



YUVA Scheme for Young Writers

Why in News

Recently, the Indian Prime Minister announced the **'Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors' (YUVA) scheme** - a mentorship programme to train young authors.

Key Points

▪ About:

- 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 total of 75 authors **will be selected through an All India Contest at MyGov** (Government of India's Citizen Engagement Platform).
- A **consolidated scholarship of Rs. 50,000 per month for a period of six months per author** will be paid under the mentorship scheme.

▪ Aim:

- To **bring reading and authorship as a preferred profession at par** with other job options.
- To **impart a positive psychological push** to the young minds amidst the impact of the [Covid-19 pandemic](#) on the mental health of children.

▪ Implementation & Execution:

- **Implementing Agency:** The [National Book Trust](#) (under Ministry of Education) will ensure phase-wise execution of the Scheme.
- **Phase-I (Training):**
 - NBT will organise **training for three months** for the selected candidates.
- **Phase-II (Promotion):**
 - The selected candidates will **get to expand their understanding and hone their skills** through interaction at various international events such as literary festivals, book fairs, virtual book fairs, cultural exchange programmes, etc.
 - A **book or a series of books written by these young authors** will be **published by NBT** and a **royalty of 10% will be paid** to the authors.
 - Their published books will **also be translated into other Indian languages** to ensure the exchange of culture and literature between different states, thereby promoting [Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat](#).

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