

361 Use of iron, state formation and religious movements played an important role in supplementing each other. These interconnections lead to the 2nd urbanisation in around 6th century AD.

Use of Iron

- Iron was discovered in around 1000 BC.
- Historians like RS Sharma have closely related iron discovery with state formation
 - ↳ They say that iron ploughshare lead to better agricultural production
 - ↳ iron are used for clearing forest of plains.
- Historians like Nihar Ranjan Ray have opposed this view by stating iron found in North Indian plains could have been used for ploughing as only 2 iron plough found
- So although iron had less role in agriculture there is no doubt it lead to increase in

Remarks