

## CBSE Class 09 English Language and Literature

### Revision Notes

### Beehive Chapter 10

### Kathmandu

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- In this lesson you can find Vikram Seth's description of Kathmandu.
- Vikram Seth visits Pashupatinath temple. There he finds an atmosphere of complete chaos. The streets bustled with people, monkeys, dogs, pigeons, etc.
- The river Bagmati flows below where people are busy performing rituals and routines. A small shrine half protruded from the stone platform on the river bank.
- Next, he visits Baudhnath stupa, the Buddhist shrine. There he experienced a sense of stillness. He says that it was a haven of quietness in the busy streets around. Most of the shops were owned by Tibetan immigrants.
- The author finds that Kathmandu is more vivid, mercenary and religious. It has the narrowest and busiest streets.
- He roams through the street mindlessly with some refreshments and buying some books.
- From there, he decides to return home because he is too exhausted and homesick.
- The author finds himself too attracted to the flute music by which he is drawn into the commonality of all mankind,
- He says that he was surprised to find that the bansuri affected him so much. Earlier he had hardly noticed such details but now they are very significant for him.