

MEDINI PURASKAR YOJANA

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Under this scheme, any Indian author may send his entries, duly filled in the prescribed format along with seven copies of his/her book latest by April 30, 2008 at the following address:

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