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Resources for Indian Sign Language



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Preface

- Integrating **Indian Sign Language (ISL)** into daily life promotes inclusivity and accessibility, fostering better communication between Deaf and hearing individuals. Here are a few resources where we can learn Sign Language

Online Platforms

- ***ISLRTC (Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre):***
- **Website:** www.islrtc.nic.in
- **Offerings:**
 - Comprehensive ISL courses and workshops.
 - Online ISL dictionary with thousands of signs.
 - Educational videos and learning materials.
- **Best For:** Beginners, educators, and interpreters.

Online Platforms

- ***SignAble App:***
- **Platforms:** Android and iOS.
- **Features:**
 - Live ISL interpreter services.
 - Interactive tools for learning ISL vocabulary.
 - Access to daily-use signs and scenarios.
- **Best For:** Real-time communication and learning.

Online Platforms

- ***Sign Learn by NCERT:***
- **Website:** [NCERT Portal](#)
- **Features:**
 - Free ISL learning videos tailored for school subjects.
 - Designed for students, parents, and teachers.
 - Covers educational terms in ISL.
- **Best For:** Students and educators in school settings.

Online Platforms

- ***YouTube Channels:***
- **ISLRTC Official Channel:**
 - Tutorials on ISL basics and advanced signs.
 - Free, accessible, and updated content.
- **Access Mantra:**
 - Videos on ISL grammar, storytelling, and vocabulary.
 - Content aimed at both Deaf and hearing learners.

Offline Resources

Deaf Enabled Foundation (DEF):

Location: Multiple centers across India.

Offerings:

Beginner to advanced ISL courses.

Workshops for educators and interpreters.

Support for integrating ISL into teaching.

Website: www.def.org.in

Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD):

Location: Mumbai (headquarters) and regional centers across India.

Programs:

ISL interpreter training programs.

ISL teaching diploma and certification courses.

Website: www.ayjnihh.nic.in

Offline Resources

. Books and Dictionaries

ISL Dictionary by ISLRTC:

Description: A comprehensive dictionary with over 10,000 signs.

Available Formats: Online videos and printed copies.

Best For: Learners at all levels.

Sign Language for Beginners by Deaf Enabled Foundation:

Content: Step-by-step guide to basic ISL signs.

Availability: Purchase at DEF centers or request via their website.

NCERT's Sign Language Glossary:

Description: Glossary for academic terms in ISL for students from Class I to XII.

Availability: Downloadable PDFs and videos on NCERT's website.

Professional Training

Indian Sign Language Interpreter Programs:

ISLRTC Diploma Courses:

Duration: 1-2 years.

Focus: Training professional ISL interpreters.

AYJNISHD Interpreter Certification:

Special courses for healthcare, legal, and academic ISL interpretation.

Workshops for Professionals:

Access Mantra:

Custom workshops for businesses, educators, and NGOs.

Focus on workplace integration of ISL.

Community Learning

Local Deaf Communities:

Joining Deaf clubs and associations is an excellent way to practice ISL.

Organizations like the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) host events and workshops.

Volunteer Programs:

Volunteering at schools or NGOs for the Deaf helps improve ISL skills and understanding of Deaf culture.

Technology-Enhanced Resources

AI-Based Learning Tools:

Apps like **EnAble India** offer ISL learning tools with AI-driven interactive features.

VR and AR Tools:

Emerging tools provide immersive ISL learning experiences, though still in development stages.

Indian Sign Language (ISL) training resources available in Tamil Nadu

- **1. Faculty of Disability Management and Special Education (FDMSE), Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI)**
- **Location:** Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- **Programs Offered:**
 - **Diploma in Indian Sign Language Interpretation (DISLI):** A two-year program recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India, focusing on developing professional ISL interpreters.
 - **Certificate Courses:** Part-time courses in areas like Theatre Arts and Holistic Development, beneficial for those interested in integrating ISL into various domains.
- **Sign Language Unit:** Offers training programs and resources for learning ISL, including basic and advanced courses.
- **Contact:**
 - **Website:** [FDMSE - RKMVERI](#)
 - **Phone:** (+91) 422-2697535

National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD)

- **Location:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- **Program Offered:**
 - **Diploma in Indian Sign Language Interpretation (DISLI):** A two-year diploma program aimed at training individuals to become proficient ISL interpreters. [cite?turn0search4??](#)
- **Contact:**
 - **Website:** [NIEPMD - DISLI Program](#)
 - **Phone:** (+91) 44-27472113

Deaf Enabled Foundation (DEF)

- **Presence in Tamil Nadu:** DEF operates in various states, including Tamil Nadu, offering ISL training for both Deaf and hearing individuals.
- **Programs Offered:**
 - **Indian Sign Language Classes:** Training programs designed for different proficiency levels, focusing on effective communication using ISL.
- **Contact:**
 - **Website:** [Deaf Enabled Foundation](http://DeafEnabledFoundation.org)
 - **Email:** info@def.org.in

Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU)

- **Location:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- **Programs Offered:**
 - **B.Ed in Hearing Impairment (Distance Mode):** A program aimed at training educators to teach students with hearing impairments, incorporating ISL into the curriculum.
- **Contact:**
 - **Website:** [TNOU](http://www.tnou.ac.in)
 - **Phone:** (+91) 44-24306600

Additional Considerations

- **Regional Variations:** While ISL is standardized, regional variations exist.
- In Tamil Nadu, local Deaf communities may have unique signs influenced by Tamil culture and language.
- **Community Engagement:** Engaging with local Deaf communities, attending workshops, and participating in events can enhance learning and provide practical experience.

Opportunities for Growth of ISL

- **Mandatory ISL Training:** Introduce ISL training in schools and workplaces across Tamil Nadu.
- **Integration in Public Services:** Increase the use of ISL interpreters in hospitals, courts, and government offices.
- **Digital Expansion:** Develop Tamil Nadu-specific ISL apps and digital tools to enhance learning and communication.

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