

## **POINTS TO-GO – LESSON 8**

### **The cultural mosaic:**

The Middle East was and still is the home of many peoples, languages, ethnicities and religions. Parallel to the integration of small units into the majority groups, local regional identities were also created, and they defied integration.

### **The Roles of Arabic:**

Arabic offered the possibility of a shared and inclusive identity. Arabic was the language of Islam and its texts. Arabic was also the language of administration of the pre-Ottoman Muslim empires. Arabic was the language of science and intellectual exchanges as well.

### **Persianate culture:**

Persian language and culture enjoyed a major and conscious revival. The impact was felt in a Persian-Turkish civilization from the Mughals to the Ottomans till the modern era.