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Preamble

The conferment of the honorary degrees namely Doctor of Science [D.Sc. (Honoris Causa)] / Doctor of Letters [D. Litt. (Honoris Causa)] is the most distinguished honour that the S-VYASA University,(Deemed to be) can bestow on an individual. This honour of the University is to be conferred on a distinguished person who has consistently made outstanding contributions over a considerable period of time in the pursuit of knowledge and achievements, mainly in the Academic and / or Research environment in the field of Yoga in relation to Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, Spirituality, Management Studies and Humanities.

However, the conferment of honorary degrees of Doctor of Science [D.Sc. (Honoris Causa)] / Doctor of Letters [D. Litt. (Honoris Causa)] will not necessarily be an annual feature but will be based on the nominations of such extraordinary candidates who are eligible to receive the honorary degree.

Criteria for the Award

Conferment of the honorary degrees should be within the areas of Yoga in relation to Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, Spirituality, Management Studies, Humanities and would preferably be designated as Doctor of Science [D.Sc.(Honoris Causa)] and Doctor of Letters [D.Litt.(Honoris Causa)]

D.Sc. (Honoris Causa): The person to whom the honorary degree is to be bestowed should have:

- Outstanding contributions to Yoga research over a considerable period of time (minimum of 10 years of contributions after obtaining a doctoral degree in the field of Yoga Science).
- Ph.D. in any discipline or in exceptional cases M.D. (Doctor of Medicine) or M.S. (Master of Surgery) Degree in any discipline from a recognized University from UGC, Government of India or an equivalent institution outside India.
- Served at a recognized academic institution as a Professor or as a senior scientist at an R&D institution or Laboratory, Clinical researcher/ Medical Professional at a Medical establishment etc.
- Published a minimum of 25 papers in peer reviewed national or international indexed journals.

D.Litt. (Honoris Causa): The person to whom the honorary degree is to be bestowed should have:

- Outstanding contributions to Yoga literature / Philosophy / Spirituality over a considerable period of time (minimum of 25 years of contributions).

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- Ph.D. in any discipline from a recognized University from UGC, Government of India or an equivalent institution outside India or an Extraordinary Scholar with Vidya Varidhi / Mahamahopadhyaya degrees from a traditional / contemporary disciplines
- Served at renowned academic / spiritual organizations.
- Made substantial contributions through the publication of Books, Chapters, Video / Audio discourses, and literature in any other form.

Procedure

The Search Committee will invite nominations (in a prescribed format) from various Divisions of the University between August to November every year. Each nomination will be forwarded to the Board of Management for consideration for the conferment of the honorary degree and the said committee should clearly state the contributions of the individual concerned to the pursuit of knowledge and achievements in the field of Yoga and allied sciences or other four divisions.

The nomination proposal shall include a detailed resume and contributions of the individual concerned in the prescribed format.

Nominations may be made by a group of Professors (minimum of three) from any Division and forwarded by the Dean of the Division to the Registrar who will forward the same to the search committee

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for scrutiny and recommendations. The list of recommended candidates will be forwarded to the Vice Chancellor from the search committee who will present the same to the Board of management for consideration for award of the honorary degree.

On approval of the Board of Management (BOM), the Chairman, BOM is authorized to declare the names of the candidates for initiating other requirements.

The approved candidates need to submit a thesis compiling their work in printed as well as digital form.

Honorary degrees will be conferred during the course of a regular Convocation which will be held on January 12th of every year. The degree shall preferably be conferred in person, but in case, the candidate has a genuine reason for not attending the convocation in person, the degree will be conferred in absentia. The University shall support the individual with travel (National or international) and other needed local hospitality during the degree awarding ceremony.

As per the notification of the Karnataka State Higher Education Council which is the apex body for formulating policies for functioning of Universities in Karnataka, the Honorary degrees to be conferred every year has been limited to only three scholars covering all disciplines of a University.

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Registrar, S-VYASA