ITL Conducts Teacher Training Program on Sign Language

Name of the event	:	Teacher Training Program on Sign Language
Date	:	24 November, 2021
Venue	:	Multi-Purpose Hall
Conducted By	:	Dept of Psychology and Inclusion
Attended by	:	Teachers of ITL Public School

Signs are to eyes what words are to ears…..

A Teacher Training Program on Sign Language was conducted **on 24 November, 2021** for the teachers **of ITL Public School.** The Resource Person for this event was **Ms Smriti Nagpal**, a sign language interpreter and the founder of **Atulyakala**, India's first deaf-run lifestyle brand. The session aimed at throwing light on **Sign Language** which is an extremely important communication tool for many deaf and hard-of-hearing people. Sign language isn't just about the hands, it is also about the movement of a person's arms, body and facial expressions. Amongst the myriad achievements of the Recourse Person it is worth mentioning that she has earned a place in the BBC's 100 Inspirational Women List in 2015 and is also included in Forbes 30 Under 30 list 2016. She is also the recipient of Devi Award and the winner of Youth Activist Nelson Mandela Civics Innovation 2016 Award. **And it is a matter of great pride that she is an Ex-Student of ITL Public School only**!!!

The workshop empowered the teachers with the techniques to communicate effectively with the students who are deaf or hard of hearing. The interactive session equipped the teachers with the knowledge of letters, numbers and colours in sign language. Few words like (thank you, please, sorry, welcome) which are used in day-to-day conversation and some short sentences were taught.

Empowering teachers was indeed a great step as knowledge of sign language would help in inclusion for the children with disability in hearing which means they can be educated with in the same system as their hearing peers. It was an immensely fruitful and enriching session adding a new dimension to the knowledge of teachers to help them deal and tackle students with hearing disability confidently and smoothly.