

Archaeological Explorations in Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District, Karnataka

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Abstract

The recent intensive explorations in the District of Mandya of Karnataka, particularly in Taluk Malavalli, have revealed rich archaeological vestiges. The results of these explorations are tabulated in this article.

Introduction

The region of Malavalli taluk forms part of the archaeologically rich landscape of Mandya District in southern Karnataka. Though large-scale excavations are limited, systematic archaeological explorations and field surveys conducted in the district have revealed multi-period cultural remains ranging from prehistoric to mediaeval times.

Study Area

The study area, comprising Malavalli taluk in the Mandya District of Karnataka, is situated at an average elevation ranging between 762 m and 915 m AMSL. Physiographically, the region is predominantly a plain, interspersed with occasional rocky outcrops that do not significantly alter its overall topographic character. The only notable hill range influencing the broader district landscape is the Biligirirangan Hills, located towards the southern periphery. The drainage system of the region is orientated eastward towards the Bay of Bengal. The Shimsha River, an important tributary of the Kaveri River, enters the taluk near Ganalu and flows in a south-easterly direction before reaching the border of Chamarajanagar district, where it ultimately joins the Kaveri. Owing to its predominantly rocky and shallow bed, the river is not navigable. The presence of this river system has, however, played a crucial role in shaping settlement patterns and agricultural practices in the region. Geologically, the area is composed of some of the most ancient rock formations of the Indian subcontinent. These are broadly classified into two major groups: (i) the Dharwar Schist, which occur as narrow linear belts, and (ii) the Peninsular Gneiss along with associated granitic intrusions. These formations have significantly influenced the availability of raw materials, landscape morphology, and patterns of human occupation from prehistoric times onwards.

In terms of vegetation, the region does not exhibit the dense, primaeval forest cover typical of the Western Ghats. Instead, it is characterised by *maidan* vegetation,

consisting of species such as Jalari, Naviladi, Alale, Jali, Bage, Honge, Kavalu, Hunse, Naibela, and Bilimathi. The relative absence of thick forest cover has limited the presence of large fauna, and consequently, the region cannot be considered rich in wildlife diversity. Climatically, the district falls within a tropical regime, marked by distinct seasonal variation in rainfall. The region receives considerably less precipitation during the winter months compared to the summer season. The mean annual temperature is approximately 25 °C, while the average annual rainfall is around 713 mm (Abhishankar 1967). These climatic conditions, coupled with the geomorphological and hydrological features, have contributed to the development of a predominantly agrarian landscape with long-term human occupation.

Previous Work

A review of earlier research indicates that archaeological investigations in Malavalli taluk have been limited in scope and largely sporadic. Unpublished *D-forms* of the Archaeological Survey of India, Bangalore Circle, reveal that exploratory surveys were conducted during the 1990s and again in 2019. However, no systematic or intensive archaeological explorations have been undertaken in the region by any institution to date. In contrast, explorations carried out in neighbouring taluks of the Mandya District have yielded significant archaeological evidence spanning a long chronological sequence, from the Palaeolithic period to the Late Mediaeval phase, as reported in the *Indian Archaeology – A Review* (IAR). Additionally, epigraphical surveys conducted during the pre- and since -independence periods by the erstwhile Mysore State and the Archaeological Survey of India have contributed valuable insights into the socio-political history of the region. These findings, documented in *Epigraphia Carnatica* (EC) and *Annual Report on Indian Epigraphy* (ARE), shed light on aspects such as administrative structures, land grants, religious endowments, and local governance.

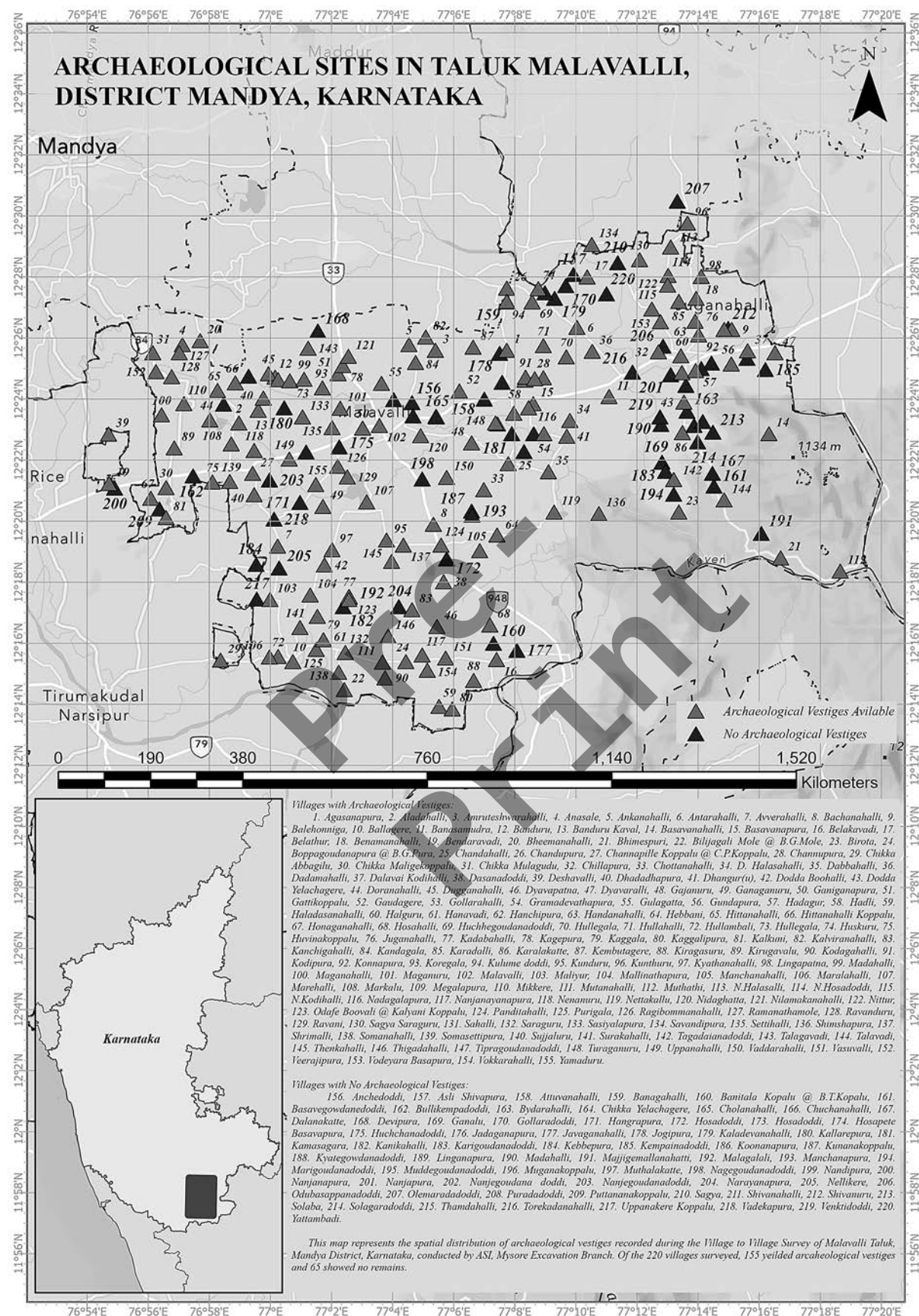
Recent Explorations

Recent archaeological explorations were carried out across the entirety of Malavalli taluk. A total of 225 villages

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were systematically surveyed. Of these, 155 villages (Fig. 1) yielded archaeological vestiges of considerable significance. The material remains documented during the survey include a wide range of cultural features such as temples and mandapas; inscribed and uninscribed hero stones (*veeragallu*), memorial stones, and sati stones; inscribed stone slabs; as well as inscribed and uninscribed oil-pressing stones. In addition, a variety of water management structures were recorded, including tanks, uninscribed sluice gates, bunds, and stepped tanks. Sculptural remains and architectural members were also identified across several sites (Table 1).

Discussion

Archaeological explorations in Malavalli taluk clearly demonstrate that the region forms part of a rich and continuous cultural landscape in southern Karnataka. The presence of riverine settlements, memorial stones, temples, and irrigation systems underscores its significance from the Early Historic through the Mediaeval periods. Furthermore, evidence from the surrounding regions suggests the likelihood of even earlier prehistoric occupation. The density and diversity of archaeological remains recorded across the taluk point to sustained human habitation and evolving cultural practices over an

Table 1: Explored archaeological sites

S. No	Village	Geo co-ordinates	Location	Material Culture
01	Agasanapura	12° 25' 38" N; 77° 07' 44" E	16 km northeast of Malavalli and two km south of Jogipura	Sluice gate of the Medieval period and Go-kallu of the Late Medieval period
02	Aladahalli	12° 23' 15" N; 76° 58' 58" E	10 km east of Malavalli, and one km northwest of Turanganuru	Inscribed stone of the Late Medieval period
03	Amruteshwarahalli	12° 25' 38" N; 77° 05' 24" E	11 km northeast of Malavalli and three km northwest of Kandekala	Mathitalesvara Temple of the Medieval period
04	Anasale	12° 25' 49" N; 76° 57' 07" E	13 km southwest of Malavalli and one km west of Beemanahalli	Damaged Nandi sculpture of the Late Medieval period.
05	Ankanahalli	12° 25' 49" N; 77° 04' 32" E	Nine km southwest of Malavalli and six km southwest of Amruteshwarahalli	Hero stone, a loose sculpture, and a dilapidated mandapa of the Late Medieval period
06	Antarahalli	12° 26' 23" N; 77° 10' 02" E	21 km northeast of Malavalli and one and half km southwest of Yathambadi	Inscribed and un-inscribed hero stones, memorial stone, mandapa and temple of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
07	Avverahalli	12° 19' 13" N; 77° 00' 14" E	Eight km and four km southwest of Malavalli and Ganaganuru	Memorial stones of the Late Medieval period inside the Basavesvara Temple
08	Bachanahalli	12° 19' 56" N; 77° 05' 20" E	12 km southeast of Malavalli and two km south of Nagegoudanadoddi	Hero stones and Memorial stones of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
09	Balehonniga	12° 26' 19" N; 77° 15' 06" E	23 km southwest of Malavalli and one km northeast of Juganahalli	A Sati Stone of the Medieval period
10	Ballagere	12° 15' 50" N; 77° 01' 30" E	14 km south of Malavalli and two km northwest of Somanahalli	Memorial stone and a pitha of the Late Medieval period
11	Banasamudra	12° 24' 07" N; 77° 11' 05" E	17 km east of Malavalli, and one km south of Puradadoddi	Go-kallu, Nandi, and loose sculptures, Sluice gate of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
12	Banduru	12° 24' 45" N; 77° 00' 09" E	Six km northwest of Malavalli and three km northeast of Nenaturu	Inscribed and Un-inscribed hero stones on the left side of the Yelurmarama Temple, un-inscribed oil-pressing stone, architectural members, loose sculptures inside the Somadeva Temple and memorial stones of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
13	Banduru Kaval	12° 23' 40" N; 76° 59' 36" E	Seven km northwest of Malavalli and two km south of Hittanakoppalu	Memorial stone of the Late Medieval period
14	Basavanahalli	12° 22' 54" N; 77° 16' 19" E	24 km east of Malavalli and six km southeast of H. Basavapura	Hero stones, memorial stones and an inscribed stone on the bolder of the Ebbita Basaveswara Temple of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
15	Basavanapura	12° 23' 53" N; 77° 08' 36" E	15 km northeast of Malavalli on NH 948 and one km southeast of Kodipura	Sluice gate (Fig. 2) and inscription near the Basaveswara Temple of the Medieval period

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S. No	Village	Geo co-ordinates	Location	Material Culture
16	Belakavadi	12° 15' 30" N; 77° 07' 24" E	16 km southeast of Malavalli and two km northeast of Kiragasuru and on the right bank of the R. Kaveri	Memorial stone and hero stone in the Shivalankesvara Temple, Nandi in the GG of the Kambe Basavappa Temple, hero stone on the side of Hajjamma Temple, hero stone, and inscribed stone in the Katte Basavappa Temple, Unjal and hero stones, memorial stones, sati stones, loose sculptures in the Sambulingesvara Temple with inscribed stones and hero stones of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
17	Belathur	12° 28' 02" N; 77° 10' 22" E	26 km northeast of Malavalli and four km east of Hosapura	Hero stones, Memorial stones, sati stone, and inscribed stones of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
18	Benamanahalli	12° 27' 20" N; 77° 13' 56" E	20 km northeast of Malavalli and two km south of Lingapura	Inscribed stone of the Medieval period
19	Bendaravadi	12° 21' 16" N; 76° 54' 43" E	17 km southwest of Malavalli and four km northwest of Kalkuni	Inscribed and un-inscribed Hero stones, Memorial stones, Sati stone, and a Nandi of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
20	Bheemanahalli	12° 25' 57" N; 76° 57' 42" E	11 km northwest of Malavalli and three km southeast of Veerajipura	An old, dilapidated temple, Architectural members, hero stones, memorial stones, sati stones, and inscribed stones of the Medieval and Late Medieval periods (Inside the school and Oru Maramma Temple)
21	Bhimespuri	12° 18' 50" N; 77° 16' 42" E	25 km southeast of Malavalli and four km northwest of Muthathi	Trisulakitha kallu inside the Bhimespuri Temple of the Late Medieval period
22	Bilijagali Mole @ B.G. Mole	12° 14' 31" N; 77° 02' 25" E	16 km south of Malavalli and four km southeast of Purigali	Kasi Visvanatha Temple on the right banks of the river Kaveri with Tamil inscriptions on the adhithana and tri-patta kumadha, architectural members, and memorials stones of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
23	Birota	12° 20' 20" N; 77° 13' 22" E	19 km southeast of Malavalli and one km south of Marigoudanadoddi	Decorated stone with rangoli design of the Late Medieval period
24	Boppagoudanapura @ B.G. Pura	12° 15' 26" N; 77° 04' 26" E	14 km south of Malavalli and one km east of Saragur	Sluice gate of the Medieval period
25	Chandahalli	12° 21' 55" N; 77° 07' 47" E	Eight km southeast of Malavalli and three km west of Dabbahalli	Hero stones (painted and fixed into the wall of Vira Anjaneyaswamy Temple) and sanyasikallu and inscribed stones, dilapidated brick temple of the Medieval/Late medieval period. A sluice gate in the tank is now submerged.
26	Chandupura	12° 27' 40" N; 77° 07' 44" E	21 km southwest of Malavalli on NH 948	Hero stone of the Medieval period
27	Channapille Koppalu @ C.P. Koppalu	12° 21' 36" N; 76° 59' 25" E	Seven km southwest of Malavalli and two km south of Nenaturu	Sati stone and a memorial stone of the Medieval period
28	Channupura	12° 24' 44" N; 77° 08' 56" E	15 km northeast of Mallavalli	Sluice gate of the Medieval period
29	Chikka Abbagilu	12° 15' 29" N; 76° 58' 22" E	17 km southwest of Malavalli and six km west of Ballegere	Dilapidated temple with inscriptions, locally known as Satyanarayana Temple under the HRNC, Hero standing stone, linga mudre kallu, Nandi inside the temple and Nandiya kallu and huge circular balls in the Desisvara Temple and a trisulakitha kallu of the Medieval/Late Medieval period.
30	Chikka Maligekoppalu	12° 21' 08" N; 76° 56' 35" E	13 km southwest of Malavalli and two km north of Kalkuni	A stepped water tank of more than 100 hundred years old

