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#### 1 Syllabus

## 1.1 Prelims Syllabus

Considered as part of History.

#### 1.2 Mains Syllabus

Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.

# 2 Indus Valley Civilisation And Harappan Culture

- $\bullet$  BCE (Before Common / Current Era) = BC (Before Christ)
- CE (Common / Current Era) = AD (Anno Domini, year of the Lord)
- BP (Before the Present) is the number of years before the present. Because the present changes every year, archaeologists, by convention, use A.D. 1950 as their reference. So, 2000 B.P. is the equivalent of 50 B.C.

#### Indus Valley Civilisation:-

- Dates  $\sim 4500$  BP.
- $\bullet\,$  Is the earliest known urban culture in Indian subcontinent.
- Among many sites of this civilisation discovered so far, the Harappan site was the first to be discovered in 1921 and hence the civilisation is also called as Harappan Civilisation or Harappan Culture.