



Book on Jammu Kashmir Inaugurated

Why in News?

Union Minister for Home Affairs presided over the **book release event** on 2nd January 2025. He released the book '**Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh: Through the Ages**'.

Key Points

▪ About the Book:

- The book seeks to **narrate the story of Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh** in a format accessible to both subject specialists and general readers.
- Divided into seven sections, the **book spans over 3,000 years of the region's history**, presenting a comprehensive view.
- Each illustration has been carefully chosen to represent an age, highlighting its **significance and contribution to India's historical narrative**.
- The book is available in **both Hindi and English language**.
- The [National Book Trust, India](#), and the [Indian Council of Historical Research](#) jointly worked on this publication.

National Book Trust (NBT)

- NBT, India is an apex body established by the Government of India (**Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development**) in the **year 1957**.
- The **objectives of the NBT** are:
 - to produce and encourage the production of **good literature in English, Hindi and other Indian languages**.
 - to make such literature available at **moderate prices to the public**.
 - to bring out **book catalogues, arrange book fairs/exhibitions and seminars** and take all necessary steps to make the people book minded.

Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR)

- ICHR is an **autonomous body** of the **Ministry of Human Resource Development (Ministry of Education)**, **established in the year 1972** under the **Societies Registration Act, 1860**.
- It provides **financial assistance to historians and scholars** through fellowships, grants, and symposia.