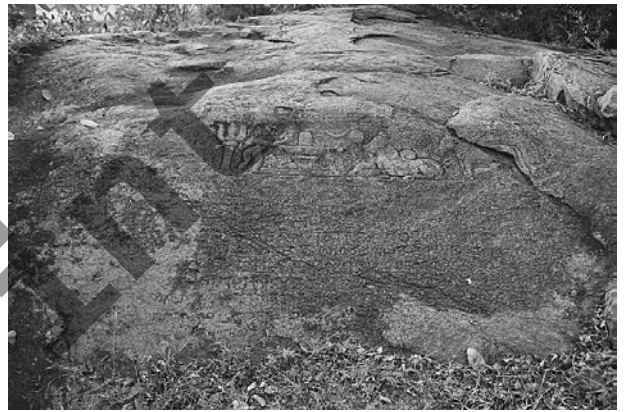


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31	Chikka Mulagudu	12° 25' 33" N; 76° 56' 09" E	14 km northwest of Malavalli and two km south of Ramanathamole	Architectural members, hero stones, memorial stones, an inscribed stone and a footprint entwined by a snake of the Medieval/Late Medieval periods
32	Chillapura	12° 25' 35" N; 77° 12' 42" E	17 km northeast of Malavalli and two km northeast of Halasur	Nandi on a pillar of the Late Medieval period
33	Chottanahalli	12° 21' 04" N; 77° 06' 59" E	12 km southeast of Malavalli and three km south of Kunanakoppalu	Inscribed and un-inscribed Hero stones, memorial stone, loose sculpture, and sluice gate of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
34	D. Halasahalli	12° 23' 20" N; 77° 09' 48" E	15 km east of Malavalli, and five km northeast of Banasamudra	Inscription of the Medieval period
35	Dabbahalli	12° 21' 39" N; 77° 09' 06" E	11 km southeast of Malavalli and four km northwest of Shimshapura	Sati stone, inscribed stone and trisulakitha kallu of the Late Medieval period
36	Dadamahalli	12° 25' 36" N; 77° 10' 32" E	20 km northeast of Malavalli and two km southwest of Antravali	Inscribed and un-inscribed Hero stones, inscribed slabs, boundary stone (Fig. 3), Nandi, and the temple of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
37	Dalavai Kodihalli	12° 25' 37" N; 77° 15' 37" E	23 km southwest of Malavalli and two km northeast of Balehonniga	Inscribed and Un-inscribed Hero stones (Fig. 4), Inscribed stones, loose sculpture of standing Vishnu, damaged Nandi of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
38	Dasanadoddi	12° 18' 03" N; 77° 05' 40" E	15 km southeast of Manlavalli and two km south of Hosadoddi	Mandapa converted into the temple and Hero stones of the Medieval period
39	Deshavalli	12° 23' 24" N; 76° 53' 30" E	16 km west of Malavalli and two km northeast of Bendaravadi	Hero stones, Memorial stones, and Sati stones of the Late Medieval period
40	Dhadadhapura	12° 24' 04" N; 76° 59' 46" E	Seven km northwest of Malavalli and two km southwest of Hanchipura	Go-kallu, inscribed and un-inscribed hero stones near Muniesvara devestana of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
41	Dhangur (u)	12° 22' 49" N; 77° 09' 42" E	17 km east of Malavalli, and two km south of Halasahalli	Dilapidated temple with inscription, Mandapa, Sluice gate, and Sate stone of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
42	Dodda Boohalli	12° 18' 36" N; 77° 01' 46" E	10 km southwest of Malavalli and two km north of Mallinathapura	Inscribed and Un-Inscribed Hero stone and Memorial stones of the Medieval/ Late Medieval period
43	Dodda Yelachagere	12° 23' 56" N; 77° 13' 32" E	18 km east of Malavalli and one km south of Chikka Yelechegere	Boundary stone and two Tamil inscriptions on the bed rock with trisula, Linga, Nandi, sun, moon and cow feeding calf (Fig. 5) and a cave below the bed rock of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
44	Doranahalli	12° 23' 21" N; 76° 58' 01" E	10 km west of Malavalli and two km south of Hittanahalli	Architectural members, Hero stones, Memorial stones, and an oil pressing stone of the Medieval/ Late Medieval period
45	Dugganahalli	12° 24' 52" N; 76° 59' 56" E	Seven km northwest of Malavalli and three km southwest of Devipura	Hero stone, inscribed stones, and a pair of footprints of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
46	Dyavapatna	12° 16' 35" N; 77° 05' 27" E	13 km southeast of Malavalli and three km northeast of Thigadahalli	100-year-old temple under renovation
47	Dyavaralli	12° 25' 33" N; 77° 16' 31" E	24 km west of Malavalli and two km northeast of Kempainadoddi	An inscribed stone and a wooden stamba with a bull and lotus decoration at the bottom and a lotus abacus on the top of the Late Medieval period
48	Gajanuru	12° 22' 36" N; 77° 06' 35" E	Nine km east of Malavalli, and three km south of Aladahalli	Medieval temple, hero stones, inscribed stone, memorial stones, and spherical stone with symbols of the Medieval and Late Medieval period

