



# Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC)

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### 7<sup>TH</sup> INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE COMPETITION 2024

**Theme: Sign Up for Sign Language Rights**

ISLRTC is happy to announce the 7<sup>th</sup> Indian Sign Language Competition 2024. The competition is an opportunity for deaf/hard of hearing students to demonstrate their skills, creativity and knowledge in ISL.

2. ISLRTC invites entries from the following 05 categories.

- 1) Deaf children studying in classes 1-12 across India
- 2) Students of DTISL programme across India
- 3) Students of DISLI programme across India
- 4) Students of D.Ed Special Education (Hearing Impairment), B.Ed Special Education (Hearing Impairment) and M.Ed Special Education (Hearing Impairment) across India
- 5) Winners of previous 06 ISL Competitions from 2018 to 2023 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> rank winners)

3. The competition has the following areas and categories.

S.No.	Code	Competition Area	Category
1.	A1	Storytelling	Classes I-III
2.	A2	Storytelling	Classes IV-V
3.	A3	Joke	Classes VI-VIII
4.	A4	Essay	Classes IX-XII
5.	A5	Joke	Classes IX-XII
6.	B1	Comedy	DTISL students (Academic sessions 2023-25 & 2024-26)
7.	B2	Visual vernacular	
8.	B3	Essay	
9.	C1	Storytelling (Role play)	DISLI students (Academic sessions 2023-25 & 2024-26)
10.	C2	Essay	
11.	D1	Storytelling	D.Ed Special Education (HI), B.Ed Special Education (HI) & M.Ed Special Education (HI) (Academic sessions 2023-25 & 2024-26)
12.	D2	Teaching	
13.	E	Alphabet (A-Z) story or Number (1-10) story	Previous winners of 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> ranks of the 1 <sup>st</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> ISL Competitions (2018 to 2023)



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4. Deadline for submission of entries - **5 pm on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.**
5. Please go through the **Rules and Guidelines (Annexure I)** carefully before submitting your entry.
6. All video entries must be enclosed with the completed and signed **Forms (See Rules and Guidelines).**
7. For any queries, please email [competition.islrtn@gmail.com](mailto:competition.islrtn@gmail.com)

## **7<sup>TH</sup> INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE COMPETITION 2024**

### **RULES AND GUIDELINES**

#### **I. BACKGROUND**

The Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre (ISLRTC) is pleased to announce the 7<sup>th</sup> ISL Competition 2024 to encourage the skills of school students and to popularize Indian Sign Language. The Competition focuses on skills involving the use of Indian Sign Language for storytelling, jokes, essay, etc.

#### **II. ELIGIBILITY**

The following 05 categories are eligible to participate in the Competition.

- 1) Deaf children studying in classes 1-12 across India
- 2) Students of DTISL programme across India
- 3) Students of DISLI programme across India
- 4) Students of D.Ed Special Education (Hearing Impairment), B.Ed Special Education (Hearing Impairment) and M.Ed Special Education (Hearing Impairment) across India
- 5) Winners of previous 06 ISL Competitions from 2018-2023 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> rank winners)
  - (a) In this category, students who have won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranks of previous iterations of the ISL Competition from 2018 to 2023 are eligible to apply.
  - (b) Since some students would have passed out from school or completed their diploma courses, there is no restriction of enrolment in a school/institution for this category.

#### **III. RULES FOR ENTRIES**

- 1) A school/training institution can submit maximum 03 entries in each of the 13 competition areas. This means that a school/training institution can submit maximum 39 entries (3 entries per category x 13 categories = 39).
  - ➔ *Note – ISLRTC encourages schools and training institutes to conduct ISL Competitions at their level to motivate students to apply and to select the best 3 entries in a category from your school.*
- 2) One student can submit entry in only one category. Multiple entries from one student will be disqualified.
- 3) Winners of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranks of previous competitions from 2018 to 2023 can submit entries only in category E. They cannot submit entries in categories A to D.

#### **IV. AREAS & CATEGORIES**

The Competition has the following areas and categories:

