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Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi,
Dated the 5th March, 2021

To

1) All Secretaries of Government of India.
2) The Chief Secretaries of all State Governments/UTs.
3) The Education Secretaries of all the State Governments/UTs.
4) The Vice Chancellors of all Indian Universities/ Deemed to be Universities.
5) All Heads of Indian Missions abroad through Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
6) All Awardees of previous years .
7) All Vice Chancellors of the State Universities in the Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Odisha.

Subject : The Presidential Award of Certificate of Honour to Sanskrit, Pali, Prakrit, Arabic, Persian, Classical Tamil, Classical Oriya, Classical Kannada, Classical Telugu and Classical Malayalam Scholars and Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman for young scholars in the same fields – **Recommendations for the year 2021.**

Sir,

A scheme for the Award of the Certificates of Honours was introduced in the year 1958 to honour the scholars in 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 Badrayan Vyas Samman for young scholars in the age group of 30 to 45 years in the field of Sanskrit, Pali/Prakrit, Arabic and Persian.

2. From the year 2016 onwards, 32 more awards i.e. 8 each for Four Classical languages namely, Classical Kannada, Classical Telugu, Classical Malayalam and 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.

3. In this regard, it is stated that a certificate, a shawl and one time cash award as mentioned below are given to the awadees:

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.

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4. Nominations are, therefore, invited for the following: -

S.No.	Language	Award Particular
1.	Sanskrit (Total 21)	i) **Certificate of Honour-** 15 Awards carrying one-time cash grant of Rs.5.00 lakh each ii) **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 iii) **Maharshi Badarayan Vyas Samman-** 5 Awards carrying a one time cash grant of Rs.1.00 lakh each
2.	Pali (Total 2)	i) **Certificate of Honour-** 1 Award carrying cash grant of Rs.5.00 lakh ii) **Maharshi Badarayan Vyas Samman-**1 Award carrying a one time cash grant of Rs.1.00 lakh.
3.	Prakrit (Total 2)	i) **Certificate of Honour-** 1 Award carrying cash grant of Rs.5.00 lakh ii) **Maharshi Badarayan Vyas Samman-**1 Award carrying a one time cash grant of Rs.1.00 lakh.
4.	Persian (Total 4)	i) **Certificate of Honour-** 3 Awards carrying a cash grant of Rs.5.00 lakh each ii) **Maharshi Badarayan Vyas Samman-**1 Award carrying a one time cash grant of Rs.1.00 lakh.
5.	Arabic (Total 4)	i) **Certificate of Honour-** 3 Awards carrying a cash grant of Rs.5.00 lakh each ii) **Maharshi Badarayan Vyas Samman-**1 Award carrying a one time cash grant of Rs. 1.00 lakh
6.	Classical Kannada (Total 8)	i) **Certificate of Honour-** 1 Award carrying one-time cash grant of Rs.5.00 lakh ii) **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 iii) **Maharshi Badarayan Vyas Samman-** 5 Awards carrying a one time cash grant of Rs.1.00 lakh each
7.	Classical Telugu (Total 8)	i) **Certificate of Honour-** 1 Award carrying one-time cash grant of Rs.5.00 lakh ii) **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 iii) **Maharshi Badarayan Vyas Samman-** 5 Awards carrying a one time cash grant of Rs.1.00 lakh each
8.	Classical Malayalam (Total 8)	i) **Certificate of Honour-** 1 Award carrying one-time cash grant of Rs.5.00 lakh ii) **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 iii) **Maharshi Badarayan Vyas Samman-** 5 Awards carrying a one time cash grant of Rs.1.00 lakh each
9.	Classical Oriya (Total 8)	i) **Certificate of Honour-** 1 Award carrying one-time cash grant of Rs.5.00 lakh ii) **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 iii) **Maharshi Badarayan Vyas Samman-** 5 Awards carrying a one time cash grant of Rs.1.00 lakh each

5. You are accordingly requested to recommend the names of only those Scholars of eminence in the field of Sanskrit, Pali, Prakrit, Arabic, Persian, Classical Kannada, Classical Telugu, Classical Malayalam and Classical Oriya studies for these awards in the enclosed proforma for recommendation, who have teaching experience, published works – number of books / articles published, research work and have kept the traditional Sanskrit, Pali, Prakrit, Arabic, Persian, Classical Oriya, Classical Kannada, Classical Telugu and Classical Malayalam studies alive.

6. It may be pertinent to mention here that the recommending authorities while forwarding the names of the scholars in Sanskrit ensure that the scholars whom they are recommending 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 languages 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.

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7. Recommendations for Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman may be made only for those young Scholars who have made a breakthrough in inter-disciplinary studies involving contribution of Sanskrit or ancient Indian wisdom, to the process of synergy between modernity & tradition and Scientist & I.T professional working for promotion of science in these languages.

8. The recommendations should clearly bring out the specific achievement for which the Award is recommended and may please be sent **along with character & antecedent certificate** of the scholar in the proforma enclosed, to the Ministry latest by **15th May, 2021**. Incomplete recommendations and the recommendations received after the last date will not be considered. While sending recommendations, copies of **best five (maximum)** published works of the nominee along with detailed list of all published work must be forwarded in the absence of which it will not be possible to assess the suitability of the nomination for the Award.

