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## FIFTH INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE COMPETITION 2022

*Theme - AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV*

### ANNOUNCEMENT

**Announcement in ISL:** <https://youtu.be/FyuXXUvXJms>

ISLRTC is happy to announce the 5<sup>th</sup> Indian Sign Language Competition 2022. The competition is an opportunity for deaf/hard of hearing students to demonstrate their skills, creativity and knowledge in ISL. ISLRTC invites entries from the following three categories of individuals.

1. Deaf children studying in classes 1-12 across India
2. Deaf students studying in DTISL programme across India
3. Hearing students studying in DISLI programme across India

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	Essay	Classes VI-VIII
4.	A4	Essay	Classes IX-XII
5.	A5	Joke-telling	Classes IX-XII
6.	B1	Poem / Song / Lyrical composition	DTISL students (Academic sessions 2020-22 & 2021-23)
7.	B2	Visual vernacular	DTISL students (Academic sessions 2020-22 & 2021-23)
8.	B3	Essay	DTISL students (Academic sessions 2020-22 & 2021-23)
9.	C1	Storytelling	DISLI students (Academic session 2020- 22 & 2021-23)
10.	C2	Essay	DISLI students (Academic session 2020- 22 & 2021-23)

The deadline for submission of entries is **5 pm on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.**

Before submission, please see the attached **Rules and Guidelines (Annexure I).**

All video entries must be enclosed with the completed and signed **Forms (Annexures II - III).**

For any queries, please email [competition.islrtc@gmail.com](mailto:competition.islrtc@gmail.com)

**FIFTH INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE COMPETITION 2022*****THEME – Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*****RULES AND GUIDELINES****Rules and Guidelines in ISL: <https://youtu.be/HavDOjCKDCs>****I. ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre (ISLRTC) is pleased to announce the 5<sup>th</sup> ISL Competition 2022 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****Who is eligible to participate in the competition?**

- 1. Deaf children studying in classes I-XII across India**
- 2. Deaf students studying in DTISL programme across India**
- 3. Hearing students studying in DISLI programme across India**

ISLRTC reserves the right to request verification from any contestant to determine their eligibility.

**III. AREAS & CATEGORIES**

The Competition has the following areas and categories:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Competition Area</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Time limit</b>
<b><i>Group A: Deaf students of classes I-XII</i></b>				
1.	A1	Storytelling	Classes I-III	Max. 3 minutes
2.	A2	Storytelling	Classes IV-V	Max. 3 minutes
3.	A3	Essay	Classes VI-VIII  Choose ONE topic: 1. India's national flag 2. India's national sport 3. India's national animal 4. India's national bird 5. India's national flower	Minimum 2 minutes and maximum 4 minutes
4.	A4	Essay	Classes IX-XII	Minimum 3 minutes and maximum 5 minutes

			Choose ONE topic: 1. Forts in India 2. Historic Cities in India 3. Indian Fabrics and Textiles 4. Famous Indian Women 5. Indian Culture and Heritage	
5.	A5	Joke-telling	Classes IX-XII	Max. 3 minutes
<b>Group B: Students of DTISL programme</b>				
6.	B1	Poem / Song / Lyrical composition	DTISL students (Academic sessions 2020-22 & 2021-23)	Max. 3 minutes
7.	B2	Visual vernacular	DTISL students (Academic sessions 2020-22 & 2021-23)	Minimum 1 minute and maximum 5 minutes
8.	B3	Essay	DTISL students (Academic sessions 2020-22 & 2021-23) Choose ONE topic: 1. Constitution of India 2. India as a Democracy 3. Patriotism	Minimum 3 minutes and maximum 5 minutes
<b>Group C: Students of DISLI programme</b>				
9.	C1	Storytelling	DISLI students (Academic session 2020- 22 & 2021-23)	Maximum 3 minutes
10.	C2	Essay	DISLI students (Academic session 2020- 22 & 2021-23) Choose ONE topic: 1. Constitution of India 2. India as a Democracy 3. Patriotism	Minimum 3 minutes and maximum 5 minutes

#### IV. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE VIDEO

1. The entry (video) must be presented individually.
2. For school students, the signer must be in school uniform.
3. DISLI/DTISL students must be in plain dress. Use a solid color background with appropriate clothing (i.e. solid colors, colors contrasting with the background).
4. The entries must be practiced and delivered in a single telling (no editing).
5. At the beginning of the video, the student must sign an introduction. The signed introduction must include:
  - a. The signer's first 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/poem/visual vernacular
6. After the introduction, pause for 2-3 seconds before beginning the story/joke/essay/visual vernacular/poem.
7. Presentation:

- a. Stand straight with both feet on the flat 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).
8. 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:



9. No props can be used in the videos.
10. No special effects can be used in the videos.
11. Videos should be in MPG or MP4 format.

## **V. FORMS**

### **Submission of forms by Group A category (classes 1-12):**

Students of classes 1-12 have to submit the form at Annexure II. Students may submit their entries in two ways:

OPTION 1: Submission via school with signature of teacher/principal:

- (i) The student has to fill in Part I of the form.
- (ii) The school teacher/principal/etc. has to fill in Part II.

OR

OPTION 2: Individual submission with signature of parents:

- (i) The student has to fill in Part I of the form.
- (ii) The parent/legal guardian has to fill in Part III of the form.

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

### **Submission of forms by Groups B and C category (DTISL and DISLI):**

Students of DTISL and DISLI have to submit the form at Annexure III. Students have to fill in the form. The form has to be forwarded to ISLRTC through their institution.

