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Ministry of Home Affairs

(Department of Official Language)

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RESOLUTION

No.11034/01/2023-O.L.(Policy): A revised award scheme named '**Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar Yojna**' from the year 2025-26 is introduced by the Department of Official Language, with an objective to encourage writing books originally in Hindi and to promote Official Language, in supersession of earlier Resolution No. 11034/01/2023-O.L.(Policy) dated 22.06.2023. Under the scheme, the citizens of India will be awarded in the following categories and subjects:-

(A) Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar for writing original book in Hindi on Engineering, Electronics, Computer Science, Physics, Biology, Energy, Space Science, Medicine, Chemistry, Information Technology, Management, Psychology and contemporary topics like Liberalisation, Globalization, Consumerism, Human Rights, Pollution.

(B) Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar for writing original books in Hindi on the subjects of Law and Police Research, Forensic Science, Criminology and Police Administration etc.

(C) Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar for writing original book in Hindi on subjects related to Culture, Religion, Arts and Heritage etc.

(D) Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar for writing original books in Hindi by the author of 'C' region (on the subjects of all the above categories).

(E) Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar for books translated in Hindi – For translated books on classics and subjects related to culture, art, heritage.

2. Name: The name of the scheme shall be "Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar Scheme."

3. Definitions: In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:-

(i) "**Scheme**" means :- Books originally written in Hindi on the subjects mentioned in categories (a) to (c) above. In addition, "Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar Scheme" for nationally/internationally awarded books on subjects like culture, arts, heritage, classic work and translated books of renowned authors, scholars and personalities in Hindi.

(ii) "Original" means:- A book originally written in Hindi and published for the first time.

(iii) "Translated" means a book translated from Indian languages and English into Hindi or a translated book on classic literature.

(iv) "**Book**" means "published books".

(v) "**Year**" means (a) Scheme year - Financial year (b) Publication year - Calendar Year.

(vi) A writer from Region C means:

(a) The mother tongue of the author should not be Hindi.

(b) The writer must have completed his/her schooling from the respective Region 'C' state. (Region 'C' - All eight North-Eastern states and Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, Jammu & Kashmir, Odisha, Lakshadweep, Pondicherry, and West Bengal.)

(vii) The subject of translation means:-

(a) Hindi translation of books and works of famous authors, scholars and personalities on subjects like culture, arts, heritage, awarded at national/international level.

(b) In this category, translated work of books written in the form of departmental manuals, research papers written for Ph.D., poetry, novel, story, drama biography, sketch, reportage, travelogue, memoir etc. or written as a textbook will not be eligible.

4. Objectives:

(a) In various ministries/departments/offices/undertakings/banks etc of the Central Government, official work is also undertaken on technical subjects. Due to lack of books on subjects like technical, science, judicial science, police, criminology research, police administration, culture, religion, arts, heritage etc and law there is a difficulty in increasing the use of Hindi in official work. In addition, due to being less familiar with or not familiar with the Hindi vocabulary of these subjects, personnel face difficulties in doing official work in Hindi.

(b) A new category is being included to encourage original writing in Hindi by authors of 'C' region.

(c) In addition, translation is an important means of disseminating knowledge and literature in English and Scheduled Indian languages to the Hindi speaking community. In the past years, many good translated books have also been received which could not be included due to not having an award in this category. The vision of Hon'ble Home Minister is to increase coordination between Indian languages and Hindi. Hence, a new category of books translated from English and other Indian languages into Hindi is being included under these awards. Thus, with the objective of promoting original book writing and excellent translated works in Hindi on the above subjects, the Department of Official Language has initiated this scheme.

(d) Only Department of Official Language has been made the nodal department for different award scheme related to Hindi at national level by various Ministries / Departments of Central Government. It shall be mandatory to consult Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs before launching any other award scheme related to Hindi by any Ministry / Department in future so that repetition of award scheme may be avoided.

5. Details of Awards:

S. No	Name of the Award Scheme	Total no. of awards	Payable Amount, Certificate and Memento
A	Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar for writing original book in Hindi on Engineering, Electronics, Computer Science, Physics, Biology, Energy, Space Science, Medicine, Chemistry, Information Technology, Management, Psychology and contemporary topics like Liberalisation, Globalization, Consumerism, Human Rights, Pollution	First Prize (One)	₹ 2,00,000/- (Two lakh rupees), a certificate and a memento
		Second Prize (One)	₹ 1,25,000/- (One lakh twenty five thousand rupees), a certificate and a memento
		Third Prize (One)	₹ 75,000/- (Seventy five thousand rupees), a certificate and a memento
		Incentive Award (Three)	₹40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand), a incentive Certificate and a memento

