

# Mentoring Young Authors

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## THE GOAL

- This scheme will ensure creating a pool of authors in 22 Indian languages who are ready to express themselves and project India on any international platform, as well as it will help in projecting Indian culture and literature globally.
- The young authors so mentored shall become proficient in writing in various genres like fiction, non-fiction, travelogues, memoirs, drama, poetry and so on.
- It will make sure to bring reading and authorship as a preferred profession at par with other job options, making the children of India take reading and knowledge as an integral part of their grooming up years.
  - A total of 10 young authors from each of 22 official Indian languages + 1 English Language will be selected, i.e.  
230 (23 x10) + 20 (nominated as per outstanding work in the field of literature) Total = 250 young authors

## Phase I – Training (6 months)

- The National Book Trust, India will organise a Two-Week Writers' Online Programme for the selected candidates for the first three months.
- During this period, the young authors will be trained by two eminent authors/mentors from NBT's panel of accomplished authors and writers, for each language group.

## PHASE II – Promotion (6 months)

- The young authors will get to expand their understanding and hone their skills through interaction at various

international events such as Literary Festivals, Book Fairs, Virtual Book Fair, Cultural Exchange Programmes, etc.

- Selected child authors will also be paid annual scholarship
- A book or a series of books written by the young authors will be published by NBT, India as the outcome of the mentorship programme.
- Efforts will be made to get the selected books translated into UN and other international languages and promote the same through Indian embassies in collaboration with NBT.

### **India 75 Initiative**

- India@75 is a path breaking initiative.
- It envisions how India should be in her 75th year of independence and seeks to bring together all stakeholders including the industry, government, institutions, community groups and individuals to translate the vision into a reality.
- Prof C.K.Prahalad has been the inspiration behind India@75.
- While commemorating the 60th year of India's independence, on 23 Sep 2007 during the Incredible India@60 commemoration at New York he articulated the idea of holistic three dimensional development of India to acquire enough economic strength, technological vitality and moral leadership by 75 years of independence.
- CII adopted his vision on 8 May 2008.