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HISTORY (Ch. – 4.)

CHAPTER NAME: THE FIRST CITIES.

TOPIC : DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

The most special feature of these cities was there well developed drainage system.

Every house had drains which were connected to the main drain of the streets.

The drains were covered with stone slabs and inspection holes were provided at regular distance to clean them .

Broad streets.

The cities of Harappan civilisation had a neat and systematic look because of their straight and broad streets .

Houses were constructed on both sides of the street in a neat and orderly row.

The great bath.

The unique structure of the civilization is the famous **great bath of Mohenjodaro** .

This was a special tank made of bricks.

The plaster coated side walls were water - tight due to finely fitted bricks and a thick layer of natural tar.

It was connected to a system for water inlet.

Archaeologists believe that the tank was probably used for ritual bathing during religious functions .

Granaries

Large granaries have been found at Mohenjodaro, Lothal, Kalibangan and Harappa, which were used to store surplus grains. Blackened

and charred grains have been found in this granaries .

It indicates that the harappans had surplus food grain production . may be tax was collected in the form of grains .
