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HISTORY (Ch. – 4.)

CHAPTER NAME: THE FIRST CITIES.

TOPIC : LIFE OF THE PEOPLE

Economic activity and occupation .

The cities were busy with activities . Craft seems to have been the main occupation of the people .

Pottery making was a specialised skill .

Metal work watch one more highly advanced craft .

Copper and bronze gear used to make tools, weapons, ornaments and vessels .

Making of **gold** and **silver jewellery** also seems to have been a highly admired craft .

Bead making vase and other specialised craft .

Beads were made from a wide variety of materials – stones like carnelian, jasper, crystal; metals like copper, bronze and gold; shells and baked, clay or Terracotta .

Sales are another special contribution of this civilization .

Terracotta was a reddish brown clay backed for making pots and toys . Faience is a man made material which was glazed to give shiney glass surfaces .

They usually had animal cravings on them . probably they were used by merchants and traders to stomp their goods .

Cotton weaving was also practiced .

Spindle whorls to spin thread have been found in some of the Harappan sites .

**That accounts for the excellence of the
craftsmanship .**