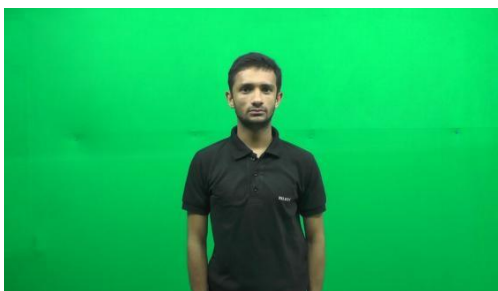
S.No.	Code	Competition Area	Category	Time limit
<b>Group A: Deaf students of classes I-XII</b>				
1.	A1	Storytelling	Classes I-III	Maximum 3 minutes
2.	A2	Storytelling	Classes IV-V	Maximum 3 minutes
3.	A3	Joke	Classes VI-VIII	Maximum 3 minutes
4.	A4	Essay	Classes IX-XII  Choose ONE topic: 1. Balanced Diet 2. Yoga and Health	Minimum 2 minutes and maximum 4 minutes
5.	A5	Joke	Classes IX-XII	Maximum 3 minutes
<b>Group B: Students of DTISL programme</b>				
6.	B1	Comedy	DTISL students (Academic sessions 2023-25 & 2024-26)  The entry can be in the form of a joke, stand-up comedy, story, VV, poem, song, etc. but it should have a humorous component.	Minimum 1 minute and maximum 3 minutes
7.	B2	Visual vernacular	DTISL students (Academic sessions 2023-25 & 2024-26)	Minimum 1 minute and maximum 5 minutes
8.	B3	Essay	DTISL students (Academic sessions 2023-25 & 2024-26)  Choose ONE topic: 1. Sign Up for Sign Language Rights 2. Diversity in Deaf Communities	Minimum 3 minutes and maximum 5 minutes
<b>Group C: Students of DISLI programme</b>				
9.	C1	Storytelling (Role Play)	DISLI students (Academic sessions 2023-25 & 2024-26)  Choose ONE topic and demonstrate a dialogue/ scene between the characters: 1. Police and criminal 2. Teacher and students 3. Doctor and patient	Maximum 3 minutes
10.	C2	Essay	DISLI students (Academic sessions 2023-25 & 2024-26)  Choose ONE topic: 1. Sign Up for Sign Language Rights 2. Diversity in Deaf Communities	Minimum 3 minutes and maximum 5 minutes
<b>Group D: Students of D.Ed, B.Ed and M.Ed Special Education (HI)</b>				
11.	D1	Storytelling	D.Ed, B.Ed, M.Ed Special Education (HI) (Academic session)	Minimum 2 minutes and maximum 3 minutes

			2023-25 & 2024-26) The story should be targeted at deaf children aged 4-5 years.	
12.	D2	Teaching	D.Ed, B.Ed, M.Ed Special Education (HI) (Academic session 2023-25 & 2024-26)  Choose one of the topics given below and explain it in ISL: 1. Recycling 2. Earth's Rotation and Revolution  The concept explanation should be targeted at students of class VI-VII.	Minimum 3 minutes and maximum 5 minutes
<b>Group E: Previous winners of ISL Competition 2018 to 2023</b>				
13.	E	Alphabet (A-Z) story or Number (1-10) story	Previous winners of the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> ranks of 1 <sup>st</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> ISL Competition (2018 to 2023)	Maximum 3 minutes

➔ For reference, please see the videos of winners of the 6th ISL Competition 2023 uploaded on ISLRTC's YouTube channel at: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFjydPMq4DapK4IRNVcUZGTMCqfAYIzNP&si=Oc8ytOac58bcqBI0>

#### V. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE VIDEO

1. The entry (video) must be presented individually (by one person only).
2. Attire:
  - a. For school students, the signer must be in school uniform.
  - b. DISLI/DTISL/D.Ed/B.Ed/M.Ed students must be in plain dress. The colours should be solid colours contrasting with the background.
3. Background: Use a solid color plain background.
4. Video frame: Please give enough space in all directions so that signs do not go out of the video frame. The video frame should cover the signer from head to waist, with appropriate space. An example picture is given below:



5. The video recording should be done in appropriate lighting so that the signer's face and hands are clearly visible (should not be dark or too bright).
6. No props/items/accessories can be used in the videos.

7. No special effects can be used in the videos.
8. Presentation:
  - a. Stand straight with both feet flat on the ground.
  - b. All signs must be performed naturally. Copy-signing another individual is not permitted.
  - c. The signing should be appropriately paced (not too fast or too slow to be distracting).
9. The entries must be practiced and delivered in a single telling (no editing).
10. At the beginning of the video, the student must sign an introduction. The signed introduction must include:
  - a. The signer's full name.
  - b. Class and school in which student is studying OR course and institute in which the student is studying.
  - c. The title of the story/joke/essay/visual vernacular/etc.
11. After the introduction, pause for 2-3 seconds before beginning the story/joke/essay/visual vernacular/etc.
12. Videos should be in MPG or MP4 format.
13. The video should not be edited in any way. The focus is on the sign content, so there should not be any editing of the signing (combining clips, changing speed, adding images, etc. are not permitted).
14. The video should not contain any logos of the school/institution/etc.

## VI. FORMS

### i. Group A category (classes I-XII):

Students of classes I-XII can submit their entries in two ways:

#### **OPTION 1: SUBMISSION VIA SCHOOL**

Please fill in **FORM 'A' at Annexure II**. The form must be signed by the teacher/HoD/principal. Please also attach photocopy of the student's ID card issued by the school.

