

Pattinamarudhur Archaeological Site

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Why in News?

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 Mouth 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.

For Reference: [The Hindu | IAS Parliament](#)

