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Salient features of PM-YUVA Scheme

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Pradhan Mantri – Mentorships’s Scheme for Young writers (PM-YUVA) has been launched by the Ministry of Education on 29 May 2021 for young writers up to the age of 30 years. The salient features of the scheme are as follows:

- i. A contest was organized to select seventy-five young authors. The theme of the contest was ‘National Movement of India’ with ‘Unsung Heroes’, ‘Role of Unknown Places in Freedom Movement’ etc as focus areas.
- ii. The contestants were asked to submit a manuscript of 5000 words to judge their suitability to develop as a proper book under the mentorship scheme.
- iii. Proposals were invited in all twenty-two scheduled languages and English
- iv. The selection was made by a committee constituted by National Book Trust (NBT).
- v. The results were announced on 25.12.2021.
- vi. Mentors have been assigned to guide and develop the selected proposals into full-fledged books.
- vii. A consolidated scholarship of Rs. 50,000 per month for a period of six months per author is to be paid under the mentorship scheme.
- viii. 10% royalty to be paid by NBT on publication and sale of the books.

It has been decided that the books selected under the PM-YUVA Scheme are translated into different Indian languages to ensure the exchange of Indian culture and literature in order to promote ‘Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat’.

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

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