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Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman

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The President of India has awarded the selected scholars with the MaharshiBadrayanVyas Samman for the year 2019.

The Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman was instituted by the Government of India to honour young scholars, aged 30-45 years, in recognition of their significant contribution in the field of Persian, Arabic, Pali, Prakrit and Classical Indian languages.

- As of now, six languages i.e. Tamil, Sanskrit, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Odia have been given the status of classical languages.
- The criteria evolved by the Government to determine declaration of a language as a Classical language is as under:
 - High antiquity of its early texts/recorded history over a period of 1500-2000 years.
 - A body of ancient literature/texts, which is considered a valuable heritage by generations of speakers.
 - The literary tradition be original and not borrowed from another speech community.
 - The classical language and literature being distinct from modern, there may also be a discontinuity between the classical language and its later forms or its offshoots.

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