9. 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, Heads of Missions/Embassies etc. are hereby 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

10. It is also requested the State Governments, etc. that while making the recommendations, they may carefully assess the particulars of the individuals for this purpose. While there is no objection for setting up an Expert Committee for Preliminary Selection of Scholars, they may furnish a "NIL' information in case no suitable scholar worthy of recommendations is available for the award. Names of those scholars who were recommended in previous years but not selected for the award can be considered again for this year's award.

11. 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.

12. It is requested that where considered necessary, Universities/Literary and other Voluntary Organizations etc. may also be consulted confidentially before making the recommendation.

13. These Awards are not awarded to those scholars who received this award earlier; or not awarded posthumously; or not awarded to persons who have been convicted by a court in a criminal case or against whom any criminal case is pending in a court. Therefore, to avoid any embarrassment to the Government occurrence of any event making the nominee ineligible for the Award must be reported immediately to the Govt. and it will be the sole responsibility of the person sending the nomination to report such event.

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14. It is reiterated that all nominations duly recommended by the authorities to whom this letter has been addressed will only by considered by the Selection Committee for grant of awards. Nominations received from any other authority other than those to whom this letter has been addressed and working in the organizations will not be entertained.

15. The recommending authorities are requested to maintain complete secrecy and dignity of this award by not entertaining any application or request from individual scholars themselves. Discreet enquiries may be made for collecting full information/details about the concerned scholar from other sources, since they are not supposed to know that their name was being recommended. No material furnished by the Scholar himself should be entertained or sent along with the recommendation. Canvassing of any sort on the part of the scholar will be against his own interest and shall be viewed seriously.

16. Nominations complete in all respects along with the character and antecedent certificates duly signed by the respective recommending authorities should be forwarded to The Registrar, Central Sanskrit University (formerly Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan), 56-57, Institutional Area, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058. Incomplete nomination and those nominations which are received after the last date will not be considered.

Yours faithfully,

Encl : As above.

(Suman Dixit)
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India
☎: 011-23070446

Copy also to : -

1) The Chairman, University Grants Commission, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi.
2) Director, 17-B, N.C.E.R.T., Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi-16.
3) Director, National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, Farogh-e-Urdu Bhawan, FC-33/9, Institutional Area, Jasola, New Delhi- 110025
4) Vice Chancellor, N.U.E.P.A., NCERT complex, Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi.
5) Director, National Book Trust, A-5, Green Park, New Delhi-16.
6) Director, Sahitya Academy, 35, Ferozshah Road, New Delhi.
7) The Director, Central Institute of Indian Language, Manasagangotri, Mysore - 570006
8) The Chairman, Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, West Block No. VII, R.K. Puram, New Delhi – 110066
9) The Director, Central Hindi Directorate, West Block No. VII, R.K. Puram, New Delhi – 110066
10) The Director, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Hindi Sansthan Marg, Agra - 282005.
11) The Director, Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Road Transport Company Complex, 40,100 ft road, grade, Chennai 600113
12) The Director, National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language, New Delhi
13) The Secretary, Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan, Ujjain, MP
14) The Registrar, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, New Delhi
15) The Registrar, National Sanskrit University, Tirupati
16) The Registrar, Central Sanskrit University, Janakpuri, New Delhi

With the request that the recommendations may be sent in the annexed proforma **by 15th May, 2021** to The Registrar, Central Sanskrit University (formerly Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan), 56-57, Institutional Area, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 positively.

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LAST DATE: 15.05.2021

PROFORMA FOR RECOMMENDATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR AND MAHARISHI BADRAYAN VYAS SAMMAN FOR THE YEAR- 2021

AWARD RECOMMENDED (Please tick mark)

I	Certificate of Honour (for scholars aged 60 years and above)	
	Maharishi Badrayan Vyas Samman (for young scholars between 30 to 45 years of age)	

FIELD FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED (Please tick mark)

II	**Sanskrit**		**Pali**		**Arabic**		**Persian**	
	Classical Oriya		**Classical Malayalam**		**Classical Kannada**		**Classical Telugu**	
	Prakrit							

III	**Full Name of the recommending Authority (in block letters).**	
	In case the recommending authority is an Awardee of Certificate of Honour, mention the year in which he/she got the award.	
	Designation of Recommending Authority.	

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE YEAR 2021

(PARTICULARS OF PERSON RECOMMENDED)

1.	Full Name (in English in block letters)	:	
	Full Name (in Hindi script)	:	
2.	Full Permanent Address	:	

3.	i) Date of Birth ii) Age	:	D D M M Y E A R YEARS | MONTH
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	:	
	FOR TRADITIONAL SCHOLARS (Wherever applicable)		
	(a) Place and duration of study and names of *GURUS.*	:	
	(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 o the examining body and year.		
5.	(a)Shakhas 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		

	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 the .....earlier 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.

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.

(_____)

Signature of recommending Authority

Designation:_____

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Place:

Date: