**APPENDIX- I**

**CHECKLIST FOR ASSESSING THE USAGE OF GADGETS FOR INTERNET ACCESS**

1. Do you have access to internet facilities?
   a. Work place ☐ Yes ☐ No
   b. College ☐ Yes ☐ No
c. Home ☐ Yes ☐ No
d. Public places ☐ Yes ☐ No
e. Internet centre ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Are you using the following gadgets?
   a. Cell phone ☐ Yes ☐ No
   b. Desktop ☐ Yes ☐ No
c. Laptop computer ☐ Yes ☐ No
d. I Pad ☐ Yes ☐ No
e. Tablet ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Do you personally have each of the following items?
   a. Cell phone ☐ Yes ☐ No
   b. Desktop ☐ Yes ☐ No
c. Laptop computer ☐ Yes ☐ No
d. I Pad ☐ Yes ☐ No
e. Tablet ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Do you use the internet from your _______
   a. Cell phone ☐ Yes ☐ No
   b. Desktop ☐ Yes ☐ No
c. Laptop computer ☐ Yes ☐ No
d. I Pad ☐ Yes ☐ No
e. Tablet ☐ Yes ☐ No
APPENDIX- II

SCALE FOR ASSESSING THE USAGE OF INTERNET

1. Do you ever use the internet for the following activities?

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<td>b. News / information about current events / politics</td>
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<td>c. Social networking (Whatsapp, Facebook, etc..)</td>
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<td>d. Online purchase</td>
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<td>e. Create or work on your own online journal or blog</td>
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<td>f. Share something online that you created yourself, such as your own artwork, photos, stories or videos</td>
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<td>g. Take material you find online - like songs, text or images - and remix it into your own artistic creation</td>
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<td>h. Video call or chat</td>
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2. Change of usage from a year ago

- Significantly Increased
- Increased
- No Change
- Decreased
- Significantly Decreased

3. About how many months/ years have you been an internet user?

- Six months or less
- A year
- Two years
- Three years
- More than three years

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APPENDIX- III

Usage of Social Media among Persons with Hearing Impairment
CHECKLIST FOR ASSESSING THE COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES IN SOCIAL MEDIA

1. Have you ever created your own profile online that others can see on any social networking site (Twitter, Facebook, Whatapp, etc.)?  
   □ Yes  □ No

2. What kinds of social media do you prefer to use?  
   a. Google+  □ Yes  □ No
   b. Facebook  □ Yes  □ No
   c. Twitter  □ Yes  □ No
   d. Skype  □ Yes  □ No
   e. Viber  □ Yes  □ No
   f. Whatsapp  □ Yes  □ No
   g. Other  □ Yes  □ No

3. Purpose for using social media networks  
   a. Social  □ Yes  □ No
   b. Entertainment  □ Yes  □ No
   c. Education  □ Yes  □ No
   d. Professional  □ Yes  □ No
   e. Other  □ Yes  □ No

4. With whom do you communicating in social media?  
   a. Deaf friends/relatives  □ Yes  □ No
   b. Hearing friends/relatives  □ Yes  □ No
   c. Teachers  □ Yes  □ No
   d. Work place  □ Yes  □ No
   e. Above all  □ Yes  □ No

5. What language do you use in social media?  
   a. Sign and Images  □ Yes  □ No
   b. Sign, Images and English  □ Yes  □ No
   c. Sign, Images and Tamil  □ Yes  □ No
   d. English  □ Yes  □ No
   e. Tamil  □ Yes  □ No
### APPENDIX- IV

**SCALE FOR ASSESSING THE USAGE OF SOCIAL MEDIA**

1. Who introduced social media to you?
   - □ Parents
   - □ Relatives
   - □ Friends
   - □ Teachers
   - □ Colleagues

2. How often do you use social media?
   - □ Several times a day
   - □ Once a day
   - □ Once a week
   - □ Occasionally
   - □ Rarely

3. How much time do you spend in social media per day?
   - □ 15 minutes
   - □ 30 minutes
   - □ 45 minutes
   - □ One hour

4. On an average day, about how many text messages do you send and receive on your cell phone?
   - □ 1-10
   - □ 11-20
   - □ 21-50
   - □ 51-100
   - □ >100

5. How many social networking web sites do you currently have a profile on?
   - □ 1
   - □ 2
   - □ 3
   - □ >4

6. How many friends or followers do you have in each of the following social media sites?
   - □ <25
   - □ 25-50
   - □ 50-75
   - □ 75-100
   - □ >100

7. Is there any difference in amount of personal use of different forms of Social Media compared with use a year ago?
   - □ Significantly Increased
   - □ Increased
   - □ No Change
   - □ Decreased
   - □ Significantly Decreased
8. How important are social media to you?
   - [ ] They are actually un important to me
   - [ ] They are alright but I can do without
   - [ ] My appreciation is somewhere in the middle
   - [ ] They are important to me
   - [ ] They are indispensable to me

9. What are the reasons for choosing social media?

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10. What are the specific ways you communicate with your friends using social networking sites?

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<td>c. Send private messages to a friend within the social networking site</td>
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<td>d. Send SMS or text messages to a friend through the social networking site</td>
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<td>e. Post comments to a friend’s blog</td>
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<td>f. Add comments to a friend’s picture</td>
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<td>g. Join groups on a social networking site</td>
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APPENDIX- V

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Name : 
2. Address : 
   Mobile Number : 
   E-mail ID : 
3. Age (in years) : 
4. Gender : □ Male □ Female
5. Educational Qualification : 
6. Locality : □ Rural □ Urban
7. Occupation : 
8. Household income (Per month) : 
9. Hearing Status : □ Mild □ Moderate □ Severe □ Profound
10. Assistive listening devices: □ Aid □ Cochlear implant □ None
11. What is/are your primary means of communication? □ Sign & speech □ Speech and lip-reading □ Sign language □ Social Media □ Other