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**Young and Budding Authors**

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As per the announcement of the Prime Minister in the ‘Mann ki Baat’ Talk on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021, the ‘Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors’ (YUVA) scheme, a mentorship programme to train young authors, was launched by the Ministry of Education on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021 as part of the “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav” programme.

The launch of PM-YUVA is in tune with the vision to encourage young writers to write about India's freedom struggle. In the scheme, the young generation authors write about freedom fighters, incidents associated with freedom, the saga of valour during the period of freedom struggle in their respective areas - as the best tribute to the heroes of India's freedom - as we celebrate 75 years of Indian Independence.

The scheme is aimed at training 75 aspiring writers below 30 years, who are ready to express themselves and project India and its culture and literature globally. A consolidated scholarship of Rs 50,000 per month for a period of six months per author will be paid under the mentorship scheme in addition to being mentored by eminent authors.

The first edition of the 75 books selected under PM-YUVA Scheme will be published in their original language only. The books will be translated into other languages on case-to-case basis after publication of first edition, ensuring the exchange of culture and literature, thereby promoting '**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**'.

The information was given by the Minister of State for Education, Dr. Subhas Sarkar in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today.

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