

**CLASS:-11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION**  
**11 NOTES**  
**HISTORY**

**Meaning & Background**

- The term 'Industrial Revolution' was used by European scholars – George Michelet in France and Friedrich Engles in Germany.
- It refers to the great change in the field of industries when the production of goods by hand in the houses were replaced with the help of machines in factories.
- The transformation of industry and the economy in Britain between the 1780s and the 1850s is called the 'first industrial revolution'.
- It was used for the first time in English by the philosopher and economist Arnold Toynbee (1852-83), to describe the changes that occurred in British industrial development between 1760 and 1820. These dates coincided with those of the reign of George III.
- It revolutionised the techniques and organisation of production in the later half of the eighteenth century.