PM-YUVA Scheme

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In news– 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 Shreshtha Bharat'.

About the scheme-

- **Pradhan Mantri – Mentorships's Scheme for Young writers (PM-YUVA) was launched by the Ministry of Education on 29 May 2021 for young writers up to the age of 30 years.**
- It is a **part of India@75 Project (*Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*) t**o bring to the fore the perspectives of the young generation of writers on themes like Unsung Heroes, Freedom Fighters, Unknown and Forgotten Places and their role in National Movement, and other related themes in an innovative and creative manner.

- **Under the scheme, 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.
- 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.

- **Proposals were invited in all twenty-two scheduled languages and English.**

- **The selection was made by a committee constituted by National Book Trust (NBT).**

- Mentors were assigned to guide and develop the selected proposals into full-fledged books and 10% royalty to be

paid by NBT on publication and sale of the books.

- The results were announced in December, 2021 in which 75 authors were selected for a scholarship-cum mentorship programme.
- The selected young authors will interact with some of the best authors of the world and participate in literary festivals etc.
- 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.
- **The National Book Trust, India (under BP Division, Ministry of Education, GOI) as the Implementing Agency** will ensure phase-wise execution of the Scheme under well-defined stages of mentorship.