

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Medini Puraskar Yojana)

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under its Medini Puraskar Yojana, starting from 1st April, 2018 for promoting writing of books originally in Hindi on Environment and related subjects such as . (i) Environment Protection; (ii) Pollution Control; (iii) Environmental Impact Assessment; (iv) Ecological Restoration and Development; (v) Forest Conservation; (vi) Forest Resources and Development; (vii) Protection of Wildlife; (viii) Bio-diversity; (ix) Climate Change; (x) Conservation of Nature and Biosphere Reserve; (xi) Environment Education; and (xii) Nature & Environment related topics/subjects etc, invites entries from Indian authors. Cash awards to be given under the scheme are :-

First prize	Rs. 1,00,000/-	(one)
Second prize	Rs. 75,000/-	(one)
Third prize	Rs. 50,000/-	(one)
Consolation prize	Rs. 25,000/-	(one)

Under the said scheme, original books published after 1st April, 2015 for the last three (03) consecutive years and atleast 100 printed pages of dimai size would be accepted for consideration for awards. Any book which has received any award, subsidy or any financial assistance under any similar scheme, being operated by Government of India or any State Government or any organisation would not be eligible for consideration for the said award. Authors, whose books have already been awarded by the Ministry, would not be eligible for participating under the scheme for the next three years.

Any Indian author may send his entries, duly filled in the prescribed proforma, alongwith seven copies of his/her book, latest by 30th September, 2018 at the following address: -

Joint Director (OL)
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Room No.P227,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi-110003.

Entries received after 30th September, 2018 would not be considered. Detailed proforma can be had from website <http://www.envfor.nic.in> .


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Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change have introduced the scheme for awards to Indian authors for their original work in Hindi on the subjects relating to environment and other related topics. The main features of the scheme are as under :

1. TITLE OF THE SCHEME

The scheme shall be known as '**MEDINI PURASKAR YOJANA**' of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and is for writing books originally in Hindi on the subjects relating to :

- (i) Environment Protection;
- (ii) Pollution Control;
- (iii) Environmental Impact Assessment;
- (iv) Ecological Restoration and Development;
- (v) Forest Conservation;
- (vi) Forest Resources and Development;
- (vii) Protection of Wildlife;
- (viii) Bio-diversity;
- (ix) Climate Change;
- (x) Conservation of Nature and Biosphere Reserve
- (xi) Environment Education; and
- (xii) Nature & Environment related topics/subjects etc.

2. OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

The objective of the scheme is to encourage Indian authors to write books originally in Hindi on the subject referred in para 1. Indian authors who publish books on any of the above subjects are eligible to participate in '**MEDINI PURASKAR YOJANA**'. The publisher or any other person or institution, on behalf of the author can offer entries of original books in Hindi for consideration of award under the '**MEDINI PURASKAR YOJANA**'.

3. AMOUNT OF AWARD

3.1 There shall be four (04) awards with a citation as under :

First Prize	:	Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)
Second Prize	:	Rs. 75,000/- (Rupees Seventy five thousand only)
Third Prize	:	Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only)
Consolation Prize	:	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty five thousand only)

The winner of an award as above shall not be entitled to claim any other advantage and/or assistance from the Ministry.

3.2 If, in any year, it is found that there are no entries of appropriate standard, the decision of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change with regard to conferring award(s) or otherwise shall be final.

4. **SALIENT FEATURES OF 'MEDINI PURASKAR YOJANA'**

- 4.1 The scheme shall be administered by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- 4.2 The scheme shall be operational for each financial year commencing from 01.04.2018.
- 4.3 Eligible original published work in Hindi during last three (03) consecutive financial years shall be considered for award, provided the book contains at least 100 (One hundred) printed pages.
- 4.4 **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change shall be inviting entries through a notice placed on its website : www.envfor.nic.in and/or advertisement in leading Hindi and English dailies.**

5 **EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 Books submitted for consideration under '**MEDINI PURASKAR YOJANA**' shall be assessed by an Evaluation Committee to be constituted by the Ministry under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary to the Government of India and other Senior Officers not below the rank of Joint Secretary/equivalent and having expertise in the subject mentioned in para 1.
- 5.2 The Evaluation Committee shall submit its recommendations to the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change for his/her approval or otherwise, whose decision shall be final and binding.
- 5.3 If any member of Evaluation Committee has authored the book sent for consideration under '**MEDINI PURASKAR YOJANA**' shall cease to continue in the Evaluation Committee.
- 5.4 The names and other particulars of the Members of the Evaluation Committee shall be confidential.

