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CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF CLASSICAL TAMIL

(An autonomous Institution under Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, New Delhi)
The Institute of Road Transport Campus, 100 Feet Road, Taramani, Chennai - 600 113

F.No.11-264/CICT/2020-21/Presidential Awards

Dated: 23.05.2020

To

1. All Secretaries of Government of India
2. The Chief Secretaries of all State Government/UTs.
3. The Education Secretaries of all the State Governments/UTs.
4. The Vice Chancellors / Head of the Departments (who is a Professor) of Indian Universities / State Universities / Deemed to be Universities.
5. All Heads of Indian Missions abroad through Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
6. All Awardees of Tholkappiyar and Kural Peedam of previous years.

Subject: The Presidential Awards for Classical Tamil (2019-2020) – Tholkappiyar Award (1),
Kural Peedam Award (2), Young Scholar Award (5) - Call for Nominations – Regarding.

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Classical Tamil Awards is a component of the Central Plan Scheme for Classical Tamil, in order to honour the Scholars in Tamil language who have done yeoman service for the preservation and promotion of Ancient Tamil language and to encourage the young scholars to make further research in Ancient Tamil language, culture etc., the Govt. of India has approved for giving 8 Awards to distinguished scholars who have made outstanding contributions to Classical Tamil Language and Literature. Out of the Eight awards, one award in the name of Tholkappiyar (for Indian scholar), two awards in the name of Kural Peedam (one each for a Foreign scholar and a Non-Resident Indian scholar) and 5 are for Young Scholars in the age group of 30-40 years (age should be between 30 and 40 years as on the last date of receipt of nominations). The details of the Awards are given below:

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Category of Awards	Name of the Awards	Details of the Awards
One life time achievement award for Indian scholar (1)	Tholkappiyar Award	A certificate of honour, a memento (a shawl) and a one-time cash award of Rs.5 Lakh, to be presented by the President of India.
Two International Awards for Life time achievement (One for Foreigner and another for Non-Resident Indian) (2)	Kural Peedam Award	A certificate of honour, a memento (a shawl) and a one-time cash award of Rs.5 Lakh, to be presented by the President of India. In addition, the international travel and local hospitality will also be offered.
Award for Young Scholars of Tamil (5)	Young Scholar Award	Young Scholars of Tamil in the age group of 30-40 years to be given a certificate of honour and a memento and one-time cash award of Rs.1 lakh to be presented by the President of India.

Eligibility:

The intent of the awards is to recognize and honour the distinguished scholars who have made outstanding contribution to Classical Tamil Language and Literature. Accordingly, the nominees for these awards should have a rich experience in published works of academic excellence in different fields relating to the Classical phase of Tamil (upto 600 A.D.) shall be considered for award. The works published during the period between 1950 and 2020 for (2019-20) in the fields of Literature, Grammar, Linguistics, Translation, History, Fine Arts, Architecture, Archaeology, Numismatics, Epigraphy, Manuscriptology, Culture etc., shall be eligible. The details of instructions for examining the obligatory of conditions for awards of Tamil language are as under:

Instructions:

1. To become eligible for the award under this scheme, a candidate should have published works of academic excellence in different fields relating to the Classical phase of Tamil (upto 600 A.D.) The works published in the fields of Literature, Grammar, Linguistics, Translation, History, Fine Arts, Architecture, Archaeology, Numismatics, Epigraphy, Manuscriptology, Culture etc., shall be eligible.
2. A foreigner is one who possesses a valid and current passport of any country other than India.
3. A Non-Resident Indian is one who is a resident of a country other than India but has an Indian passport, or one who was once an Indian citizen but subsequently taken up citizenship of another country.
4. Eligible candidates may be nominated by the respective authorities to whom this circular has been addressed for making nominations.

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5. The recommendations should clearly bring out the specific achievement of the Scholars for the Award to which they are recommended and may be sent along with character & antecedent certificate duly signed by the concerned recommending of the scholar in the proforma.
6. While recommending the names of 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 certificate of honour / young scholar award has done exemplary work in Tamil language.
7. 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 Government and it will be the sole responsibility of the person sending the nomination to report such event.
8. 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 Scholar himself should be entertained or sent along with the recommendation.
9. No individual scholar shall propose himself/herself for the award.
10. Only Awardees of Tholkappiyar, Kural Peedam of earlier years are allowed to recommend nominations for this year Tholakappiyar Award, Kural Peedam Award and Young Scholar Award.
11. Nominations should be sent in hardcopy and softcopy.
12. Nominations in the prescribed proforma may be sent by Post to **The Director, Central Institute of Classical Tamil, No. 40, 100 Feet Road, IRT Campus, Taramani, Chennai - 600 113** on or before **15th June 2020**.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,


(A. PALANIVEL)

Director
Central Institute of Classical Tamil
Chennai - 600 113

Copy also to:

1. The Director, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Manasagangotri, Mysore – 570006.
2. The Secretary, Department of Tamil Development, Government of Tamilnadu, Chennai – 600 009.
3. The Director, International Institute of Tamil Studies, Taramani, Chennai – 600 113.

PROFORMA FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS OF CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR FOR CLASSICAL TAMIL FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020

I. AWARD RECOMMENDED (Please tick mark)

(a)	Tolkappiyar Award for Indian citizens	
(b)	Kural Peedam Award	
	(i) for Foreigners	
	(ii) for Non-Resident Indians	
(c)	Young Scholar Award for scholars in the age group of 30 to 40 years for Indian citizens	

II. FIELD FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED (Please tick mark)

Literature		Grammar		Linguistics		Translation	
History		Fine arts		Architecture		Archaeology	
Numismatics		Epigraphy		Manuscriptology		Culture	

III.	Name of the recommending scholar (in block letters)																		
	Address with contact phone numbers and email address																		

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020

1.	Name of the scholar recommended																		
2.	Full address with contact phone numbers and email address																		
3.	i) Date of birth	D	D		M	M		Y	E	A	R								
	ii) Age											Years							
4.	(a) Qualifications with the name of University, Year and Class/ Division																		
	(b) Experience with details of organization served, post held and period of Service																		

	(c) Subject of specializations	
5.	Books/publication (a)written (b)edited (c)translated indicating subject/language	
6.	Number of students/Research Scholars who received Ph.D./D.Litt., etc. under his/her guidance	
7.	Recognition/honours already received i) title of the recognition/honour ii) year iii) the conferring authority/ organization	
8.	Special contribution towards popularization of Classical Tamil with details	
9.	Seminars/Conferences/Symposia attended if any (indicate place, date and details of the organizers & titles of research papers presented)	
10.	Breakthrough made or work done in inter-disciplinary studies involving contribution to Classical Tamil or to the process of synergy between modernity and tradition	
11.	Please state the special reasons/ detailed justification for recommending the scholar for the award	

Date:

Signature of the recommending scholar

* **Instruction: Details in separate sheet may be attached if the space provided in case of any of the columns above is found insufficient.**

CHARACTER & ANTECEDENT CERTIFICATE

I _____ S/o, D/o _____ resident of _____
_____ do

hereby confirm that Thiru./Tmt./Selvi _____
S/o, D/o of Thiru. _____ resident of _____
_____ nominated for

Classical Tamil Awards 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 in the past.

(_____)
Name & signature of recommending scholar

Place:

Date: