

## Session on “Indian Sign Language”

Mr. Ashish Anand, Special Educator of APS Jammu Cantt, was invited as Resource Person by Army Public School Pathankot to conduct a session on- “Indian Sign Language” on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024 for the special Educators and Counsellors of 16 Army Public Schools under the 9 Corps of Western Command AWES. Mrs Shivani Bali, Head-mistress of APS Pathankot inaugurated the session by welcoming the Resource Person and all the participants in the workshop which was in the online mode.

Mr. Ashish briefed the participants about the importance of Sign Language and how Deaf Community uses different signs in their day-to-day communication and exchange of ideas between them. The participants were taught and practised all the basic signs (beginning from Alphabets to the Classroom) required for day-to-day communication with the Deaf/Hearing Impaired children/people.

Opportunities were provided to all the participants also to practice the Signs one-by-one. The session was very interactive and fruitful as all the participants actively involved themselves and practiced the signs. The participants really enjoyed being part of this workshop and demanded another session of this workshop in the future to learn further about the Signs used by the Deaf community in the society.

Counsellor of APS Pathankot ended the session with the closing remarks and encouraged all the participants to keep practicing the Signs they have learned in the workshop and assured the participants to organize another session on “Indian Sign Language” in the near future.

