



# Indian Sign Language Textbooks Released

## Why in News

On November 14, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar released Indian Sign Language textbooks up to class 5 prepared for the differently abled by the Hearing and Speech Disabled Welfare Center, Gurugram on Children's Day. Such textbooks have been prepared for the first time in the country.

## Key Points

- Textbooks have been prepared by this center for deaf and dumb children up to the age of 6 years and from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> standard, which will benefit the hearing and speech disabilities of the country along with Haryana state.
- The number of deaf and dumb people in the country is about 50 lakhs and in Haryana there are about 1.5 lakh such persons.
- Along with sign language, a digital sign language lab has been set up in this wellness center, where more than 600 videos have been made for hearing and speech disabilities, which were used during Covid.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also honored the students of Kalyan Kendra who excelled in sports at national and international level. Apart from this, he also felicitated the representatives of Colt Company which provided 350 laptops to this center and Batchtal Company which provided 2 digital screens and 17 staff members for supporting the operation of the Early Intervention Centre.
- Haryana State Road Development Corporation has also provided IT equipment and 140 tablets worth about Rs 48 lakh to this centre.

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