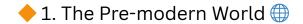
♦ Chapter 3 – The Making of a Global World (Easy Notes ≤)



What do we mean by a "Global World"?

Globalisation didn't begin in the last 50 years. It's a long history of:

- 📋 Migration
- 🛍 Trade
- § Movement of capital
- Exchange of ideas, cultures, and even diseases

Even 3000 BCE, Indus Valley people were trading with West Asia!

- C Seashells (cowries) from the Maldives were found in China and Africa!
- ◆ 1.1 Silk Routes Link the World <a>I

The **Silk Routes** were trade paths that connected:

- Asia → Europe → North Africa
- In return: O Gold and Silver flowed into Asia
- Along with goods, people spread:
 - Religions like Buddhism, Islam, Christianity
 - Ideas, culture, and stories across continents
- CBSE Favourite: What were silk routes? How did they spread more than goods?
- ◆ 1.2 Food Travels: Spaghetti & Potatoes

Did you know?

- Spaghetti may have come from Chinese noodles
- Potatoes, maize, chillies, tomatoes were **not known in India or Europe** 500 years ago!

All these came from:

→ America, discovered by Christopher Columbus

Example:

- In Ireland, when potato crops failed in the 1840s nearly **1 million people died** of starvation!
- ★ CBSE Often Asks: What foods came from America and how they changed diets worldwide?

◆ 1.3 Conquest, Disease, and Trade 💢 🦠

In the 16th century:

- 😚 The world "shrunk" as European explorers found new sea routes
- S America, cut off from rest of world for centuries, was "discovered"
- 💰 Massive silver mines in Peru & Mexico made Europe richer

But the darkest impact?

- Diseases like smallpox killed 90% of Native Americans
- → They had **no immunity** to European diseases
- X European conquests were more successful because of germs than guns
- Quote from a colonist:

"The Lord has cleared our title to what we possess..." — referring to Native deaths due to disease

- CBSE Question Alert: How did disease help Europeans conquer America?
- ◆ 1.4 A Shrinking World & Migration ≜

In the **18th century**, Europe was full of:

- **M** Crowded cities
- Material Diseases
- A Religious conflicts
- → So, people started migrating to America for a better life
- Sadly, many **African slaves** were captured and sent to **plantations** in America They grew **cotton**, **sugar** etc. for **European markets**
- * Exam Tip: Why did people migrate? What role did African slaves play?