

HACK AND TACKLE 3.0 PHASE II

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ABSTRACT

Survey shows India has 18 million deaf people with just 250 certified sign language interpreters. India being a multilingual country must recognise sign language as a linguistic minority rather than alienating the language and its people. Like any other language, ISL needs to be accepted as a language. People are often ignorant towards the deaf community and neglect their cultures. Many are forced to speech therapy, written communication and lipreading thereby discouraging the practice of sign language. Most deaf people are uncomfortable to talk as they are unaware of their voice and are conscious of how people might react to their voices. This not only limits their communication but their language ability is stunted as they are forced to communicate in a language they know partially. The society has created a barrier for the deaf community. The deaf community allows individuals to be themselves. There is more to a person regardless if they can hear or not. Education, job opportunities, social activities pose as a huge obstacle for the deaf community as there is no proper support for them.

To break down this stigma we need to build a bridge for hearing and the deaf people. We must create more awareness about the deaf culture and the brilliance of sign language. Our website is going to help people to know more about the deaf community and their lives. It not only teaches about the culture but also basic sign language. With the help of deaf community and other organisations related to this field, we can host events and also have live sessions.