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Title: Need to carry out fresh excavations in archaeological site of Arikamedu in Puducherry- Laid

**DR. D. RAVIKUMAR (VILUPPURAM):** Arikamedu, an archaeological site in Puducherry is in neglected condition. French archaeologists Ge Lentil and Jouveau Dubrevil first identified it in 1937 and later the famous British archaeologist Sir Mortimer Wheeler did the excavation. Roulette wares, Amphoras, Burial pots with Roman stamps, thousands of leads and semi precious stones were unearthed. This excavation clearly established the Indo-Roman trade's age. Archaeologists have placed it around 2<sup>nd</sup> Century BC. Now the site is under ASI control. No new excavation has been carried out there during the past 40 years. The area under ASI control is also poorly managed. ASI should allocate fund to conduct fresh excavations there.