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NOTIFICATION

Extension of last date for submission of Nominations for the Presidential Awards for
Classical Tamil for the year 2020-21
(Ref: Advt. No.2, dated 07.03.2021)

With reference to aforesaid Advertisement No.1 of CICT, Chennai which was published in various News papers on 07.03.2021. It is informed that due to administrative reasons, the last date of submission of nominations for the Presidential Awards of CICT, Chennai is extended up to 30.06.2021 (Wednesday).


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Subject: The Presidential Awards for Classical Tamil (2020–2021) – 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:

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 2021 for (2020-21) in the fields of **Literature, Grammar, Linguistics, Translation, History, Fine Arts, Architecture, Archaeology, Numismatics, Epigraphy, Manuscriptology and Culture** 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 and Culture 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 Secretaries for all Departments of Government of India, All heads of Indian High Commission abroad through Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories, Vice - Chancellors for Universities, Professor & Head of the Department in the Universities, Awardees of Tholkappiyar and Kural Peedam of earlier years.
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. Nominations should be sent in hardcopy and softcopy.
11. 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** or by email to awards2021@cict.in on or before **30.06.2021**.


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