

Excavation Pit Collapsed in Lothal

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Recently, a research scholar died when a **pit collapsed** on her during a **research excavation** at **Lothal**, a Harappan site.

- About Lothal: Located in the Bhal region of Gujarat, Lothal is one of the southernmost sites of the <u>Harappan civilization</u>.
 - $\circ~$ It is believed to have been built in 2200 BC.
 - It was discovered in **1954 by SR Rao.**

- The meaning of Lothal in Gujarati is "**the mound of the dead**". (<u>Mohenjodaro</u> also means the same in Sindhi).
- It had the world's earliest known dock, connecting the city to an ancient course of the Sabarmati river.

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- It is the only port-town of the Harappan Civilisation.
- Lothal was nominated in April 2014 as a <u>UNESCO World Heritage Site.</u>
- A National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) is being developed at Lothal.
- Surkotada and Dholavira are other important Harappan sites in Gujarat.

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