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Mentoring Young Authors- YUVA 2.0

824 Dr. Dharmasthala Veerendra Heggade:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched YUVA 2.0 (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors) - Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors, an Author Mentorship Programme recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including its objectives and salient features;
- (c) whether National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has emphasized on the empowerment of the young minds and creating a learning ecosystem that can make the young readers/learners ready for leadership roles in the future world;
- (d) the implementing agency for execution of the programme; and
- (e) the schedule of YUVA 2.0?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. This scheme has been conceptualized on the premise that the twenty first century India needs to groom a generation of young authors to create ambassadors of Indian literature and world view. The objectives and salient features of the scheme is as under:

- (i) The Theme of PM-YUVA 2.0 is Democracy (Institutions, Events, People, and Constitutional Values).
- (ii) The maximum age of the contestant should be exactly 30 years or below as on 2nd October 2022.
- (iii) The entries/book proposals can be submitted in 22 Indian languages and English (as listed in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India) in a maximum of 10,000 words.
- (iv) This All-India Contest is being conducted through MyGov.
- (v) At the end of training and mentorship a consolidated scholarship of Rs. 50,000 per month for a period of six months.
- (vi) The book proposals would be developed as books under this mentorship scheme by National Book Trust, India.
- (vii) A royalty of 10% will be payable to the authors on successful publications of their books at the end of the Mentorship Program.

(c): Yes Sir. This Scheme takes inspiration from the broad vision of NEP 2020 as reflected in its Introduction part as cited below:-

“These elements must be incorporated taking into account the local and global needs of the country, and with a respect for and deference to its rich diversity and culture. Instilling knowledge of India and its varied social, cultural, and technological needs, its inimitable artistic, language, and knowledge traditions, and its strong ethics in India’s young people is considered critical for purposes of national pride, self-confidence, self-knowledge, cooperation, and integration.” (page 4 of NEP 2020)

(d): The implementing agency for execution of the programme is National Book Trust, India, an autonomous body under Ministry of Education, GOI.

(e): The schedule of YUVA 2.0 is as under:

- (i) The scheme was launched on 2nd October 2022
- (ii) The Contest Period is from 2nd October to 15th January 2023.
- (iii) The Evaluation Period of the Proposals will be from 16th January 2023- 31st March 2023.
- (iv) The Meeting of the National Jury will be held in April 2023.
- (v) The names of selected authors will be announced in May 2023.
- (vi) The Mentorship duration would be from 1st June 2023- 30th November 2023.
- (vii) The publication of the first set of books will commence from 1st February 2024.
