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India confers Padma Shri Award to Father Carlos González Vallés

On the occasion of the 72nd Republic Day, the Government of India has announced *Padma Shri Award*- the fourth highest civilian award of India, to Father Carlos González Vallés (posthumous) for his contributions in the field of Literature and Education. Father Vallés was a Spanish priest who served as a Mathematics teacher in the state of Gujarat and wrote extensively in Gujarati, English, and Spanish languages.

Father Vallés spent five decades loving India- its people and its culture, and his devotion to teaching and writing books on mathematics and theology is a source of inspiration for all. His passing away in November 2020 was mourned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This is the second-ever Padma Shri Award conferred to a Spanish national and highlights the importance of people-to-people linkages in providing a strong foundation to India-Spain bilateral relations.

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