

Class VI
Subject - History and Civics

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Chapter 6 The Vedic Civilization

We will study about the changes that took place in the Later Vedic Period. The Aryans moved further inside India in the Gangetic Valley region.

In the political organization the position of a king became more important. Kingship became hereditary and the role of assemblies Sabha and Samiti became limited. Apart from Purohita and Senani, a number of other officials assisted the King.

Agriculture became more important and a number of other occupations came up. Trading continued and guilds came up. It was the organization of people doing same kind of work.

In the religious sphere, new gods Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva became important. There was more emphasis on rituals and sacrifices. The philosophical concepts of Karma, dharma, punarjanma, moksha developed during this period.

The social organization became complex and a number of new castes came up. More restrictions were imposed on intercaste interactions and position of shudras declined. The position of women also declined in this period.