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ICCR Distinguished Indologist Award - 2021

In a ceremony organized today at Vancouver, Consul General of India Mr. Manish conferred Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) Distinguished Indologist Award-2021 to Mr. Jeffrey Armstrong, Founder, Vedic Academy of Science & Arts (VASA) and the author of the “The Bhagavad Gita comes Alive”.

Consulate General of India had nominated the name of Mr. Armstrong for the award. A jury for the Distinguished Indologist Award -2021 met in February 2022 and after careful considerations decided to select Mr. Jeffrey Armstrong for the award. Mr. Armstrong becomes the seventh recipient of this award, and joins the earlier recipients from Germany, China, Japan, UK, South Korea and USA.

The annual “ICCR Distinguished Indologist Award” was instituted in 2015 during the First World Indology Conference hosted by the then President of India bringing prominent Indologists from world over to a single platform with Indian scholars to deliberate upon the scope of promoting Indian Studies abroad. The award is conferred upon a foreign scholar for his outstanding contribution in study, teaching and research in any of the fields of Indian Studies.

The award comprises a citation, a gold-plated Medallion, and US\$ 20,000. The awardee will also be provided a return business class air ticket and week of full local hospitality, including domestic and stay in India after the completion of the award ceremony.

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) was founded in 1950 by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, independent India’s first Education Minister. Its objectives are to actively participate in the formulation and implementation of policies and programmes pertaining to India’s external cultural relations; to foster and strengthen cultural relations and mutual understanding between India and other countries; to promote cultural exchanges with other countries and people, and to develop relations with nations.

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