teachers.



Item No. 10.2 (3)

NCERT Project on ISL

A committee may be formed for involving organizations that have developed ISL academic content for the NCERT project. The Committee may also decide per unit rates after which topics can be assigned to various organizations. ISLRTC to submit such a proposal to Chairman (EC) within a week of issue of these Minutes.

Item No. 10.2 (4)

Development of non-scholastic materials of NBT into ISL

The Council suggested that the proposal submitted by ISH, Mumbai for development of ISL story videos may be recommended to DEPwD for funding under National Fund.

Additional Items of 10th GC

Item No. 2

To review the course duration of DISLI

The Council directed that CODAs/SODAs may be given direct admission to second year of DISLI course if they clear a proficiency test by recognition of prior learning (RPL). A proposal in this regard should be submitted to RCI by ISLRTC within a week of issue of these Minutes.

Item No. 3

Submission of Proposal for the way forward

The Council directed to prepare a more comprehensive proposal on way forward for ISLRTC. Further, it was directed to analyze the data of VRS services being provided by ISLRTC.

Item No. 4

Increasing footprints of ISLRTC

The Council directed to follow up with other NIs and CRCs regarding starting the DISLI and DTISL course in consultation with RCI.

Item No. 5

Development of State Board Text Books in Sign Language

The Council directed to share the SOP received from NCERT with Haryana Welfare Society for review and feedback. The feedback received may be shared with NCERT.



Item No. 12.3

Annual Report and Annual Accounts for the FY 2022-23

The Council approved the Annual Report and audited Annual Accounts for the FY 2022-23 and directed that henceforth Annual Report of the ISLRTC may be converted into ISL and the QR code should be added in the printed report.

Item No. 12.4

Status of result of DISLI and DTISL courses at ISLRTC for last three years.

The Council noted with deep concern very poor results of DISLI and DTISL students of ISLRTC this year. ISLRTC needs to ensure proper attendance of students, proper teaching by faculty, and strict monitoring of DISLI students to practice and develop their ISL skills. It was also noted with deep concern that a majority of DTISL students have failed their English paper. Director ISLRTC should ensure extra classes for these students. Tie up with some organisation for online/offline English language skills improvement for deaf students should be explored quickly.

Item No. 12.5

Waiver of course fee for parents and siblings of children with disabilities.

The Council approved the proposal that full course fee may be waived off for one of the parents or siblings of a child with benchmark disability if they take admission in the DISLI Course of ISLRTC. This may be considered from upcoming session and batch of 2024-26.

Following points were also discussed during the meeting with directions as mentioned against respective points:

On the line of TLM kits for different age groups of children developed by NEIPID for ID students, ISL TLM kits may be prepared and got included in ADIP for distribution at anganwadis, primary schools, early intervention Centres, etc. The kit may include videos of academic content in ISL taught by deaf teachers.

1. NIOS should target development of ISL as a language subject for classes 3, 5 and 8 by March, 2024. NIOS may consider providing online coaching / tutorial videos for school subjects.
2. All deaf children, even those with hearing aids and cochlear implants, should be encouraged to learn ISL.
3. Deaf-NP program which has been discontinued should be re-started in a big way.



4. ISLRTC should be involved in the examinations of DISLI and DTISL courses conducted by AYJNISHD, Mumbai.
5. ISLRTC has been trying do everything with their own staff, rather than working collaboratively with dozens, if not hundreds, of very reputed organisations and individuals in society, working tirelessly and passionately for the welfare of the deaf. This mindset needs to change, and ISLRTC has to become a facilitator, and do lot of things in a decentralized way, with active collaboration with the Community.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Z. Nish', written in a cursive style.

Annexure-I**List of Participants**

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	
1.	Sh. Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, DEPwD	President, General Council
2.	Sh. Rajesh Yadav, Joint Secretary, DEPwD	Member
3.	Shri Sanjay Pandey, Joint Secretary & FA, M/o Social Justice and Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan	Member
4.	Sh. G.K Bhojal, Under Secretary, Dept of Higher Education, Ministry of Education	Representing Sh. Mrutyunjay Behera,, Economic Advisor (HE), Dept of Higher Education, Ministry of Education
5.	Dr. Bharti Kaushik, Associate Professor, CIET, NCERT	Representative Ms. A Srija, Economic Advisor, Department of School Education and Literacy, Shastri Bhawan
6.	Dr. Raju Arakh, Officiating Director, AYJNISHD, Mumbai	Member
7.	Sh. K. Murali, Director, Deaf Leaders Foundation, Coimbatore	Member
8.	Shri Sandeep T.K.M, President, Deaf Enabled Foundation, Domalguda, Hyderabad	Member
9.	Smt. Usha Punjabi, Superintendent, MBS, Indore with (Attended: Smt. Monica Punjabi), IDBA, Indore	Member
10.	Sh. Mrityunjay Jha, Director, ISLRTC	Member Secretary

Following officials of ISLRTC were also present in the meeting

SI No	Name and Designation
1.	Sh. Sanjoy Shankar, Deputy Director (Administration), ISLRTC
2.	Sh. Harish Soni, Assistant Professor, 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.	Sh. Aviz, Section Officer, ISLRTC
7.	Sh. Islam Ul Haque, Master Trainer, ISLRTC
8.	Ms. Khushboo Soni, Master Trainer, ISLRTC
9.	Ms. Annu Gautam, Interpreter, ISLRTC
10.	Sh. Vishwajit Nair, Instructor, ISLRTC
11.	Sh. Sachin Singh, Instructor, ISLRTC
12.	Ms. Neha Rajput, Instructor (Contractual), ISLRTC