

The Room to Read Children's Literature Awards

2025

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

The Teacher-Librarian's Choice Award - MARATHI

The Room to Read Children's Literature Awards are back for 2025!

In their third year, these awards continue to celebrate quality literary efforts in the field of children's literature. The awards have primarily been envisioned to fill the gap in recognitions for creators and publishers striving to contribute to children's literature in Indian languages. It is our hope that these will be a small step in bringing more credibility and significance to the discourse around the genre in India.

The Teacher-Librarian's Choice Award aims to recognise children's books which teachers and librarians have found best-suited to serve children's reading interests! These awards are awarded annually to the most popular children's books in the library/classroom setting, in a hope to promote the role of children's literature and empower teachers and librarians, who are primary agents in the usage of books.

We are happy to announce that in 2025, The Teacher-Librarian's Choice Award will be given out to books and publishers in the **Marathi** language!

Room to Read invites nominations from Publishers for their best-selling Marathi-language children's books across **two age brackets (ages 3-8, and ages 8-12)**. Here are the guidelines and criteria!

- The nominated books must cater to children in one of the **two age group categories: 3-8yos and 8-12yos**.
- Nominated books should either originally be in **Marathi OR be adapted/translated from an Indian language/English**.
- The nominations should be illustrated storybooks or picturebooks (**>60% illustrated pages**)
- Eligible books should have been **published or reprinted between 2016-2021**
- To gather a sense of the book's popularity, we ask Publishers to input the book's sales data from this period, upto 31st December, 2024

*Books that cater to children above the age of 12, or adults, are not eligible.

*Books which haven't been reprinted since 2016 are not eligible.

*Books translated into Marathi from a foreign language are not eligible.

TO NOMINATE BOOKS, CLICK HERE: <https://shorturl.at/QLyTc>

A shortlist of the nominations will be prepared, and teachers and librarians across government schools in Maharashtra will be able to vote for their favourite books on our website. Publishers may submit **upto 5 nominations** for each age group.

LAST DATE FOR NOMINATIONS: 30th APRIL, 2025!