Discovery of Yadava-era stone pillar remains

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Why in News?

Researchers recently found the remains of a 12th-century Yadava-era temple-style stone pillar near the Vena River banks at Hinganghat, Maharastra.

- Researchers found some stone fragments lying in an open space while studying ancient temples along the riverbank.
- **Historical Context -** The stones were linked to ***Yadava-era temple architecture*** that remains dated back to the 12th century.
- **Material and Craftsmanship -** The stone fragments are carved from locally available ***black basalt.***
- Basalt is considered a very hard stone, and carving on it indicates skilled craftsmanship.
- A finely carved lotus motif is on the remains.
- **Architectural Significance -** The pillar may have been part of an important section of a temple, such as the sabhamandap or a pillar in front of the garbhagriha.
- Another fragment is believed to be part of the temple's base, or the pedestal of a main pillar.
- **Architectural Style -** The carvings are typical characteristics of the Yadava-era ***Hemadpanti architectural style***, the style involved stone interlocking without the use of lime.
- According to historians, several parts of Vidarbha flourished religiously, culturally and commercially during the Yadava rule.

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