

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

Every year, Presidential Awards (International) are given to scholars in Sanskrit and Classical languages Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam and Odia by the Government of India.

2. Ministry of Education, Government of India has invited recommendations/nominations for Presidential Award of Certificates of Honours to distinguished scholars of languages mentioned above.

3. 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. 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.

4. From the year 2016 onwards, 32 more awards, eight (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.

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

- Rs. 5.00 lakh each for Certificate of Honour

- Rs. 5.00 lakh each for Life Time Achievement awards (includes international Awards).
- Rs. 1.00 lakh each for Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman awards.

6. The Scheme also provides for one International Award of Certificate of Honour 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.

7. High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur is seeking nominations from distinguished scholars latest by **12 April 2021**. Nominees are advised to provide a copy of the resume of published books (not more than two pages) and the English translation of the title and work of the scholars if they are in a different language.

8. Particulars in respect of the scholars may be furnished in the proforma. Please download here [\[Proforma for recommendation for Presidential Award of Certificate of Honour and Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman for the year - 2021\]](#). Particulars of the scholar along with contact details may be sent to the following officer:

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