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## 2000 Years Old Trade Centre Unearthed in Andhra Pradesh

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Recently, the possible presence of **maritime trade centre** near the banks of the **Swarnamukhi river in Andhra Pradesh** around **2,000 years ago** has been put forward by the Archaeological Survey of India.

### Key Findings

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- An excavation of the site has unearthed **a huge settlement surrounded by a brick enclosure.**

The size of bricks can be compared to those in the **Satavahana/Ikshvaku period** structures in the Krishna valley.

Thus, the site may date back to the **2<sup>nd</sup> century to 1st century BCE**

- The excavation of four-armed **2-meter tall sculpture of Vishnu** belonging to the **Pallava period (8<sup>th</sup> Century CE)**, a series of **broken terracotta pipes** pointing towards a form of drainage make it appears to be a **trade centre.**
- Additionally, the **southern coastal** location and more such evidence of the trade, reinforces the **possibility of the existence of a trade centre** at the excavated site.

**Source:TH**