

CLASS:--12TH, HISTORY NOTES, CHAPTER:- 01 , THROUGH THE EYES OF TRAVELLERS

A unique system of communications:

- The state evidently took special measures to encourage merchants .
- All trade routes were well supplied with inns and guest houses .
- He was amazed by the efficiency of the postal system which allowed merchants to not only send information and remit credit across long distances, but also to dispatch goods required at short notice.

Francois Bernier

A Doctor with a Difference:

- He was a Frenchman, a doctor, political philosopher and historian.
- He came to the Mughal court in search of opportunities
- He was in India for 12 years from 1656to 1668.
- He was closely associated to the Mughal court as a physician to Prince Dara Shukoh the eldest son of Shah Jahan.

Comparing "East" and "West":

- He travelled to several parts of the country and wrote accounts of what he saw and comparing India with the situation in Europe.
- He dedicated his major writing to the king of France