NCERT Class 6 History

Chapter 3: From Gathering to Growing Food

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Rise of Farming & Storage

Grain and Bones	Sites
Wheat, barley, sheep, goat, cattle	Mehrgarh (in present day-Pakistan)
Rice, fragmentary animal bones	Koldihwa (in present-day Uttar Pradesh)
Rice, cattle (hoof marks on clay surface)	Mahagara (in present-day Uttar Pradesh)
Wheat and lentil	Gufkral (in present-day Kashmir)
Wheat and lentil, dog, cattle, sheep, goat, buffalo,	Burzahom (in present-day Kashmir)
Wheat, green gram, barley, buffalo, ox	Chirand (in present-day Bihar)
Millet, cattle, sheep, goat, pig	Hallur (in present-day Andhra Pradesh)
Black gram, millet, cattle, sheep, pig	Paiyampalli (in present-day Andhra Pradesh)
These are just some of the sites from which grain and bones have been found.	

To a Settled Life

- Burzahom (Kashmir): Pit-houses dug into ground,
 with steps leading into them protect in cold
- Neolithic Tools: Fine cutting edge for mortars and pestles to grind grains
- Earthen Pots: Cooking, Storage
- Cloth Weaving: Cotton
- Sedentary Life: Farming & Herding

Customs & Practices

- Lived in groups as Tribes had leaders
- Women: Agricultural work prepare ground, sow seeds etc.; thresh, husk, and grind grain
- Children: Look after plants, drive away animals.
- Men: Led large herds of animals in search of pasture.
- Children: Led small flocks
- Men & Women: Cleaning of animals and milking, making pots, baskets, tools and huts

Mehrgarh

- Near Bolan pass in Iran
- Learnt to grew barley & wheat & rear sheep and goat for 1st time in this area
- Bones of deer, pig, sheep, goat & cattle
- Square & rectangular houses 4 or more compartments & storage
- Believed in life after death burial sites –buried with animals

Daojali Hading

- On the hills near Brahmaputra Valley
- Near routes to China and Myanmar
- Stone tools: Mortars and pestles
- Grow grain & prepare food
- Jadeite, stone brought from China
- Tools of fossil wood & pottery