

CLASS:--12TH, HISTORY NOTES, CHAPTER:- 1

Strategies for procuring material

- **Procured from the subcontinent and beyond: The Harappans procured materials for craft production in various ways.**
- **Terracotta toy models of bullock carts suggest that this was one important means of transporting goods and people across land routes.**
- **Another strategy for procuring raw materials may have been to send expeditions, which established communication with local communities.**
- **Contact with distant lands: archaeological finds suggest that copper was also probably brought from Oman, on the southeastern tip of the Arabian peninsula.**
- **Mesopotamian texts datable to the third millennium BCE refer to copper coming from a region called Magan, perhaps a name for Oman.**
- **Other archaeological finds include Harappan seals, weights, dice and beads which suggests contacts with regions named Dilmun (probably the island of Bahrain), Magan and Meluhha, possibly the Harappan region.**
- **It is likely that communication with Oman, Bahrain or Mesopotamia was by sea. Mesopotamian texts refer to Meluhha as a land of seafarers. Besides, we find depictions of ships and boats on seals**