

PM SCHEME FOR YUVA

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q-1: What are the 'Themes' that one can send one's entry about?

Answer: The major themes are: unsung heroes; little known facts about the national movement; role of various places in national movement; entries bringing out new perspectives related to political, cultural, economic, or science related aspects of national movement etc.

Q-2: What is the duration of the contest?

Answer: The duration of the contest is 1 June 2021-31 July 2021.

Q-3: Till what time the submissions will be accepted?

Answer: The submissions will be accepted via email till 11:59 PM on 31 July 2021.

Q-4: What will be the deciding factor in accepting the receipt of the entries: the receiving date of hard copies or soft copies via email?

Answer: The soft copies received via email will be the deciding factor for the deadlines.

Q-5: Can I write in any Indian language?

Answer: Yes, you can write in English and also in any of the following languages as listed in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India:

- (1) Assamese, (2) Bengali, (3) Gujarati, (4) Hindi, (5) Kannada, (6) Kashmiri, (7) Konkani, (8) Malayalam, (9) Manipuri, (10) Marathi, (11) Nepali, (12) Oriya, (13) Punjabi, (14) Sanskrit, (15) Sindhi, (16) Tamil, (17) Telugu, (18) Urdu, (19) Bodo, (20) Santhali, (21) Maithili and (22) Dogri.

Q-6: How will the maximum age of 30 years be decided?

Answer: You should be exactly 30 years or below as on 1 June 2021.

Q-7: Can foreign nationals participate in the contest?

Answer: Only Indian nationals including those holding PIOs or NRIs holding Indian passports can participate in the contest.

Q-8:I am a PIO/NRI holding Indian Passport, do I have to attach the documents?

Answer: Yes, kindly attach a copy of your passport/PIO card with your entry.

Q-9:Where should I send my entry to?

Answer:nbtyoungwriters@gmail.com

Q-10: Can I submit more than one entry?

Answer: Only one entry per contestant is allowed.

Q-11: What should be the structure of the entry?

Answer: It should have a chapter plan, synopsis and two-three chapters (if the entry has chapters) with 5000 as maximum word limit.

Q-12: Can I submit more than 5000 words?

Answer: Maximum word limit of 5000 should be adhered to.

Q-13: How will I know that my entry has been registered?

Answer: You will receive an acknowledgment email.

Q-14: I will be submitting my entry in an Indian language, should I attach its English translation?

Answer: No. Kindly attach in 100-150 words gist of your entry in either English or Hindi.

Q-15: Is there any minimum age for entry?

Answer: No minimum age has been prescribed.

Q-16: Can I send the handwritten manuscript?

Answer: No. It should be neatly typed.

Q-17: What is the genre of entry?

Answer: You can submit both fiction and non-fiction.

Q-18: What are the sub-genres that one can submit as one's entry under 'Fiction'?

Answer: You can send collections of short stories, novellas, historical fiction, inspirational, romance fiction, fiction for children, fiction for young adults etc.

Q-19: What are the sub-genres that one can submit as one's entry under 'Non-Fiction'?

Answer: You can send travelogues, memoirs, or informative/research-based manuscripts dealing with various political, social, cultural, economic or science-related aspects of national movement etc.

Q-20: Will poetry be accepted?

Answer: No, poetry will not be accepted.

Q-21: If the manuscript has information that is quoted from an external source, how and where does it need to be mentioned/how do I quote the source of reference?

Answer: On the inclusion of information from an external source in a non-fiction manuscript, the source needs to be mentioned as footnotes/endnotes or in a consolidated 'Works Cited' section if required.

Q-22: Can I submit my entry in a hard copy?

Answer: If you are submitting a hard copy, then a soft copy also needs to be sent to the email provided.

Q-23: What is the postal address for sending the entry?

Answer: The submissions have to be sent to the following address:

Project Head
Integrated Project Management Cell
National Book Trust, India
Nehru Bhawan, 5 Institutional Area, Phase-2
Vasant Kunj, New Delhi – 110070

The envelope/packet should be clearly marked as 'PM Scheme for Yuva'.

Q-24: Can I submit my Indian language entry in Unicode?

Answer: Yes, it can be sent in Unicode.

Q-25: What should be the format of submission?

Answer:For English, the format should have font style as Times New Roman and font size should be 14. For other languages, equivalent font style/size should be employed.

Q-26: Are simultaneous submissions allowed/can I send a story that has been submitted to another competition/journal/magazine etc?

Answer: No, simultaneous submissions are not allowed.

Q-27: What is the procedure to edit/exchange an entry/manuscript that has already been submitted?

Answer: Once an entry has been submitted, it cannot be edited or withdrawn.

Q-28: Can the submissions also have pictures / illustrations to support the text?

Answer: Yes, the text can be supported with pictures or illustrations if you hold copyright for the same.
