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Young Writers under Yuva- 2.0 Scheme

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently launched a Mentoring Programme for writers under the Prime Minister's Scheme 'Yuva 2.0' (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Writers);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its objectives and salient features thereof; and
- (c) whether National Education Policy (NEP-2020) lays emphasis on empowerment of young talent creating an ecosystem for learning which can prepare young readers/learners for leadership roles in the future world?

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 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 ₹ 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 publication of their books at the end of the mentorship program

The schedule of YUVA 2.0 is as under:

S. No.	Item	Timelines
1.	Announcement of the Scheme	2 nd October 2022

2.	Duration of All India Contest	2 nd October to 15 th January 2023
3.	Evaluation of Proposals	16 th January 2023 to 31 st March 2023
4.	Meeting of National Jury	April 2023
5.	Announcement of Results	May 2023
6.	Mentorship Duration	1 st June 2023 to 30 th November 2023
7.	Publication of the first set of books	1 st February 2024

(c): This Scheme takes inspiration from the broad vision of NEP 2020 as reflected 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)
