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**Lecture
On**

***Land Routes to Sea Trade of the Kushan (Connections with Mathura,
Purushapura and Termez***

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Abstract

An important aspect of intercontinental trade of India with the Roman world during the Kushan period has been discussed with the focus on land routes which connected Barbaricum, a sea port in Sindh, mentioned repeatedly by the contemporary western geographers and scholars . The sea trade from hinterlands of Deccan and South are also mentioned by them and Barygaza (Broach) as another important sea port. Archaeological evidences have provided information about the land routes in the Kushan empire which took the trade commodities to Barbaricum from where they were shipped for the west. These commodities in the form of mineral, animal and plant products enriched the Kushan empire which is reflected in the issue of gold coins.