B	Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar for writing original books in Hindi on the subjects of Law and Police Research, Forensic Science, criminology and police administration etc.	First Prize (One)	₹ 1,50,000/- (One lakh fifty thousand rupees), a certificate and a memento
		Second Prize (One)	₹ 1,00,000/- (One lakh rupees), a certificate and a memento
		Incentive Award (Two)	₹40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand), a incentive Certificate and a memento
C	Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar for writing original book in Hindi on subjects related to Culture, Religion, Arts and Heritage	First Prize (One)	₹ 1,50,000/- (One lakh fifty thousand rupees), a certificate and a memento
		Second Prize (One)	₹ 1,00,000/- (One lakh rupees), a certificate and a memento
		Incentive Award (Two)	₹40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand), a incentive Certificate and a memento
D	Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar for writing original books in Hindi by the author of 'C' region (on the subjects of all the above categories).	First Prize (One)	₹1,50,000/- (One lakh fifty thousand rupees), a certificate and a memento
		Second Prize (One)	₹ 1,00,000/- (One lakh rupees), a certificate and a memento
		Incentive Award (Two)	₹40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand), a incentive Certificate and a memento
E	Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar for books translated in Hindi – For translated books on classics and subjects related to culture, art, heritage.	First Prize (One)	₹1,50,000/- (One lakh fifty thousand rupees), a certificate and a memento
		Second Prize (One)	₹ 1,00,000/- (One lakh rupees), a certificate and a memento
		Incentive Award (Two)	₹40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand), a incentive Certificate and a memento

6. Eligibility:

- The author / co-author or translator / co-translator should be a citizen of India.
- The book should be written / translated on the subject as described in the above table.

7. General Conditions:

- In case of more than one author / translator of the book, each co-author / co-translator must fill the proforma separately.
- Only books/Translation which are original work of the author / translator are admissible for award under the scheme.
- Books awarded previously by any government organisation will not become eligible. The author/translator of the book must inform Department of Official Language immediately if the book is awarded under any other award scheme before the declaration of the awards under the above mentioned schemes.
- Under the scheme, books published during 1st January to 31st December are acceptable.

- (v) The Content of the book should be critical and analytical. Research work for PhD, poetry, novel, story, drama or book written in the form of text book will not be eligible for this award scheme.
- (vi) Conditions related to author of 'C' Region means:
- (a) The mother tongue of the author should not be Hindi.
- (b) The writer must have completed his/her schooling from the respective Region 'C' state. (Copy of 10th and 12th class certificate is required as proof). (Region 'C' - all eight North Eastern states, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, Jammu & Kashmir, Odisha, Lakshadweep, Pondicherry, and West Bengal.)
- (vii) Conditions relating to the category of translation means:-
- (a) This category includes Hindi translation of books and works of famous authors, scholars and personalities on subjects like Culture, Art, Heritage, awarded at national/international level.
- (b) In this category, translated work of books written in the form of departmental manuals, research papers written for Ph.D., poetry, novel, story, drama biography, sketch, reportage, travelogue, memoir etc. or written as a textbook will not be eligible.
- (c) Under this category, it will be mandatory for the author to send four copies of the translated book as well as the book in its original language.
- (d) Initially, books published/translated in the last two years will be invited for entry. Thereafter, translated and published books published one year prior to 2027, i.e., between January 1 and December 31 of the respective calendar year, will be accepted.
- (viii) The author/co-author or translator/co-translator will be responsible for facts and figures given in the book and must give references wherever possible as proof.
- (ix) If a person has received a prize under any scheme of Department of Official Language during the preceding three years, his/her entry shall not be considered. However, a co-author, (if any) can participate in the scheme. The co-author will be given the amount proportionately.
- (x) The books should contain at least 100 pages.
- (xi) If the Evaluation Committee arrives at a conclusion that none of the books, received as entries, is suitable for the award, decision of the committee in this regard will be considered as final.
- (xii) In case the book selected for the award has more than one author the award money will be divided equally among them.
- (xiii) Only books with ISBN will be accepted under the scheme.

8. Procedure for sending the entries:

- (i) The entry should be sent along with the proforma given at Annexure; otherwise the same would not be accepted.
- (ii) Kindly send three copies of the book invariably with each entry. The copies will not be returned.
- (iii) Duly filled entry form should reach by the last date fixed by the department.
- (iv) An author/translator may send only one entry under the scheme.