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S. No	Village	Geo co-ordinates	Location	Material Culture
49	Ganaganuru	12° 20' 31" N; 77° 01' 43" E	Five km south of Malavalli and two km east of Hangrapura	Hero stone, oil-pressing stone, and a dilapidated Shiva Temple with a memorial stone from the Medieval/Late Medieval period
50	Ganiganapura	12° 23' 05" N; 77° 03' 01" E	Four km west of Malavalli and one km northwest of Sasiyalapura	Inscribed stone of the Medieval period
51	Gattikoppalu	12° 24' 52" N; 77° 02' 13" E	Four km northwest of Malavalli and two km east of Banduru	Memorial stone of the Late Medieval period
52	Gaudagere	12° 24' 18" N; 77° 06' 11" E	11 km northeast of Maddur, and five km south of Kembuthagere	Hero stone and an Inscribed panel of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
53	Gollarahalli	12° 24' 54" N; 77° 13' 28" E	18 km east of Malavalli and one km north of Chikka Yelachagere	Damaged architectural member of the Late Medieval period
54	Gramadevathapura	12° 22' 54" N; 77° 08' 57" E	15 km east of Malavalli, and two km northwest of Dhanguru	Inscription of the Medieval period
55	Gulagatta	12° 24' 33" N; 77° 03' 38" E	Eight km and three km northeast of Malavalli and Thembarahalli	Memorial stones and hero stone inside the Maramma Temple of the Late Medieval period
56	Gundapura	12° 25' 11" N; 77° 15' 05" E	21 km west of Malavalli and three km northeast of Konnapura	Hero stone and a huge wooden Unjal mandapa with an iron chain hanging for the swing of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
57	Hadagur	12° 24' 58" N; 77° 13' 55" E	19 km east of Malavalli and six km northwest of Basavanahalli	A hero stone inside the Kalyani and a Tamil Inscription on the bund of the Kalyani of the Medieval period
58	Hadli	12° 24' 39" N; 77° 08' 20" E	13 km northeast of Malavalli on the Mandya – Belakavadi road, and four km west of Kodipura	Sluice gates, Hero stones, Sati stone, inscribed stones, and a dilapidated Shiva Temple of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
59	Haladasanahalli	12° 13' 58" N; 77° 05' 31" E	18 km south of Malavalli and two km southeast of Vokkarahalli	Nandi on a pillar in the garbhagriha of the Ambili Basavesvara Temple with Kannada and Tamil inscriptions on the base and some petroglyphs, memorials stones of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
60	Halguru	12° 25' 27" N; 77° 13' 26" E	19 km northwest of Malavalli and one km north of Gollarahalli	Hero Stone, Sati stone, and a broken inscribed stone slab near Mastiamma Temple and a sluice gate of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
61	Hanavadi	12° 16' 09" N; 77° 01' 44" E	15 km south of Malavalli and one km northeast of Kanikanahalli	Loose sculptures of the Late Medieval period
62	Hanchipura	12° 24' 40" N; 77° 00' 15" E	Six km northwest of Malavalli and two km east of Muddegoudanadoddi	Linga Mudre kallu depicting Shiva Linga and nandi, architectural members, donative inscription on the top stone of the well located inside the Siddappaji devastana of the Late Medieval period
63	Handanahalli	12° 26' 35" N; 77° 13' 54" E	20 km southwest of Malavalli and two km west of Balehonniga	A huge Sati stone of the Late Medieval period
64	Hebbani	12° 19' 35" N; 77° 07' 25" E	10 km southeast of Malavalli and 11 km west of Birota	Nandi on a pillar in the Basvesvara Temple, Memorial stones of the Medieval/Late Medieval period. The Inscribed stone, mentioned in the EC could not be traced.
65	Hittanahalli	12° 24' 19" N; 76° 58' 16" E	Nine km northwest of Malavalli and one km south of B.G. Doddi	Hero stones and memorial stones inside the Thuruneerappa Temple of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
66	Hittanahalli Koppalu	12° 24' 34" N; 76° 58' 51" E	10 km northwest of Malavalli and one km east of Mikkere	Inscribed memorial stone with cow and calf inside the Durga Paramesvari Temple of the Medieval period

