



2023 WFD

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WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF
JEJU | KOREA**



**19th World Congress &
21st General Assembly**

of the

World Federation of the Deaf

08th - 15th July 2023

ICC Jeju, Jeju Island, South Korea



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Report

All India Federation of the Deaf (AIFD) has since 1955 been one of the long standing Ordinary Members (OMs) of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD). One National Association of the Deaf represents one country and there are 137 active OMs as per latest membership status shared by the WFD. Former Presidents and General Secretaries of the AIFD have represented the Federation in the past.



SUNIL SAHASRABUDHE



ROSHAN KUMAR



Shri. Sunil Sahasrabudhe, the President and Shri. Roshan Kumar, the General Secretary of the AIFD (2022 - 2026) made their first participation in the 21st General Assembly and 19th World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf held at International Convention Centre, Jeju Island, South Korea from 8th to 15th July 2023.





During the General Assembly held on 9th and 10th July 2023, the nominated candidates were voted, elected and appointed as board members of WFD for the period 2023 - 2027. Mr. Joseph Murray was re-elected as President of the WFD with a few new faces as members on the board.

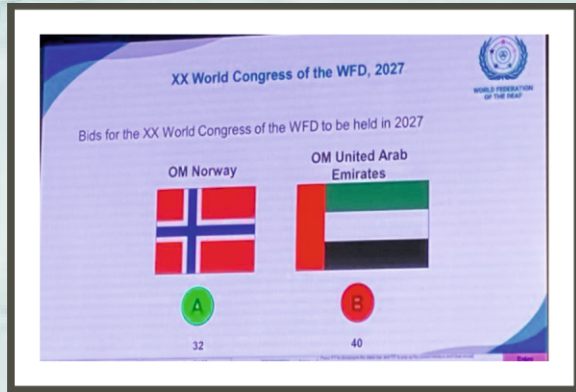
Shri. Sunil Sahasrabudhe, in a different role as the Consultant and Researcher in the field of Deaf Education, represented the Orjet Foundation and he co-presented a paper on “Sign Language based Online Education for the Deaf children during the COVID - 19 Pandemic” on 13th July 2023 at the congress which was received well among the audience worldwide. Since he is also the President of the AIFD, it was a proud moment for us all.



The WFD President Mr. Joseph Murray delivered his presentation at the world congress in which one of his demonstrative videos featured Shri. Roshan Kumar narrating his experience.



Kenya received the honour to host the next WFD Conference in 2025 while United Arab Emirates won the competition from Norway and Nigeria by vote to host the next quadrennial event that is 22nd General Assembly and 20th World Congress of the WFD likely to be held at Abu Dhabi in 2027.



Ms. Manali Dangi from Indore, Madhya Pradesh, representing the AIFD, was among nominated candidates to receive sponsorship to attend the WFD event in South Korea. She was selected by the WFD as the only woman representative from developing nations in Asia and was given sponsorship of return air tickets.



MANALI DANGI



The Deaf Indian diaspora from different countries who came to participate in the World Congress at Jeju, South Korea gathered over dinner one evening to celebrate Indianness together.