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HARAPPA CIVILIZATION / INDUS VALLEY CIVILIZATION

(2350 BC – 1750 BC)

- This was the **oldest Civilization** of the India.
- According to C-14 Phase of IVC consider **2350 BC to 1750 BC**.
- **Mohenjo-Daro** was the largest site of Indus Valley civilization, In other words Mohenjo-Daro local name was **“MOUND OF THE DEAD”**.
***RAKHIGARHI** was the largest Indian Site of Indus Civilization.
- The term “Indus civilization” was first time used by **John marshal**.
- **CHARLES MENSION** got first evidence of IVC in a Rail work at **1856 BC**.
- Scholars came to know about IVC from **Stamp/Seal only** (this indicates the commercial and economic development of IVC)
- Most of the scholars wrote that the makers of this civilization were **DRAVIDIAN**.
- The expansion of this civilization was spread over sindh, Baluchistan, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, UP and Gujarat.
- IVC was first known civilization which was **Urban civilization** in which female was found head of family (**female dominated Civilization**).
- IVC was also known as **Bronze Age/Chalcolithic Age civilization** but the Civilization was based on **Agriculture**.
- The people of this civilization usually built their house which was made up of **Pucca Brics**, where Raw Brics was was found from Kalibanga.
- The term IVC was first used by **SIR JOHN MARSHALL** in a journal in **1924**, later on it became highlighted in the world history.
- Famous port of Harappa was Lothal, Sutkagendor, Allahdino, Balakot etc.
- Source of information about IVC was only **Archeological (STAMP only)**.
- Harappan Language was NOT REDABLE, was almost based on Images which was written/drawn from **“Left to Right & Right to Left”**. Which was almost equal to Dravid script (oldest script)?
- On declining of Harappa civilization History has no facts & still controversial, but sometimes according to different scholars believe Harappa was decline due to **FLOOD** (according to JOHN MARSHAL) & **ARYAN ATTACKS** was other believe of decline (John Wheeler).
- Basically Decline of IVC was **varying from Place to Place**.

- From **no** were in Harappa the symbol of **COW & LION** has been identified but **HORSE** was one of the important animal identified from **SURKOTADA (BOON), (SKIN) MOHANJODARO**.
- Others animals are Bull, elephant, Buffalos, Goat, Dog, Cat, Donkey, Deer, Pig, Tortoise, Rhinoceros etc.
- Other employment were- **stamp creation (Rectangular)** (mostly stamp symbolize with “kuwar wala Bull, Bull having one horn, rhinoceros Buffalos, tiger, elephant) , idol creation (Bronze made dancer which belongs from **PROTOSTROLOYET Category** was major idol), item made from soil are important.

TRADE LIFE

- Business/ exchanges relationship was with **MESOPOTAMIA (mainly)/SUMER, EGYPT & CHAINA**, and Middle Asia.
- **DILMAN** was a major trade place between Harappa and Mesopotamia.
- Export items- **Ag** based products, **Cotton** goods, **Copper (IRON was not known to IVC people)**, woods & elephant teeth etc.
- As there is no evidence of Coins, **BARTER** is assumed to have been the method of **exchange** of goods, the unit was in **WATT** which was in **16** unit.
- For trade communication **Bullock Cart and Boat** located.
- **LOTHAL** was the main **Port** for trade other ports which were imp are **SUTKAGENDOR, ALLAHDINO, Surkotra & BALAKOT**.
- For internal trade of **Gold- KOLAR (KARNATKA)** & for **COPPER (KHETRI-RAJSTHAN)** was main source whereas for external region **Afghanistan, Persia (iran) famous for Gold and Baluchistan, Arabia** was known for silver trade.

RELIGIOUS LIFE

- The origin of the “**SWASTIKA SYMBOL**” traced from IVC.
- Inhumation or complete **BURIAL** was the most common method of Disposal of the dead Bodies.
- **Mother-goddess (MATRIDEVI / shakti)** worship was a tradition.
- Worship of “**SHIVA SHAKTI/PASUPATI MAHADEVA**” was a form of pray and believes.

SOCIETY STRUCTURE

- Society structure was based on **GRID** System
- A better **sewage system** has been found.
- Society was distributed into two parts, 1. **Western part-for Rural Class** 2. **Eastern part- Middle class and lower** class.
- To move one place to other place **Bullock cart** was main way of communication.

HARAPPAN SITES

SITE	RIVER	DISTT	STATE	COUNTRY	FOUNDER	FACTS
HARAPPA	RAVI	MONTGOMERY	PUNJAB	PAKISTAN	DAYA RAM SAHNI & MADHO SWAROOP VATSA -1921 BC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Cemetery (R-37) 2.Lingam & Yoni (sex organ) 3.mother goddess 4.wheat & Barley 5. Dice 6.wheel 7. stamp, 8.Copper glass etc 9. Bull seal
MOHENJODARO	INDUS/SINDU	LARKANA	SINDH	PAKISTAN	RAKHAL DAS BANNERJI - 1922 BC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.GREAT BATH: largest Building) 2. Great Granery 3.pashupati Mahadeva 4.Bronze image of a nude woman dancer 5.Human skeltons 6. Mesopotamian seals
KALIBANGA	GHAGGAR/SAR SWATI	GANGANAGAR	RAJASTHAN	INDIA	B B LAL & B K THAPER - 1961	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.EARTHQUACK 2.Ploughed field, 3.Raw Brick 4. Fire altars
LOTHAL	BHOGVA RIVER	KATHYAWAR	GUJRAT	INDIA	S R RAO - 1954	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.IRANI STAMP 2.RICE, 3.PORT/Dockyard 4STORY OF PANCH TANTRA 5. BOAT, 6.TERRACOTTA figure OF A HORSE 7. DOUBLE BURIAL (Male & Female in same grave).

BANAWALI	GHAGGAR/S ARSWATI	HISAR	HARIYANA	INDIA	R S BIST - 1973	1. sewage/drainage system.
CHANHUNDARO	INDUS/SIND	NAWABSHAH	SINDH	PAKISTAN	N G MAZUMDAR - 1931	1.INKPOT 2.City without Fort 3. bullock cart 4. soil made utensils
DHOLAVIRA	LUNI	KUTCHH	GUJRAT	INDIA	J P JOSHI 1967	1. Underground/advance Water drainage system. 2.Only CITY was in 3 part 3.Rock cut architecture 4. Water drainage system.

- **Surkotada** was the only site where from where fact of horse/**Bone of horse** found.
- **Daimabad** –Bronze Capital of Harappa Where most of Bronze Images was found.

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