

## **Paper No: 305 (Social Problems)**

### **1. Main Objectives:**

Over the years, India's social problems have become difficult, intricate and hydra headed, pervading the entire social, economic, cultural and demographic structure. Keeping this in view, this paper aims at introducing the students to the concept and various perspectives on social problems. It also aims at providing detailed knowledge about specific social problems ranging from socio-cultural problems to socio demographic.

### **Unit: 1 Concept and Sociological perspectives:**

- Definition
- How and when issue becomes a social problem.
- Subjective definition and objective condition
- Stages in its development
- Assumptions of social problems

#### **Perspectives on social problems**

- Functional perspective
- Conflict perspective
- Symbolic interactionist perspective

### **Unit: 2 Socio cultural problems:**

- Corruption
- Sec-deviation
- Dowry

### **Unit: 3 Socio economic and structural problems**

- Poverty
- Unemployment
- Drug addiction

### **Unit: 4 Socio-Demographic Problems:**

- Child Labor
- Problems of elderly
- Physically Challenged

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