# FICCI Publishing Awards – 2026

## GUIDELINES

## *Categories for submissions by Publishers*

### 1. Children's Book of the Year (Fiction)

- Children's Book of the Year (Age category - below 10) – English
- Children's Book of the Year (Age category - 10 & above) – English
- Children's Book of the Year (Age category - below 10) – Hindi
- Children's Book of the Year (Age category - 10 & above) – Hindi

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Both printed books and e-books published in India are eligible.
- Entry must be a full-length work of fiction.
- All entries should have been published and released between January 01, 2026 and December 31, 2026.
- Unreleased books are not eligible.
- The book must be an original work in English/Hindi.
- The book must not be self-published.

### 2. Audiobook of the Year (English & Hindi)

- Audiobook of the Year – Fiction (English)
- Audiobook of the Year – Fiction (Hindi)
- Audiobook of the Year – Non- Fiction (English)
- Audiobook of the Year – Non- Fiction (Hindi)

**Eligibility Criteria**

- The audiobook should be published/released in India are eligible.
- All entries should have been published/released between January 01, 2026, and December 31, 2026.
- Unreleased audiobooks are not eligible.
- The audiobook must be an original work in English/Hindi.
- The audiobook must not be self-published/released.

## 3. Book of the Year - Fiction (English & Hindi)

- **Book of the Year - Fiction (English)** - Print /E-book
- **Book of the Year - Fiction (Hindi)** - Print /E-book

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Both printed books and e-books published in India are eligible.
- All entries should have been published and released between January 01, 2026, and December 31, 2026.
- Unreleased books are not eligible.
- The book must be an original work in English/Hindi.
- The book must not be self-published.

## 4. Book of the Year - Non-Fiction (English & Hindi)

- **Book of the Year – Non-Fiction (English)** - Print /E-book
- **Book of the Year – Non-Fiction (Hindi)** - Print /E-book

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Both printed books and e-books published in India are eligible.
- All entries should have been published and released between January 01, 2026, and December 31, 2026.
- Unreleased books are not eligible.
- The book must be an original work in English/Hindi.
- The book must not be self-published.

## 5. Comic/Graphic Novel of the Year

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Both printed books and e-books published in India are eligible.
- All entries should have been published and released between January 01, 2026, and December 31, 2026.
- Unreleased books are not eligible.
- The book must be an original work in English/Hindi.
- The book must not be self-published.

## 6. Book of the Year – Best Design

- Book Cover Design
- Overall Book Design

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Printed books published in India are eligible.
- All entries should have been published and released between January 01, 2026, and December 31, 2026.
- Unreleased books are not eligible.
- The book must be an original work in English, Hindi, or any other Indian regional language.
- The book must not be self-published.

## 7. Book of the Year – Best Production

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Printed books published in India are eligible.
- All entries should have been published and released between January 01, 2026, and December 31, 2026.
- Unreleased books are not eligible.
- The book must be an original work in English, Hindi, or any other Indian regional language.
- The book must not be self-published.

## 8. Book of the Year – Best Translation

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Both printed books and e-books published in India are eligible.
- All entries should have been published and released between January 01, 2026, and December 31, 2026.
- Unreleased books are not eligible.
- ***The book must be an original work in any Indian Language translated in English.***
- The book must not be self-published.

## 9. Business Book of the Year (English)

- Business Management
- Business Economics
- Business Self-help
- Biography of Business Leader

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Both printed books and e-books published in India are eligible.
- All entries should have been published and released between January 01, 2026, and December 31, 2026.
- Unreleased books are not eligible.
- The book must be an original work in English or translated into English.
- The book must not be self-published.

## *Categories for submissions by Printers*

### 1. Best Printed Book of the Year

- Best Printed Book of the Year – Paperback
- Best Printed Book of the Year – Hardcover
- Innovation in Book Printing

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Only printed books published in India are eligible.
- All entries should have been published and released between January 01, 2026, and December 31, 2026.
- Unreleased books are not eligible.
- The book must be an original work in English or any Indian language.
- The book must not be self-published.

## *Guidelines for submission*

- The last date of entry submission is December 31, 2026.
- Duly filled application form should be emailed to FICCI Secretariat at aastha.gupta@ficci.com and publishing@ficci.com.
- **6 copies of each entry should be sent through courier along with the application form.**
- **Participants are allowed to submit up to 6 entries per category/sub-category**. However, separate application form for each entry must be filled for each entry.
- If two or more companies have been involved in the production of an entry, it is permissible to have a joint submission. Any contention/dispute arising out of the same must be resolved by the parties concerned.
- By submitting an entry for the FICCI Publishing Awards 2026, the entrant certifies that:
- The entry was published and released between January 01, 2026, and December 31, 2026.
- The entrant (Publisher / Author) either owns the rights of the entry or is authorized by the rightful owner to participate in the Awards.
- The entry submitted is the entrant's original work and it does not infringe the copyrights or intellectual property rights of any third party.
- Nomination fee for each entry is INR 2000 + 18% GST. The payment can be made through NEFT. Details are enclosed with the application form.
- By submitting an entry for the FICCI Publishing Awards 2026, the entrant agrees:
- To grant FICCI the right to free, non-commercial usage of all materials submitted along with the entry including text and visuals for use in the programme catalogue, web site, press releases, screenings, and other promotional activities.
- To grant FICCI the right to showcase the entry to jury members and delegates during the Awards ceremony and other events showcasing the Awards thereafter.
- To also grant FICCI the right to use text or visuals during the Awards Ceremony for the Presentation AV.
- FICCI will not be responsible for lost, delayed, illegible, incomplete, or mutilated entries or other errors, regardless of cause.

- FICCI reserves the sole discretion to disqualify entrants found to be influencing, manipulating, or tampering with the submission or selection process, providing falsified information, or acting in violation of the rules and regulations.
- FICCI will automatically disqualify any entrant that submits any entry or supporting materials that contain text or images that they, in their sole opinion and for any reason, find uncivil, vulgar, offensive, or inappropriate, or that may present FICCI & its stakeholders in a negative light.
- FICCI will oversee the awards process and arbitrate disputes, if any. Any entrant who has a compelling reason for complaint or grievance whatsoever will do so with the necessary support documentation / evidence as required and send it to the FICCI Headquarters at New Delhi. FICCI's decisions and interpretations of the official rules will be final and binding.

## ***Important Information***

- **Awards Jury**

➢ The basic premise of the Awards is that SUBMISSIONS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD ONLY IF AND WHEN THE WORK MERITS AN AWARD. Judging panelists may choose not to give an award in a category should the work submitted not be worthy in their expert opinion.

➢ Members of the jury are not allowed to be involved in the making of any of the entries entered in the competition.

➢ The jury has the right to award Special Jury Awards.

- **Rights-FICCI**

➢ The programme acts according to its published event document. FICCI has the authority to resolve unclear situations, which are not dealt with in the event document, and which need to be resolved in order to carry out the programme successfully. Amendments to the conditions contained in the event document are subject to approval from FICCI.

- **Agreement to event conditions**

➢ By submitting an application form to participate in the FICCI Publishing Awards 2026, an entrant confirms his or her agreement to its conditions and promises to adhere to them.