

**PAPER II**  
**GENERAL STUDIES-I**

**INDIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE, HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY OF THE WORLD  
AND SOCIETY:**

- Indian culture covers the salient features of Literature, Art Forms, and Architecture from ancient to modern times
- Modern Indian history include the significant events, personalities, issues during the middle of the eighteenth century until the present
- Various stages and important contributors and contributions from different parts of the country in the 'The Freedom Struggle
- Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country
- History of the world includes events, forms and effect on the society from 18<sup>th</sup> century like would industrial revolution, colonization, re-drawl of national boundaries decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc.
- Salient aspects of Diversity of India and Indian Society
- Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and remedies
- Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism
- Distribution of key natural resources across the world including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent; factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world including India
- Effects of globalization on Indian society
- Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, tsunami, volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features (including water bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes
- Salient features of world's physical geography.