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67	Honaganahalli	12° 20' 47" N; 76° 56' 05" E	14 km southwest of Malavalli and three km southeast of Nanjapura	Memorial stones of the Late Medieval period. An inscription earlier published was buried during the construction of the drainage.
68	Hosahalli	12° 16' 38" N; 77° 07' 11" E	14 km southeast of Malavalli and 10 km south of Chandahalli	Inscription, Hero stones, Sati Stones, Memorial stones, Sanyasi kallu, Linga mudre kallu and another one at the Male Mahadesvara Temple of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
69	Huchhegoudanadoddi	12° 27' 13" N; 77° 08' 34" E	18 km northeast of Malavalli and eight km south of Saraguru and on the right bank of R. Shimsha	Hero stone of the Late Medieval period
70	Hullegala	12° 25' 25" N; 77° 09' 41" E	14 km northeast of Malavalli and three km south of Antravalli	Hero stones, inscribed slab, inscribed oil pressing stone (Fig. 6), and mandapas of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
71	Hullahalli	12° 25' 47" N; 77° 08' 56" E	20 km northeast of Malavalli and eight km east of Dadamahalli	Inscribed and un-inscribed Hero stones, an inscribed slab of the Medieval period.
72	Hullambali	12° 15' 36" N; 77° 00' 15" E	15 km southwest of Malavalli and three km west of Chikka Abbagilu	Dilapidated Nandi Temple with a four-pillar raised in two tiers of stone, with the brick vimana and stucco figures, sati stone and memorial stones, broken inscribed pillar, copper plate under the possession of Vira Shiva mutt of the Medieval/Late medieval period
73	Hullegala	12° 24' 38" N; 77° 00' 38" E	Six km northwest of Malavalli and three km west of Maganuru	Sati stone memorial stones, hero stone, and an inscribed stone with a seated Tirtankara on top and another one illegible from the Medieval period
74	Huskuru	12° 27' 39" N; 77° 08' 46" E	19 km northeast of Malavalli and 14 km southeast of K.M. Doddi	Hero stones and Sati stones (Fig. 7), inscribed pillars and stones, loose sculptures of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
75	Huvinakoppalu	12° 21' 19" N; 76° 58' 06" E	11 km southwest of Malavalli and two km west of Somasettipura	Sluice gate of the Medieval period
76	Juganahalli	12° 26' 19" N; 77° 14' 51" E	21 km southwest of Malavalli and two km east of Handanahalli	Seated Nandi on a pillar (Fig. 8) of the Medieval period
77	Kadabahalli	12° 17' 34" N; 77° 02' 34" E	Nine km south of Malavalli and two km north of Kalyani Koppalu	Inscribed and Un-inscribed hero stones, inscribed stone panel, Pillar with Tamil Inscription and a Nandi of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
78	Kagepura	12° 25' 08" N; 77° 02' 22" E	11 km northwest of Malavalli and one km southeast of Ramanduru	Dilapidated mandapa of the Late Medieval period
79	Kaggala	12° 16' 55" N; 77° 01' 32" E	12 km southwest of Malavalli and two km south of Mallinathapura	Sluice gate with Gajalakshmi, Hero stones, Inscribed stone and loose sculptures of Mahisaruamardini and Durga of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
80	Kaggalipura	12° 13' 53" N; 77° 05' 57" E	18 km southeast of Malavalli and one km east of Haladasanahalli	Nandi on a pillar in the garbhagriha of the Basavesvara Temple and a memorial stone of the Late Medieval period
81	Kalkuni	12° 20' 09" N; 76° 56' 35" E	15 km southwest of Malavalli and four km west of Chimili	Inscribed and Un-inscribed hero stones, hundreds of Memorial stones (Fig. 9), Sati stones, Inscribed slabs, loose sculptures, Sluice gate, dilapidated temples, lock (Fig. 10), and oil pressing stone and architectural members of the Medieval/Late Medieval period in front and around the Anjaneya, Gauri, Mari, Ishvara and Basavesvara Temples



