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Ques - The effect of Persian invasion in Indian Culture superseded the Macedonian effects. Discuss.

Ans - The 2nd urbanisation in India was characterised by wealthy Mahajanapadas. This was due to increased use of Iron and agricultural advancements in around 6th C BC which further led to surplus and became background for attraction of the foreign invasions.

In 550 BC, Cyrus invaded India who was a Persian and further Alexander invaded the country which was Macedonian invasion.

Northwest in India became the entering site for both invaders.

The Persian Invasion was prior and some of its effects are -

- (i) This invasion opened gates for further foreign invasions.
- (ii) Marked the growth of Indo-Iranian trade & commerce.
- (iii) Use of Kharosthi script by Iranians gain popularity in Northwest India. Some Ashokan inscriptions are also in this script.
- (iv) The Iranian art influenced the art of India such as - Monolithic pillars, bell shaped structures, sculptures with inscriptions.

The Macedonian invasion which was done by Alexander who had vision to conquer the world had also very huge impact and some of the effects are -

- (i) First time when Europe directed contact with India was seen. This further resulted in rise in trade and commerce.
- (ii) Histories of Alexander left valuable geographical accounts.
- (iii) This invasion encouraged political unification of India under Mauryans.

in Social and Economic conditions of India was surveyed.
Macedonian Invasion influenced the social and economic
condition of the country whereas Persian Invasion have had
a great impact on the art and culture which is low Represen
tative of India's livelihood. This resulted in the conclusion
that Persian Invasion superseded the effects of Macedonian
Invasion.

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