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## **Ch4-The First Civilisation in India (History)**

### **Economic conditions**

#### **Agriculture**

The Indus Valley was fertile due to annual inundation in the Indus River. Walls made of burnt bricks for protection show that floods took place annually. The Indus carried far more alluvial soil than the Nile in Egypt & like it, created the fertile area of Sindh. Agriculture was one of the main economic activities of the people. Toy models of plough have been recovered from the sites indicating that ploughs were used for agriculture. The Indus people sowed seeds in the flood plains in November when the flood water receded & reaped their harvests in April before the advent of the next flood.

The Harappan cultural zone fell in the low rainfall area and it is likely that irrigation was necessary for cultivation. Thus, the Harappan people would have stored water and used it when the plants were growing. Gobar bands or na lad have been found in Baluchistan area.

Wheat & Barley were the main crops cultivated by the Indus people. We find evidence of barley from the site of Banawali. Dates, field peas, sesame & mustard were also grown. It seems that rice was cultivated at Lothal, where rice husks embedded in clay & pottery have been discovered.

#### **Animal husbandry**

The people of the Indus Valley Civilisation practised animal husbandry. They domesticated animals such as oxen, buffaloes, goats, sheep & pigs. Cats & dogs were regarded as pets. Asses & Camels were possibly used for transporting goods. Remains of a horse have been found from Surkotada. Elephants were also commonly found. The humped bulls were favoured by the Harappans. Several specimens of horns & antlers of Kashmir stag, Sambhar deer, log deer & spotted deer have been found.

### **Home Assignment (Based on yesterday's topic)**

**1. Name the other important sites in Sindh, Rajasthan, Haryana & Gujarat of Indus Valley Civilisation.**

2. Name the coastal town of Indus Valley Civilisation.
3. Write the recently discovered sites of Indus Valley Civilisation.
4. Describe about the town planning of Harappan cities.
5. Write about brick dockyard & fire altars found in Lothal & Kalibangan respectively.

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