

Government of India's Presidential Awards for Sanskrit and Classical Languages

Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India has invited recommendations/nominations for Presidential Award of Certificates of Honours to distinguished scholars of Sanskrit, Pali, Prakrit, Arabic, Persian, Classical Tamil, Classical Oriya, Classical Kannada, Classical Telugu and Classical Malayalam and Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman for young scholars in the same fields.

2. The Scheme for the Award of the Certificates of Honours was introduced in the year 1958 to honour the scholars of Sanskrit, Arabic and Persian languages. The scheme was extended to cover Pali/Prakrit in year 1996. Certificate of Honour is awarded to scholars of eminence over 60 years of age with outstanding contribution in the field of Sanskrit, Arabic, Persian, Pali/Prakrit. This scheme included one award of Certificate of Honour to one Scholar of either of Pali or Prakrit for a year. In addition to this, the scheme also provides for Maharshi Madrayan Vyas Samman for young scholars in the age group of 30 to 45 years in the field of Sanskrit, Pali/Prakrit, Arabic and Persian.

3. From the year 2016 onwards, 32 more awards i.e. 8 each for four classical languages namely, Classical Kannada, Classical Telugu and Classical Malayalam Classical Oriya are also introduced. They are life time achievement awards to scholars in India and also to those living abroad (foreign and Indian nationals) and Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman for young scholars in these Classical languages.

4. In this regard, it is stated that a certificate, a shawl and one time cash award as mentioned below are given to the awardees: i. Rs. 5.00 lakh each for Certificate of Honour ii. Rs. 5.00 lakh each for Life Time Achievement awards (includes international Awards. iii. Rs. 1.00 lakh each for Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman awards.

5. The **Scheme also provides for one International Award of Certificate of Honor to a Non-resident Indian or person of non-Indian origin** with outstanding contributions in the field of Sanskrit and Two International Awards (one each for person of Indian and Non-Indian Origin) in each of the languages of Classical **Oriya, Classical Kannada, Classical Telugu and Classical Malayalam.**

4. Nominations are, therefore invited in the category of International Award of Certificate of Honor for the following languages:

| S.No. | language | Awards |
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| 1. | Sanskrit | Certificate of Honour- 1 International Award for non-resident Indian or persons of non- Indian origin carrying a one-time cash grant of Rs.5.00 lakh |
| 2. | Classical Kannada | Certificate of Honour- 2 International Awards (one each for person of Indian and non- Indian Origin) carrying a one-time cash grant of Rs.5.00 lakh each |
| 3. | Classical Telgu | Certificate of Honour- 2 International Awards (one each for person of Indian and non- Indian Origin) carrying a one time cash grant of Rs.5.00 lakh each |
| 4. | Classical Malayalam | Certificate of Honour- 2 International Awards (one each for person of Indian and non- Indian Origin) carrying a one time cash grant of Rs.5.00 lakh each |

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| 5. | Classical Oriya | Certificate of Honour- 2 International Awards (one each for person of Indian and non- Indian Origin) carrying a one time cash grant of Rs.5.00 lakh each |
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General guidelines and preform for recommendation:

1. Scholars whom should have written their books in Sanskrit language only and not on Sanskrit in any other languages. If the scholars books are not found written in Sanskrit language, their applications will not be considered for awards. Similarly, this will be applicable to scholars in other language including Classical languages. Further, it may also be ensured by the recommending authorities for consideration of award under the Classical languages , the scholar must have worked in the Classical texts of languages and about Classical phase of the language even though the resulted works might be in modern form of language
2. While recommending the names for the Awards, it may be stressed that awards are meant for scholars who are proficient in the respective languages and the respective fields of specialization and not those with just a smattering knowledge of the literature available in these languages. It is further emphasized that all the recommending authorities may kindly take cognizance of the fact that the scholars who are being recommended for the Certificate of Honour has done exemplary work in their respective languages. In other words, the concerned recommending authorities in the Sanskrit language may kindly ensure that the scholar who is being recommended for the Certificate of Honour has written/published books in Sanskrit rather than on Sanskrit, which will otherwise defeat the purpose for which the award is given.
3. Particulars in respect of the scholars recommended for the award may be furnished in the attached proforma. In the absence of full details, it becomes difficult to give due consideration to the recommendations. It is, therefore, requested that full particulars may kindly be furnished against each column of the proforma. With regard to, the awards in the international scholars category is concerned, it is requested to furnish a resume of the published books of the scholar along with the nomination of the recommended persons in not more than two pages to facilitate the Selection Committee to assess the suitability of the scholar to the award. Further, they may also provide the English translation of the title and work of the scholars if they are in a different language

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| 3. | i) Date of Birth | : | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>D</td><td>D</td><td></td><td>M</td><td>M</td><td></td><td>Y</td><td>E</td><td>A</td><td>R</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> </tr> </table> | D | D | | M | M | | Y | E | A | R | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 4. | (a) Qualifications with the name of University, Year and Class / Division | : | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (b) Experience with details of organization served, post held and period served. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (c) Subject of specialization | : | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>FOR TRADITIONAL SCHOLARS</u> (Wherever applicable) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) Place and duration of study and names of <u>GURUS</u> . | : | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (b) Higher texts in which the traditional Scholars specialized. | : | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (c) Number of students who studied under him and the extent to which they were taught. | : | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (d) Degrees/Diploma, if any with name of the examining body and year. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. | (a) Shakhya studied (b) Vikrit Pathas specialised (c) Whether studies Bhashya? If so, examination passed. | : | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. | Books/publication (a) written (b) edited (c) translated indicating subject/language | : | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. | Number of students/Research Scholars who received Ph D/D. Litt. etc. under his guidance. | : | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. | Recognition/honors already received, i) Title of the recognition / honor ii) year iii) the conferring authority/organization | : | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9. | Special contribution towards popularization of language concerned with details | : | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. | Conferences / Poetic Symposia/debates/Vidwat Sabha attended if any (Indicate place, date and details of the organizers & research papers presented) | : | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11. | Breakthrough made or work done in inter-disciplinary studies involving contribution of Sanskrit/ Persian/ Arabic /Pali/ Prakrit or Classical | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | Languages of Classical Kannada/ Classical Telugu/ Classical Malayalam/ Classical Oriya or ancient Indian wisdom to the process of synergy between modernity and tradition | |
| 12 | Please state the special reasons/detailed justification for recommending the scholar for the award. | : |

I also certify that Shri/Smt./Kum.....has not been awarded theearlier for which I am recommending his/her name.

Signature of the recommending Authority

(Name and seal of the recommending Authority)

Note 1: Copy of the best five (maximum) Book/Publications by the nominee must be enclosed; otherwise the recommendation shall not be entertained. After the selection process is completed, the same will be returned by Central Sanskrit University (Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan), New Delhi.

Note 2: #This column is required to be filled specifically in respect of scholars recommended for Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman and other scholars with IT and Science background.

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CHARACTER & ANTECEDENT CERTIFICATE

I, _____ s/o,d/o _____
resident of _____, capacity of _____ (in case the
recommending authority is a previous awardee of Certificate of Honour, the year of Award maybe indicated),
do hereby confirm that Shri _____ s/o, d/o of Shri
_____ resident
of _____ is known to me for the last _____ years and
that he /she bears a good moral character. He/she has no case pending against him/her in any Court of
Law and that he/she has never been prosecuted/ convicted in the past.

I also do hereby undertake to intimates the Govt. Forthwith occurrence of any event that will make the
nominee ineligible for the Award.

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Signature of recommending Authority

Designation: _____

Place:

Date:

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