



# Writers' Village in Dehradun

## Why in News?

Recently, a unique cultural initiative called the "Writers' Village" has been announced in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, which aims to foster international [literary](#) and cultural exchange.

## Key Points

- The Writers' Village will be inaugurated by Uttarakhand Chief Minister in Thano, near Dehradun, on **27<sup>th</sup> October, 2024**.
- The inauguration coincides with an **International Art, Literature, and Culture Festival** running from **23<sup>rd</sup> October to 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2024**.
- Over 300 writers, artists, and litterateurs from **65 countries** will participate in the five-day festival.
  - This global engagement aims to promote international collaboration and cultural exchange, with a particular focus on Hindi and Uttarakhand's cultural heritage
- **Significance:**
  - The festival will be a platform to discuss literature, language, and art through various sessions hosted by organizations like the [Sahitya Akademi](#), [National Book Trust](#), and Uttarakhand Culture Department.
  - It is expected to promote the **Hindi language** on a global stage and also highlight **Uttarakhand's rich cultural heritage**

## National Book Trust (NBT)

- NBT, India is an apex body established by the **Government of India (Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education) in the year 1957**.
- **The objectives of the NBT are**
  - to produce and encourage the production of good literature in English, Hindi and other Indian languages.
  - to make such literature available at moderate prices to the public.
  - to bring out book catalogues, arrange book fairs/exhibitions and seminars and take all necessary steps to make the people book minded.