Publisher FAQ: Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya (ReP)

1. What is Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya (ReP)?

Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya is India's Free national digital library initiative, by the Ministry of Education, GoI, implemented by the National Book Trust. It aims to make high-quality, multilingual educational and cultural content accessible to all—free of cost to readers, and with fair compensation to publishers.

2. What kind of titles are eligible for submission to ReP?

ReP invites non-academic, age-appropriate, culturally inclusive, and engaging content for children and adolescents (ages 3–18). Preferred categories include:

a. Picture books, illustrated stories, and early readers
b. Folktales, regional literature, and translations
c. Biographies, inspirational narratives, and value-based stories
d. Science, environment, and general knowledge titles in accessible formats
e. Titles in Indian languages and bilingual formats
f. Books that promote reading habits, diversity, and social inclusion

3. What is the submission limit per publisher?

Each publisher may submit up to 100 current front list titles per quarter. This cap ensures editorial bandwidth and quality control. Submissions beyond this limit will not be considered during the same quarter.

4. **What formats are accepted?**

Only titles in ePUB3 or editable PDF formats are accepted. Metadata must be submitted as per the prescribed template.

5. Will all submitted titles be accepted?

No. Titles are subject to editorial review. ReP reserves the right to reject or request revisions based on language, relevance, and quality standards.

6. What metadata is required with each title?

Publishers must submit complete metadata in the prescribed format, including:

a. Title, author, illustrator, editor
b. ISBN, number of pages, keywords
c. Description and publication details

Incomplete or inaccurate metadata may lead to rejection or delay in processing.

7. How do I submit my titles?

Once you sign the Service Level Agreement (SLA), you'll receive a detailed mail from our team where you will be asked to provide following:

- ePub files
- Metadata sheet
- Cover images

Our team will review and confirm acceptance within 10 working days.

8. Can I withdraw a title later?

Yes, with a **30-day written notice**. However, any prepaid license fees will be refunded on a pro-rata basis, as per the SLA.

9. Will my books be featured in campaigns or outreach?

Yes! Select titles may be promoted in national reading campaigns, school outreach, and thematic collections. You'll be notified in advance and credited appropriately.

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11. What rights does the publisher retain?

Publishers retain full copyright and intellectual property rights. All licenses granted to ReP are non-exclusive and valid only for the term of the agreement.

12. What promotional rights does ReP have?

ReP may use cover art, metadata, and book content for promotion across its website, social media, and partner platforms. This includes showcasing titles in demos and outreach campaigns.

13. Are updates or revisions allowed?

Yes, but publishers must notify ReP at least 15 days in advance. All updates must remain compatible with ReP's technical standards.

14. What is the payment structure?

Payments are made in two instalments as per the approved pricing matrix and SLA:

- 80% of the license fee within 15 days of upload and invoice submission
- 20% after 9 months, subject to invoice

Publishers must raise GST invoices using the prescribed format and details

15. Who can I contact for support or queries?

Please reach out to the

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