

THROUGH THE EYES OF TRAVELLERS

The coconut and the paan:

- Two kinds of plants that were unfamiliar to his audience were coconut and paan.
- He had compared coconut with that of Palm; they look exactly the same except that the one produces dates and the bears the nuts as its fruits.
- He describes the paan as a tree which is cultivated in the same manner as the grape wine.

Lbn Battuta and Indian cities:

- He founded the cities in the subcontinent with full of exciting opportunities for those who had the necessary drive, resources and skills.
- They were densely populated and prosperous.
- Most cities had crowded streets and bright and colourful markets with wide variety of goods.
- He describes Delhi as a vast city, with a great population, the largest in India
- Daulatabad was equal in size of Delhi.
- The bazaars were not only places of economic transactions, but the hub of social and cultural activities.
- Most bazaars had a mosque and a temple and space were marked for public performances by dancers, musicians and singers.
- He found Indian agriculture very productive because of the fertility of soil.