



Archaeological Sites Discovered in Telangana

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Recently, three new archaeological sites were discovered in Telangana by a team of archaeologists led by Prof. K.P. Rao.

- A unique **Iron Age megalithic site** having **over 200 monuments** with a new type of megalithic monument known as **'Dolmenoid Cists'**, not found elsewhere in India.
 - It was found at place called Ooragutta near Bandala village, **Telangana**.
- These "Dolmenoid **cists**" have **capstones** that **determine the shape of the monument**, unlike the usual square or rectangular forms.
 - The monuments are estimated to be around 1,000 BCE.
- It was suggested that these might be an **earlier form** of the **more common square/rectangular megaliths** seen in India and similar to **European Passage Chambers**.
- The team also discovered **two new rock art sites** at Damaratogu village.
- It includes the site, "**Devarlabanda Mula**" featuring **animal depictions without humans or weapons/domestic animals**.
 - This suggests the paintings might be from the **Mesolithic Age (8000-3000 BCE)**.

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