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S. No	Village	Geo co-ordinates	Location	Material Culture
82	Kalviranahalli	12° 26' 04" N; 77° 05' 05" E	13 km and 17 km northeast of Malavalli and Asli Shivapura	Hero stone of the Late Medieval period
83	Kanchigahalli	12° 17' 08" N; 77° 04' 38" E	11 km south of Malavalli and seven km northwest of Hebbani	Hero stone, Sati stone (Fig. 11), several memorial stones, Virabhadra sculpture, and a stone with some mantras of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
84	Kandagala	12° 25' 14" N; 77° 04' 45" E	8 km northeast of Malavalli and five km southwest of Honnayakanhalli	Inscribed and un-inscribed Hero stones and a temple of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
85	Karadalli	12° 27' 14" N; 77° 13' 22" E	19 km northeast of Malavalli and one km south of Nittur	Measuring scale in the tank, a Shiva Temple known as Arkesvara Temple, a broken pillar and an oil pressing stone of the Medieval period
86	Karalakatte	12° 22' 56" N; 77° 13' 29" E	18 km east of Malavalli and three km west of Solaba	Nandi seated on a square abacus over a pillar in the Basavesvara Temple and broken architectural member depicting seated Nandi of the Medieval period
87	Kembutagere	12° 25' 44" N; 77° 06' 38" E	15 km northeast of Malavalli and five km north of Sahalli	Linga mudre kallu in front of Maramma Temple of the Late Medieval period
88	Kiragasuru	12° 14' 49" N; 77° 06' 39" E	17 and two km southeast of Malavalli and Vasuvalli	Hero stones, memorials stones in front of the Mari shrine, inscribed stone, boundary stone, of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
89	Kirugavalu	12° 22' 26" N; 76° 56' 51" E	12 km west of Malavalli and three km south of Mikkere	Loose sculptures (Fig. 12), sluice gate, and Muslim burials of the Medieval/ Late Medieval period.
90	Kodagahalli	12° 14' 54" N; 77° 03' 45" E	15.5 km south of Malavalli and three km northeast of B.G. Mole	Inscribed stone, hero stone, and a memorial stone of the Medieval/Late medieval period
91	Kodipura	12° 24' 45" N; 77° 08' 21" E	13 km northeast of Malavalli on NH 948 and one km southeast of Basavanpura	Sluice gate and hero stones of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
92	Konnapura	12° 26' 08" N; 77° 14' 01" E	20 km southwest of Malavalli and one km south of Handanahalli	Dilapidated Shiva Temple of the Late Medieval period
93	Koregala	12° 24' 24" N; 77° 01' 42" E	Four km northwest of Malavalli and three km northeast of Banduru	Hero stone, Memorial stones, and inscribed stone of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
94	Kulume doddi	12° 27' 14" N; 77° 07' 44" E	17 km northeast of Malavalli, and four km south of Banagahalli	Memorial stone of the Late Medieval period
95	Kunduru	12° 19' 25" N; 77° 03' 48" E	Seven km south of Malavalli and five km northeast of Doddaboovalli	Inscribed stone used as the base for the hero stone and another hero stone of the Medieval period
96	Kunthuru	12° 29' 48" N; 77° 13' 39" E	22 km northeast of Malavalli and two km northeast of N. Halasalli	Hero stones and memorial stones, inscribed stones, a lock stone, a dilapidated Shiva Temple with a Shiva linga and a damaged Nandi and a sluice gate of the Medieval/Late Medieval period were noticed in the Basavesware Temple, Munustlingappa Temple, behind the water tank and in the land of Srinivasa gowda.
97	Kyathanahalli	12° 19' 06" N; 77° 02' 01" E	Eight km north of Malavalli and three km east of Avverahalli	Hero stones, Memorial stones, Inscribed stone, and an oil pressing stone of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
98	Lingapatna	12° 28' 03" N; 77° 14' 06" E	22 km northeast of Malavalli and two km south of Kanchanhalli	Hero stones, Memorial stone, pitha, Garuda-kallu, Go-kallu, and a damaged sluice gate of Medieval/Late Medieval period
99	Madahalli	12° 24' 41" N; 77° 01' 06" E	Five km northwest of Malavalli and two km southwest of Thalagavadi	Memorial stones and an inscribed stone to the right of the Borappa Temple of the Medieval/ Late Medieval period



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S. No	Village	Geo co-ordinates	Location	Material Culture
100	Maganahalli	12° 23' 31" N; 76° 56' 26" E	15 km west of Malavalli and three km northwest of Deshavalli	Oil pressing stone and a boundary stone of the Medieval period
101	Maganuru	12° 23' 44" N; 77° 02' 17" E	Three km north of Malavalli and two km south of Nilamakanahalli	Architectural members, memorial stones, hero stones, and inscribed stones around the Basavesvara Temple and a series of memorial stones behind the Billapa devastana, where the Garbha griha displays a memorial stone. All belongs to the Medieval/ Late Medieval period.
102	Malavalli	12° 23' 10" N; 77° 03' 34" E	Taluk Headquarters and 25 km south of Maddur	Arakesvara Temple, Gangadaresvara Temple and Sarangapani Temple with inscriptions and loose sculptures, and entrance mandapa of Medieval period and burial inscriptions of the Late Medieval period
103	Maliyur	12° 17' 28" N; 76° 59' 59" E	12 km southwest of Malavalli and three km east of Mallinathapura	Dilapidated Shiva (Mahadevesvara) Temple (Fig. 13) with stone adhistana and bhitti with brick wall with surki mortar and a Shivalinga in the Garbha griha of Medieval period
104	Mallinathapura	12° 17' 37" N; 77° 01' 18" E	11 km southwest of Malavalli and three km east of Maliyur	Nandi and architectural members inside the recently renovated Basava Temple of the Medieval period
105	Manchanahalli	12° 19' 04" N; 77° 06' 51" E	16 km southeast of Malavalli and five km northeast of Dasanadoddi	Inscribed stone and Hero stone (?) of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
106	Maralahalli	12° 15' 35" N; 76° 59' 58" E	15 km southwest of Malavalli and one km from Hullamballi	Inscriptions, Nandi on a pillar with cushion abacus and octagonal pillar in front of Mari shrine of the Medieval period
107	Marehalli	12° 20' 40" N; 77° 03' 09" E	Five km southeast of Malavalli and six km northeast of Nidaghatta	Amrutheswara Temple and Lakshmi Narayana Temple, torana and temple tanks with mandapa of the Medieval period
108	Markalu	12° 22' 34" N; 76° 58' 43" E	Eight km west of Malavalli and four km southeast of Nanjegoudanadoddi	A dilapidated temple with a flight of steps, mortar, an inscribed stone, a group of 5 hero stones and memorial stones, a broken bottom of a sculpture, a standing hero of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
109	Megalapura	12° 23' 34" N; 77° 07' 58" E	12 km east of Malavalli, and five km north of Chennupura	Hero stones and memorial stones of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
110	Mikkere	12° 23' 53" N; 76° 57' 10" E	11 km west of Malavalli and one km south of Kagepura	Hero stones, memorial stones, and an oil-pressing stone from the Medieval period
111	Mutanahalli	12° 15' 25" N; 77° 03' 40" E	14.5 km south of Malavalli and three km east of Saragur	Stone lock with two circular depressions, an inscription, and a hero stone of the Late Medieval period
112	Muthathi	12° 18' 24" N; 77° 18' 39" E	30 and eight km southeast of Malavalli and Talavadi	Inscribed Hero stone, damaged Nandi, and memorial stones in the village and as well as in the river bund of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
113	N. Halasalli	12° 29' 01" N; 77° 13' 06" E	21 km northeast of Malavalli and two km north of N. Hosadoddi	Shiva linga and a Nandi, memorial stones, and architectural members of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
114	N. Hosadoddi	12° 28' 05" N; 77° 13' 01" E	20 km northeast of Malavalli and two km southeast of Sagyasaragur	Loose sculptures in front of Malasathamma Temple of the Medieval period
115	N. Kodihalli	12° 26' 59" N; 77° 12' 29" E	24 km northeast of Malavalli and eight km southwest of Lingapura	Inscribed Stone, Hero stones, Memorial stones, Ganesha of Medieval/Late Medieval period

