



# International Day of Sign Languages 2025

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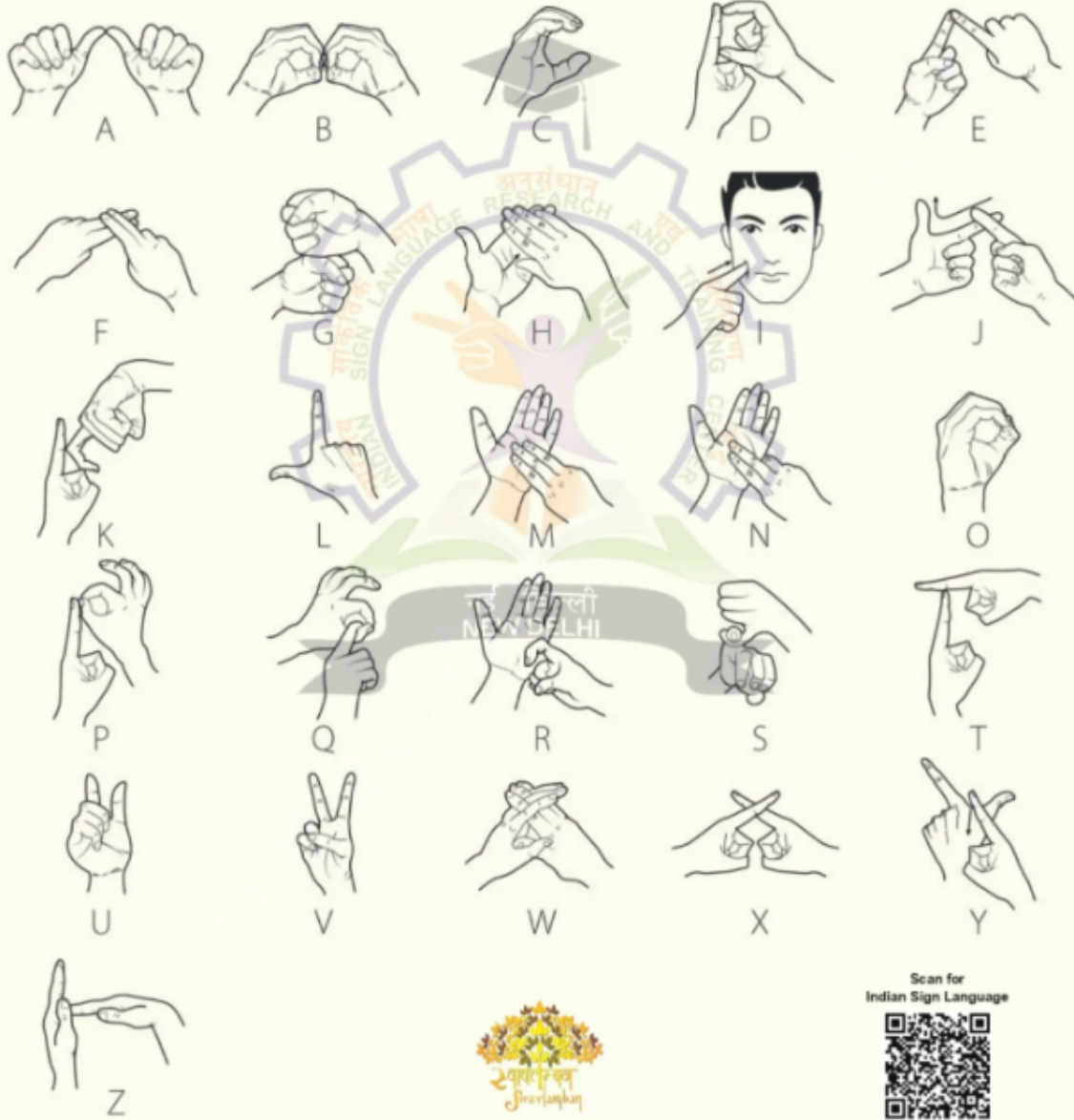
The **Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC)**, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, organized a grand celebration for "**Sign Language Day - 2025**" on 23rd September 2025.

- The Ministry of Education, in partnership with the Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET) and [NCERT](#), also held a Special Five-Day Live Programme on **Indian Sign Language** from 15th to 19th September 2025.

## Key Points

- **About:**
  - The [United Nations General Assembly](#) declared 23rd September as International Day of Sign Languages to underscore the significance of sign language in realizing the **human rights of Deaf people**.
  - The date marks the establishment of the **World Federation of the Deaf (WFD)** in 1951, which advocates for the rights and recognition of deaf individuals globally.
  - The **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**, which was adopted by the UN in 2006, recognizes sign languages as equal to spoken languages and **obligates states to promote** the linguistic identity of the Deaf community.
    - India was one of the first countries to ratify the Convention in 2007.
- **Theme:** This year's theme, "**No Human Rights Without Sign Language Rights**," calls for increased recognition of sign language as a tool for ensuring equality and dignity for individuals who are Deaf.
- **8th National Indian Sign Language Competition:** As part of the celebration, the winners of the 8th National Indian Sign Language Competition, which saw participants from schools across the country in 13 categories, were honored for **showcasing creativity and talent** within the Deaf community.

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