

NEHRU GRAM BHARATI

(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)

KOTWA-JAMUNIPUR, DUBAWAL-221505 (UP)

Best Practice



**“Talking hands” Awareness cum Sensitization
Workshop on Indian Sign Language
(Basic Communication Skills)**

::Title of the Best Practice ::

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2. Objectives of the Practice

- To provide basic training about Indian Sign Language (ISL) to all the faculty members and students of Nehru Gram Bharati (Deemed to be University), Prayagraj. So that, they can facilitate communication with people who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- This will also enable the staff and students of NGB(DU) to acquire knowledge, skills and competencies in interpreting Indian Sign Language into other spoken languages and vice versa.

3. The Context

Hearing Impairment, if sufficiently severe has numerous primary and secondary effects on the human beings. It's primary effect, is the restriction it can impose on acquisition & use of language in communication. Its secondary effects are more widespread (particularly because of inappropriate measures of habilitation) can include impoverished communication that restricts experience, hinder personal/social development and prevent optimal educational attainment. The third level of adverse effect is found when the child is due to leave school. Poor educational attainments will restrict employment options, limit income and circumscribe the leisure activities. These restrains can in turn substantially reduce the quality of a person's life in a myriad of ways. As we are already aware that the effects of hearing impairment are not only limited to the affected individual rather such effects are also extended to the family of the person and to the society at large.

4. The Practice

As Indian Sign Language is one of the important and alternative mode of communication while communicating with individuals with Deafnesses therefore all the faculty members along with students perusing various programmes in the University are provided an ample exposure to learn Indian sign language (ISL). So that, they can communicate at basic level, with any hard of hearing or auditory challenged individual within the University premises or outside to create an Equitable and Inclusive society. Subsequently a pool of master trainers with specific strategic plan have provided, ISL training at a broader spectrum.

Training in ISL imparted to faculty members included:

1. Twenty-four day 40-minute sessions were conducted over a month.
2. After theoretical orientation in logical bases of manual communication, practical training commences with elementary manual alphabets, progressed through essential daily-life vocabulary necessary to construct simple sentences and carry out general conversations
3. Primary benefits such as improved awareness about non-verbal communication modes, mastery of basic skills in ISL, and positive attitudes towards sign languages are gained



03 Days Basic Indian Sign Language Training Programme [21-05-2022]



Sign Language Training Session under Talking Hands Programme



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5. Evidence of Success

All faculty members along with students enrolled in the various programmes are provided practical exposure about one hand and double hand Finger Spelling along with basic signs of ISL which are related with

1) Animals	2) Biographical information
3) Body parts and appearance	4) Calendar items and time – days, month
5) Character	6) Colours
7) Daily routines	8) Education
9) Environment, nature, weather and seasons	10) Family

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Basically initially less number of students were interested to attend the sessions but simultaneously by getting exposure on regular basis they were interested and learnt the ISL quickly and practiced with other students.

Notes:

1. It is recommended that Talking Hands programmes be made compulsory for all teaching institutions at all levels.
2. Nehru Gram Bharati (Deemed to be University) may be promoted as a nodal agency for promotion of the Talking Hands Programme.
