



# International Day of Sign Languages

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The [International Day of Sign Languages \(IDSL\)](#) is celebrated annually on **23rd September**, established by the **2017 UN General Assembly Resolution**. The resolution emphasises that access to sign language and quality education is crucial for the development of deaf individuals and the preservation of linguistic and cultural diversity.

- **Theme for 2024:** The theme is "**Sign Up for Sign Language Rights**," encouraging collective advocacy for sign language rights.
- 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](#) 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.
- In India, the **Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC)**, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, celebrates the IDSL.

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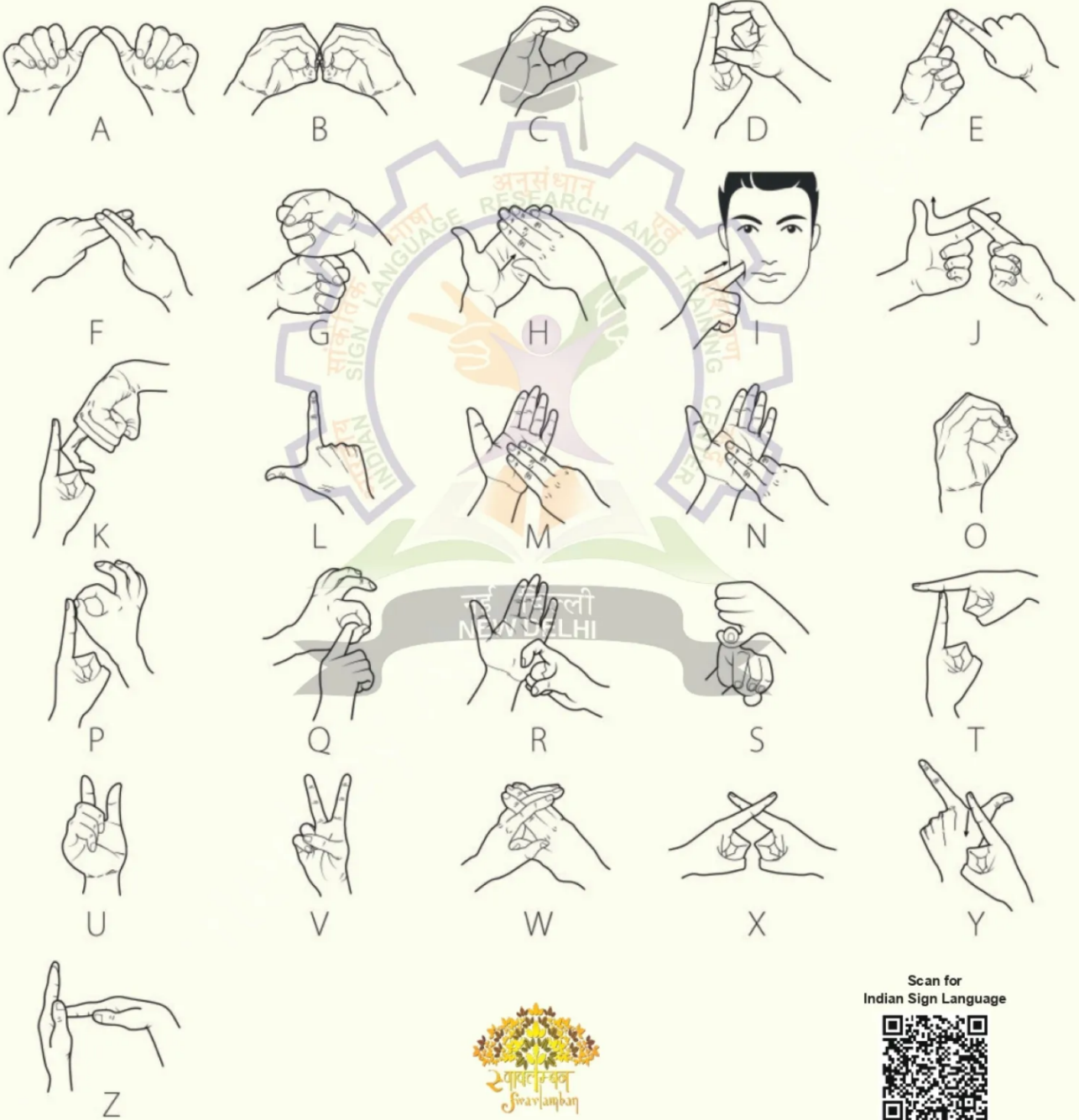
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