

Q The culture & tradition of Indus Valley Civilization have been preserved without a breakdown to the present day. Comment.

Ans: In the endless pursuit of development and ever changing way of life to fulfill human needs, it forms the culture & tradition of groups of people. IVC is one of the many cultures of that time which have been preserved without a breakdown in the Indian subcontinent unlike its contemporaries.

Culture and tradition of IVC preserved in present day.

→ RELIGION AND WORSHIP

• Ritual ceremonial bathing of the Great Bath at Mohenjodaro is found in the ritual bathing in rivers for religious ceremony.

• Male deity identified as Pasupati Mohodua evolve into present day Lord Shiva.

• Worship of Phallus evolved to a respectable form of Hindu worship - **Kamakya Temple** *Guwahati*

• Worship of earthly living things like peepal tree, Humped Bull, Birds (dove & Pigeon) still exist in many forms now.

• Worship of Modern Goddesses still continues.

• Fire altars found at Kalibangan & Lothal for religious practice can still be found in Hindu religious ceremonies.

• Burial method of cremation & coffins is still practice widely today.

- Animal sacrifices (likely) found in a triangular terracotta cake is practise in many cultures today.

→ ART AND LIVELIHOOD.

- Handcraft & Embroidery (found in the Bearded Man's Shovel) is one of the main component of today's economy.
- Potters wheel, Spindle whorls, Metallurgy, lost wax technique is still use and relevant today.
- Making of Statues, idols, figurines, etc from stone, bronze and terracotta is the livelihood of many people today.
- Use of gold, agate, jasper, green stone, etc for beads & ornaments can be seen in jewellery of present day.
- Yoga originates origin can be traced back to the yoga posture of Prote Shiva.

Meditation

→ SOCIETY

- Secular Society since no evidence of temples can be found. This is present day India.
- Distinct social groups can be seen which is similar to today's society (Rich, rulers, merchants, labourers, etc).

It can be contradictory. You can say though India has huge no of religious places, still the country is secular.

→ LANGUAGE & SCRIPTS

- Pictographic & logosyllabic is still use widely today. eg. Emojis, Sign, Symbols etc.
- Boustrophedon is found in present day Urdu, Arabic, Hebrew, etc.

Thus, celebration of earthly things and nature in IVC
transcends to present day. This can be seen in the
Spirit of India to fight the Climate Change and
startling a green energy revolution like the pioneering
of International Solar Alliance. Also, Yoga and
Meditation are playing important role to the Soft
Power Foreign Policy of India. Truly, today's India
has its footprint in IVC.

- Very Good Jeline
- u write pretty good answers.
- keep it up!

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