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Salient features of PM-YUVA Scheme

3070 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the features of the PM-YUVA (Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors) scheme; and
- (b) the efforts being made by Government to promote 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' under the said scheme, the details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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'.