## **VI. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Once the video submitted that will be considered as final and no changes will be entertained after submission. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to submit videos without any quality defects.

The submission of entries can be done by the following methods:

- 1) The forms and videos can be attached and emailed to [competition.islrtc@gmail.com](mailto:competition.islrtc@gmail.com)

- 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 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 (address given above) by hand or by post.

The school name, student name, class, and category should be clearly mentioned in the email.

**Note:** ISLRTC is not responsible for any technical problems with the pen drive, or if the video data is inaccessible.

**Videos that do not meet the criteria given in sections II-VI above will be disqualified.**

## VII. JUDGING CRITERIA

### 1. Clarity and Presentation

- a) The signing should be clear.

### 2. ISL Production

- a) Hand shapes should be well-formed.
- b) The signs should be smoothly delivered rather than appearing jerky, confused, or with uncertain movements.
- c) Proper use of space, role play, classifiers, etc. should be demonstrated.
- d) Display clear facial expressions and non-manual movements.

### 3. Content and Structure

For the story/ jokes/ essay, the judges want to have a clear understanding of the content. Ideas and creativity for the story and jokes will be considered while judging. For the essay, demonstration of knowledge and opinions will be evaluated. It is also important to organize the essay content with an introduction, main body and conclusion.

Stories 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.

**Note:** The panel of judges reserves the right to disqualify any entry due to poor quality, incomplete content, poor taste, inappropriateness of content, and cheating.

## VIII. CERTIFICATES

- Winners will be decided by a Judges Panel of ISL experts. The decision of the panel will be final.
- The winners of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranks will receive a certificate. All participants will be given an e-certificate of participation.
- There will be no consolation prize.

## IX. DEADLINE

The deadline for submission of entries is **5 pm on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022.**

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**Fifth Indian Sign Language Competition 2022**

**SCHOOL STUDENT ENTRY FORM**

**PART I: STUDENT FORM**

*To be filled in by the student.*

1. Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. School name and place: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Class: \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Student's home address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Competition area: \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Competition category: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Entry title: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: Tick the boxes given below to acknowledge that you have read the following statements:**

- 1. I understand that my entry video may be posted on ISLRTC's website and other media and social media sites.
- 2. I understand that my entry becomes the property of ISLRTC and will not be returned.
- 3. I understand that ISLRTC has the right to edit my entry video (eg. to add voice/subtitles, etc.).
- 4. I understand that ISLRTC may use my entry video for various purposes, eg. publicity, awareness, developing teaching material, etc.
- 5. I understand that in the selection process, the decision of the Judges Panel will be final.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Fifth Indian Sign Language Competition 2022

### SCHOOL STUDENT ENTRY FORM

#### PART II: SCHOOL FORM

*To be filled in by the school.*

1. Teacher/HOD/Principal name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. School name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**IMPORTANT: Tick the boxes given below to acknowledge that you have read the following statements:**

- 1. I understand that the entry videos submitted by the students of my school may be posted on ISLRTC's website and other media and social media sites.
- 2. I understand that all entries become the property of ISLRTC and will not be returned.
- 3. I understand that ISLRTC has the right to edit the students' video entries (eg. to add voice/subtitles, etc.).
- 4. I understand that ISLRTC may use the entry videos for various purposes, eg. publicity, awareness, developing teaching material, etc.
- 5. I understand that in the selection process, the decision of the Judges Panel will be final.

Date:

Signature:

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**SCHOOL STUDENT ENTRY FORM**  
**PART III: PARENT CONSENT FORM**

1. Student name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Class: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Home address (with state and pin code): \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
5. School name and address: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
6. Competition area: \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Competition category: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Entry title: \_\_\_\_\_

***Parent Information***

9. Name of parent(s)/ legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Address (if other than that of student): \_\_\_\_\_
- City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Pin code \_\_\_\_\_
11. Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone number: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the parent / legal guardian of the above-mentioned participant. I hereby authorize my child named above to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Sign Language Competition, 2021, for which I have registered him/her. I understand that my child must obey all rules and follow the instructions of the competition.

**IMPORTANT: Tick the boxes given below to acknowledge that you have read the following statements:**

1. I understand that the entry video submitted by my child may be posted on ISLRTC's website and other media and social media sites.
2. I understand that my child's entry video becomes the property of ISLRTC and will not be returned.
3. I understand that ISLRTC has the right to edit my child's entry video (eg. to add voice/subtitles, etc.).
4. I understand that ISLRTC may use my child's entry video for various purposes, eg. publicity, awareness, developing teaching material, etc.
5. I understand that in the selection process, the decision of the Judges Panel will be final.

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

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

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**DISLI / DTISL STUDENT ENTRY FORM**

1. Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Course (DISLI/DTISL): \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Academic session (2020-22 / 2021-23): \_\_\_\_\_
4. Student's email: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Student's residential address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Competition area: \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Competition category: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Entry title: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Institute name: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: Tick the boxes given below to acknowledge that you have read the following statements:**

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2. I understand that my entry/entries become the property of ISLRTC and will not be returned.
3. I understand that ISLRTC has the right to edit my entry video (eg. to add voice/subtitles, etc.).
4. I understand that ISLRTC may use my entry video for various purposes, eg. publicity, awareness, developing teaching material, etc.
5. I understand that in the selection process, the decision of the Judges Panel will be final.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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***Forwarded through institute***

I, the undersigned, verify that the student \_\_\_\_\_ is currently enrolled in DISLI / DTISL at \_\_\_\_\_ for the academic session 2020-22 / 2021-23.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name & Signature of course coordinator/academic head: \_\_\_\_\_