Pattinamarudhur Archaeological Site

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Recently, in Pattinamarudhar Village of Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu, around 1,500 artefacts have been excavated.

- **Excavation done by** - Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology (TNSDA)

Discoveries

- **Excavation –**Have yielded ancient coins, porcelain pottery fragments, shell ornaments & Figurines.
- Also witnessed successive cultural phases & acted as a thriving coastal trade center.
- **Historical Counterpart –** Experts suggested that Pattinamarudhur's trade significance could be on par with Korkai, a famous ancient port.





Historical Eco-System of Tamil Nadu
• **Korkai –** An ancient port city of Sangam Age & Early Commercial Center & Capital of Early Pandyas. • **Accounts -** Mentioned in Sangam Literature & Ptolemy's accounts. • **Located –** On the Month of River Thamirabarani, Thoothukudi District. • **Renowned –** For Trade with Roman Empire & Far East and Pearl fishing.

Adichanallur (Megalthic/Iron Age site)
• **Located in** – Thoothukudi District along the River Thamirabarani. • **Significates –** Major urn-burial site showcasing advanced Iron Age Culture.

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