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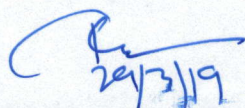
**Dear Sir/Madam,**

As you are aware, the Government has enacted the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 which came into force from 19.04.2017. The Act recognizes sign language as a means of communication which is especially useful while communicating to the persons with hearing impairment. Section 16 of the Act enjoins on the Government to ensure that all educational institutions funded or recognized provide inclusive education to the children with disabilities and also to ensure that education to hearing impaired persons is imparted in the most appropriate language and means of communication.

The Ministry has conceptualized the "Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan)" as a nation-wide flagship campaign for achieving universal accessibility that will enable persons with disabilities to gain access for equal opportunity and live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life in an inclusive society.

The Ministry has established Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre, as an autonomous body at New Delhi, dedicatedly for the purpose of developing manpower for using, teaching and conducting research in Indian Sign Language (ISL). The Centre released 1<sup>st</sup> edition of Dictionary of Sign Language containing 3000 words on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2018. The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Dictionary containing other 3000 words has been released on 27.02.2019. **The ISL Dictionary is also available on the Centre's YouTube channel.** Around 1000 videos have already been uploaded and the rest are in the process of being uploaded. The videos can be accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3AcGIlqVI4nJWCwHqHFXtg/videos>

In view of above, AICTE desires all its Approved Institutions to have at least a copy of ISL Dictionary in their library in order to abide by the provisions of RPwD Act, 2016, for the benefit of Students/Faculty/Staff belongings to this category.

  
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