



## Corona Studies Series: NBT

 [drishtiias.com/printpdf/corona-studies-series-nbt](https://drishtiias.com/printpdf/corona-studies-series-nbt)

### Why in News

The National Book Trust (NBT) is going to launch a publishing series titled 'Corona Studies Series'.

### Key Points

- The Corona Studies Series is being launched to prepare and engage readers with the various aspects of the Corona.
- It will bring out **affordable books in various Indian languages in the identified subject areas** such as Psycho-Social Impact of Corona Pandemic.
- The series will **document and provide relevant reading materials** for all age-groups for the post-Corona readership needs.
- Books focused on **art, literature, folklore, economic and sociological aspects, science/health awareness** emerging out of the Corona pandemic, and the lockdown, are also being prepared.
- **#StayHomeIndiaWithBooks initiative** was also started by the NBT.  
The pdfs of some of the select and bestselling books have been provided for free download. This is to encourage people to stay in/home to contain the spread of **COVID-19**.

### National Book Trust

- 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.

**Source: PIB**