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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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