**OR**

#### **OPTION 2: INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSION THROUGH PARENT**

Please fill in **FORM 'A' at Annexure III**. The form must be signed by the parent/guardian. Please also attach photocopy of the student's ID card issued by the school.

➔ Please select **only one option** for submission.

### ii. Groups B, C and D category (DTISL, DISLI, D.Ed, B.Ed, M.Ed):

Please fill **Form 'C' at Annexure IV**. The form must be forwarded through the training institution. Photocopy of ID card issued by training institution should be attached.

### iii. Group E:

Please fill **Form 'D' at Annexure V**. Please attach photocopy of your winner's certificate with the form.

## VII. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please choose **any one** of the following methods for submission of entries:

- 1) The forms and videos can be attached and emailed to [competition.islrtc@gmail.com](mailto:competition.islrtc@gmail.com). The school/institute name, student name, class, and category should be clearly mentioned in the email.
- 2) The forms and videos can be uploaded to Dropbox/Drive/YouTube, etc. and the link can be emailed to [competition.islrtc@gmail.com](mailto:competition.islrtc@gmail.com)
  - On Google Drive, the share setting should be “ANYONE WITH THE LINK”.
  - On YouTube, the privacy setting of the video should be “UNLISTED”.
- 3) The forms and videos can be submitted on pen drive (standard USB drive) or DVD to ISLRTC office by hand or by post at the following address: **Module no. 403-405, Fourth Floor, NSIC Business Park, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi -110020.**

## VIII. JUDGING CRITERIA

- (a) ISLRTC will screen the entries to ensure that all eligibility criteria, rules for number of entries, time limits, topics, etc. are followed as per the rules and guidelines. Entries that meet the criteria will be categorized as qualified for the competition.
- (b) In case the number of qualified entries is large, a shortlisting of entries will be done by ISLRTC based on the sign content (clarity, comprehensibility, etc.).
- (c) Winners will be decided by a Judges Panel of external ISL experts. The Judges Panel will judge the shortlisted entries on the following criteria.

### 1. Clarity

- a) The signing should be clear and comprehensible.

### 2. IS Production

- a) Signs should be well-formed (handshapes, location, etc.).
- b) The signs should be smoothly delivered rather than appearing jerky, confused, or with uncertain movements.
- c) Proper use of ISL grammar (use of space, facial expressions and non-manual movements, role shift, classifiers, etc.) should be demonstrated.

### 3. Content and Structure

- a) Stories and Jokes:
  - (i) Ideas and creativity will be considered while judging.
  - (ii) Stories and jokes translated from English/Hindi source material will be accepted, but preference will be given to content originating in ISL, or to content based on the participant's experience, or ideas.
  - (iii) For the jokes, the creativity and humour will be evaluated.
- b) Essay:
  - (i) Demonstration of knowledge, research done to understand the topic and critical thinking skills will be evaluated.
  - (ii) It is also important to organize the essay content with an introduction, main body and conclusion.
- c) Comedy: Creativity and humour.

- d) Visual vernacular: Creativity and use of various VV devices such as classifiers, characterization/personification, perspective, etc.
- e) Storytelling (role play) for group C: Creativity and use of role shift through body movements, eye gaze, etc.
- f) Storytelling for Group D (D.Ed / B.Ed / M.Ed): Use of ISL grammar and devices to make the story appropriate for a deaf child aged 4-5 years old such as use of space, characterization and role shift, visual descriptions, etc.
- g) Teaching for Group D (D.Ed / B.Ed / M.Ed): Ability to explain academic concepts in ISL.
- h) Alphabet Story or Number Story for Group E: Creativity in using alphabets and numbers, and storyline

## **IX. CERTIFICATES**

The winners of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranks will receive a certificate. There will be no consolation prize.

## **X. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 1) ISLRTC reserves the right to request verification from any contestant to determine their eligibility. ISLRTC may request to show the ID card or any other relevant documents, or may contact the school/training institute to verify eligibility.
- 2) Incomplete entries without the form/incomplete form, etc. will be summarily rejected.
- 3) ISLRTC/Judges Panel reserve the right to disqualify any entry due to poor quality, incomplete content, poor taste, inappropriateness of content, or cheating.
- 4) In case a school/institute submits more than the eligible number of entries (3 per category per school/training institute), ISLRTC reserves the right to disqualify all entries of that category from that school/training institute.
- 5) In case a student submits multiple entries, all entries submitted by that student will be disqualified.
- 6) It is the sole responsibility of the participant to submit videos without any quality defects. ISLRTC is not responsible for any technical problems with the pen drive, or if the video data is inaccessible.
- 7) Once the video is submitted, it will be considered as final and no changes will be entertained after submission.
- 8) Videos that do not meet the criteria given in this document will be disqualified.
- 9) The decision of the Judges Panel will be final. No communication regarding the result declared by ISLRTC will be entertained.
- 10) In case of any changes or amendment in the deadline, rules, etc. related to this announcement, it will be displayed on ISLRTC's website only. For detail and updates, please see ISLRTC's website [www.islrtc.nic.in](http://www.islrtc.nic.in).
- 11) The Competent Authority reserves the right for any amendment, cancellation or change in this announcement in whole or part thereof without assigning any reason.
- 12) By submitting an entry in ISLRTC's 7<sup>th</sup> ISL Competition 2024, the participant acknowledges and accepts the following.
  - (a) The entry video may be posted on ISLRTC's website and other media and social media sites.



