

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

Seals, Script, Weights

- **Seals** and sealings were used to facilitate long distance communication. The sealing also conveyed the identity of the sender.
- **An enigmatic script:** Harappan seals usually have a line of writing, probably containing the name and title of the owner. Scholars have also suggested that the motif (generally an animal) conveyed a meaning to those who could not read.
- Most inscriptions are short, the longest containing about 26 signs. Although the script remains undeciphered to date, it was evidently not alphabetical as it has just too many signs – somewhere between 375 and 400. The script was written from right to left.
- **Weights:** Exchanges were regulated by a precise system of weights, usually made of a stone called Chert and generally cubical, with no markings.
- Metal scale-pans have also been found