9. Evaluation procedure of Books:

Books will be evaluated by a committee constituted by Department of Official Language based on the criteria set by Department of Official Language. Joint Secretary, Department of Official Language will be the Chairperson of the committee. If necessary, Committee may include non-official renowned scholars/experts along with official members. The Committee will comprise of the following:-

(i)	Joint Secretary, Department of Official Language	Chairperson
(ii)	Two non- official persons, who will be nominated by the Department of Official Language every year	Member
(iii)	Director/Deputy Director (Implementation) or equivalent officer working in the Department nominated by the Department	Member-Secretary

- (i) Next of kin of the authors/translators, who are sending their entries, will not be included in the Evaluation Committee.
- (ii) An official from the Ministry/Department concerned with the subject may be included in the Evaluation Committee for evaluation of the entries.
- (iii) The Evaluation Committee shall have the right to take advice from specialists/experts of the subject before deciding on a book.
- (iv) The evaluation committee will determine the assessment criteria themselves.
- (v) In the absence of consensus about the award the decision will be made by majority. In case for and against votes are equal on any decision, then the Chairperson shall have the right to vote to arrive at a decision.
- (vi) The official members of the Evaluation Committee will get TA/DA from the source, from where they get their salaries. The non-governmental members will be entitled to travelling allowance and daily allowance as per instructions issued by the Government from time to time and applicable during the period.
- (vii) The experts of the Evaluation Committee will also be entitled to honorarium as determined by the Department of Official Language.
- (viii) The Department of Official Language will take decision on recommendations made by the Evaluation Committee.

10. Declaration about Prize Winners and Prize Distribution:

- (i) Decision regarding the award will be intimated through a letter/email to all the awardees and placed on the website of Department of Official Language also.
- (ii) Distribution of the Awards will be held on the date fixed by the Department of Official Language.

11. General information:

- (i) Copyright on the award winning book will remain with the Authors/Publishers/Translators.
- (ii) The awardees traveling from outside the designated place for receiving the award will be provided with IInd Class AC or Air fare (economy class) for travelling to and fro, daily allowance as per Government of India rules and accommodation will have to be arranged at their own cost.
- (iii) No correspondence regarding conferment of the award or procedure for selection of a book for the award will be entertained.

12. Right to relax the scheme:

Where the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, by order, relax any provision of this resolution by giving reasons therefor in writing.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a copy of this resolution should be communicated to the all Ministries/Departments, President's Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, NITI Aayog, The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Secretariat of all the State Governments and UT Administrations.

It is also ordered that this Resolution be published in the Gazette of India for public information.



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Joint Secretary, Government of India

To,

**Manager,
Government of India Press
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No: 11034/01/2023-O.L.(Policy)

New Delhi, Date 09 March, 2026

Copy forwarded to:-

- (1) Director (Implementation-2), Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi for necessary action in respect of issuing orders etc. for the Scheme as per the revised Resolution.
- (2) Chief Secretaries of all State Governments and Administrators of all Union Territories.
- (3) Secretaries to all Ministries and Departments of Govt. of India.
- (4) President's Secretariat, New Delhi
- (5) Prime Minister office, New Delhi
- (6) Cabinet Secretariat, New Delhi
- (7) NITI Aayog, New Delhi
- (8) Comptroller and Auditor General of India, New Delhi
- (9) Director Accounts (Central Revenue), New Delhi
- (10) Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi
- (11) Rajya Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi
- (12) Parliament Library (15 copies)
- (13) Director, Public Relations (MHA), Press Information Bureau, with a request to issue a press note in respect of the decision of the Government.
- (14) All officers/sections of the Department of Official Language
- (15) Principal Staff Officer to Secretary (OL)
- (16) Additional copies for Department of Official Language (Policy Section)
- (17) Senior Technical Director, NIC, Department of Official Language: For uploading the resolution on the website of the Official Language.



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Joint Secretary, Government of India

“Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar Scheme to Citizens of India for writing original book in Hindi”

PROFORMA

Please mark the relevant Award Scheme for which the entry is being sent.

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1. Year of the Award Scheme.....
2. Title of the book.....
3. (i) Name of the Author/Co author/translator/co-translator
- (ii) Full Address (with Pin code).....
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- (iii) Telephone No.
- (iv) Mobile No. E-mail.....
4. (i) Name of the publisher.....
- (ii) Full Address of the publisher.....
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- (iii) Year of publishing.....
5. Has the original book/translated book been awarded by any Government organization previously? Yes/No.
- If yes, please give full details thereof.....
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6. Native language of author (for authors from 'C' region).....

7. Have copies of Class 10th and 12th certificates been enclosed ? Yes / No
(For authors in 'c' region)
8. I certify that
(i) I..... son/daughter ofcitizen of India.
(ii) I have written / translated the book originally in Hindi.
(iii) The entry of my book into this scheme does not infringe upon the copyright of any other person. I am personally responsible for the figures and facts given in the book
9. I promise to abide by the regulations of the Rjbhasha Gaurav Puraskar Scheme for writing original book.

Place:

Date:

Signature of Author/Co-author/translator/co-translator

Note 1. Strike off whichever is not applicable.

Note 2. In case of author/translator being more than one, each co-author/co-translator shall fill the above proforma separately.