- (b) The entry becomes the property of ISLRTC and will not be returned.
- (c) ISLRTC has the right to edit the entry video (eg. to add voice, subtitles, etc.).
- (d) ISLRTC has the right to use the information in the form and the entry video for various purposes, eg. publicity, awareness, developing teaching material, etc.
- (e) The decision of the Judges Panel will be final.

## **XI. DEADLINE**

The deadline for submission of entries **is 5 pm on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023.**

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### FORM 'A' - SCHOOL STUDENT ENTRY FORM (Group A - Submitted via School)

*To be filled in by the student/teacher.*

1. Student's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Class: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Gender (tick): Male / Female 4. Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Competition area/category (Tick): A1 / A2 / A3 / A4 / A5

Signature of student: \_\_\_\_\_

*To be filled in by the school.*

6. Teacher/HOD/Principal's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

7. School's full name and complete address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

10. I, \_\_\_\_\_, verify that the student \_\_\_\_\_ is currently enrolled in class \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the school).

11. **Attach one photocopy of the student's school ID card.**

**12. IMPORTANT:** By submitting this form, the student and the teacher/HOD/principal **acknowledge and accept** the following statements:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of teacher/HOD/Principal: \_\_\_\_\_



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### FORM 'B' - SCHOOL STUDENT ENTRY FORM (Group A - Submitted via Parent)

1. Student's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Class: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Gender (tick): Male / Female 4. Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Competition area/category (Tick): A1 / A2 / A3 / A4 / A5

6. School's full name and address: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Full name of parent/ legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Pin code: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

11. **Attach one copy of the student's school ID card.**

12. I, the undersigned, certify that I am the parent / legal guardian of the above-mentioned student. I hereby authorize my child/ward named above to participate in the said competition conducted by ISLRTC, and will ensure that my child/ward must obey all rules of the competition.

**13. IMPORTANT: By submitting this form, the student and the parent/guardian acknowledge and accept the following statements:**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_



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### FORM 'C' FOR DTISL/DISLI/D.ED/B.ED/M.Ed STUDENTS (Groups B, C, D)

1. Student's full name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Course (tick): DISLI/DTISL/D.Ed/B.Ed / M.Ed      3. Academic session (tick): 2023-25 / 2024-26
4. Institute name: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Institute address: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Competition area: B1 / B2 / B3 / C1 / C2 / D1 / D2
7. Email: \_\_\_\_\_      8. Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Home address: \_\_\_\_\_
- City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Pin code: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Attach copy of student ID card issued by the training institute.

**11. IMPORTANT:** By submitting this form, the student and the training institute **acknowledge and accept** the following statements:

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- (e) The decision of the Judges Panel will be final.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of student: \_\_\_\_\_

.....  
***Forwarded through institute***

I, the undersigned, verify that the student \_\_\_\_\_ is currently enrolled in DISLI /  
 DTISL/D.Ed/B.Ed/M.Ed at \_\_\_\_\_ for the academic session 2023-25 /  
 2024-26.

Name of course coordinator/academic head: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of course coordinator/academic head: \_\_\_\_\_



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### FORM 'D' FOR GROUP E

1. Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Class/Course (tick): School (class I-XII) / DISLI / DTISL / D.Ed / B.Ed / M.Ed / Other

3. School/Institute name and address (if applicable):  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Correspondence address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Pin code: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Details of competition won: (a) Year: \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Rank (tick): 1st / 2nd / 3rd

8. Attach copy of winner's certificate given by ISLRTC.

**9. IMPORTANT:** By submitting this form, the participant and the parent/guardian **acknowledge and accept** the following statements:

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- (e) The decision of the Judges Panel will be final.

*Self (if aged 18 years and above)*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of student: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

*By parent/ guardian (if aged less than 18 years)*

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the parent / legal guardian of the above-mentioned student. I hereby authorize my child/ward named above to participate in the said competition conducted by ISLRTC, and will ensure that my child/ward must obey all rules of the competition.

Full name of parent/ legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of parent/ legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_