6. **PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF AWARDEES**

- 6.1 Any book which has received any award, subsidy or any other assistance under any scheme operated by Government of India, any State/Union Territory Government, Public Sector Undertaking or any Statutory/Private Body shall not be considered for award under '**MEDINI PURASKAR YOJANA**'.
 - (a) No author shall be awarded more than one prize for one financial year.
 - (b) The books selected shall be recommended for purchase in the library of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and its attached offices on need basis.
- 6.2 The authors whose books have been awarded during previous three financial years under '**MEDINI PURASKAR YOJANA**' shall not be eligible to participate.
- 6.3 Seven (07) copies of the books originally written in Hindi strictly on the subject referred in para 1 above, shall be required to be sent for consideration of the Evaluation Committee, which will not be returned. However, the author shall be entitled to get the price of one copy of the book reimbursed and remaining six copies

shall be returned to the author(s). No reimbursement shall be made for the books beyond the subject mentioned in para 1.

7. **GENERAL**

- 7.1 Officers and Employees of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and its Subordinate offices etc. under its administrative control are also eligible to participate in '**MEDINI PURASKAR YOJANA**' but the books written by them shall be judged with reference to special facilities available to them.
- 7.2 Other Government servants who wish to participate in the said scheme shall have to obtain necessary permission from the Competent Authority concerned for receipt of award under '**MEDINI PURASKAR YOJANA**', before submission of the entries for consideration.
- 7.3 Copyright on the award winning book will remain with the Author(s)/Publisher(s).
- 7.4 Awardees coming from the places other than the place fixed for distribution of award(s) will be paid to and fro 2nd AC fare and they will have to make their own arrangement for lodging and boarding at their own expense.
- 7.5 The scheme shall be a regular annual feature. However, depending on the response, the continuity of the scheme may be reviewed by the Ministry.
- 7.6 No correspondence regarding conferment of the award for selection of a book shall be entertained.
- 7.7 In case of litigation with regard to award(s), if any, its jurisdiction shall be New Delhi.
- 7.8 **If it is absolute necessary or expedient in the opinion of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to do so, documenting the reason(s) thereof, any of the above provisions may be relaxed by issuing a Notification in the Gazette of India and through the website (www.envfor.nic.in) of the Ministry.**

Application – Form
Medini Award (Year 2018-19)

1. Title of the book (In Hindi)
(In English)
ISBN Number of the book
2. (i) Name of the Author/Co-author (Full Name in Hindi)
(In English)
(ii) Full Address (with pincode)
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(iii) Mobile No. E-mail ID
- 3.(i) Name of the publisher
(ii) Full Address of the publisher
(iii) Year of publishing
4. (i) Had the book been awarded by any Government organisation previously? Yes/No
If yes, please give full details thereof
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(ii) Had the author/co-author of the book been awarded under any of the book writing schemes during the preceding three years. If yes, the year and full details thereof
5. (a) Aadhaar No
(b) please provide compulsorily the following details of Aadhaar Card linked Bank Account:
(i) Address of the bank branch where you have your Account (with phone no.) :
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(ii) Bank Account No. (Full):
(iii) IFSC Code
6. I certify that
(i) I son/daughter of, am an Indian citizen.
(ii) The book has been written originally in Hindi by me.
(iii) The copyright of any other person is not violated by entering my book in this scheme and I am responsible for the facts and figures given in the book

I Promise to abide by the provisions of the regulations of the Award Scheme.

Place :

Date :

Signature of Author/Co-author

Note 1 : Strike off whichever is not applicable.

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