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S. No	Village	Geo co-ordinates	Location	Material Culture
116	Nadagalapura	12° 23' 45" N; 77° 08' 27" E	12 km east of Malavalli, and two km south of Hadli	Hero stones, Sati stone, inscribed panels, and architectural members of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
117	Nanjanayanapura	12° 15' 39" N; 77° 04' 58" E	14 km southeast of Malavalli and one km northeast of B.G. Pura	Memorial stones of the Late Medieval period
118	Nenanuru	12° 22' 21" N; 76° 59' 28" E	Six km west of Malavalli and two km southeast of Markalu	Memorial stones, hero stones, a Sati stone, and a boundary stone of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
119	Nettakallu	12° 20' 20" N; 77° 09' 17" E	12 km southeast of Malavalli and three km south of Debbahalli	Inscribed stone, trisulakitha kallu, memorials stone of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
120	Nidaghatta	12° 22' 50" N; 77° 04' 55" E	Six km east of Malavalli, and two km southwest of Chuchanahalli	Hero stones, memorial sculpture of a hero inside the temple, memorials stones and a pair of foot entwined by a snake with self-sacrificed heroes of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
121	Nilamakanahalli	12° 25' 26" N; 77° 02' 33" E	Five km northwest of Malavalli and four km south of Manigere	Sati stone of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
122	Nittur	12° 27' 46" N; 77° 13' 00" E	20 km northeast of Malavalli and one km south of N. Hosadoddi	A dilapidated Vishnu Temple with a standing Vishnu sculpture in the Garbha griha, inscribed stones on both sides, hero stones, memorial stones, loose sculptures of linga, Nandi, elephant, Ganesha, damaged sluice gate, stone wheel, mandapa and a huge torana of the Medieval/Late Medieval period are noticed near the Panchayat office, on the bank of the huge tank, and Deveriamma Temple.
123	Odafe Boovali @ Kalyani Koppalu	12° 17' 28" N; 77° 02' 34" E	11 km south of Malavalli and three km north of Saraguru	A sluice gate of about 50 years old
124	Panditahalli	12° 19' 15" N; 77° 05' 35" E	13 km southeast of Malavalli and two km south of Bachanahalli	Hero stones of the Medieval period
125	Purigala	12° 15' 26" N; 77° 00' 44" E	15 km southwest of Malavalli and two km west of Hullamballi	Memorial stones, loose sculptures in the Sanisvara Temple complex, an inscribed stone in the midst of a field of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
126	Ragibommanahalli	12° 21' 50" N; 77° 02' 12" E	Three km southwest of Malavalli and three km north of Ravani	Hero stones, Sati stone and many oil pressing stones near the Madesvara Temple of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
127	Ramanathamole	12° 25' 33" N; 76° 57' 01" E	12 km northwest of Malavalli and one km south of Anasale	Memorial stones and a sculpture inside the Kalikadevi Temple of the Medieval and Late Medieval period
128	Ravanduru	12° 24' 46" N; 76° 56' 46" E	12 km northwest of Malavalli and one km east of Veerajipura	Architectural members, hero stones, memorial stones, Sanyasi kallu, and an inscribed boundary stone of the Medieval and Late Medieval period
129	Ravani	12° 21' 29" N; 77° 02' 31" E	Six km north of Malavalli and two km west of Ganganuru	Inscribed (Fig. 14) and un-inscribed hero stones, memorial stones, sati stone of the Medieval/Late medieval period
130	Sagya Saraguru	12° 28' 36" N; 77° 12' 05" E	30 km northwest of Malavalli and nine km north of Halagur	Linga mudre kallu, go-kallu, trisulakitha kallu and a late medieval Mallesvara Temple renovated in 1921
131	Sahalli	12° 24' 42" N; 77° 08' 39" E	12 km southeast of Malavalli, and seven km northwest of Nadakalapura	Inscribed stones and a dilapidated mandapa of the Medieval/Late Medieval period

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132	Saraguru	12° 15' 44" N; 77° 02' 27" E	14 km south of Malavalli and two km east of Ballegere	Inscribed stones, dilapidated mandapa with roughly dressed pillars, decorated pillars, memorials stones of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
133	Sasiyalapura	12° 23' 27" N; 77° 01' 03" E	Four km west of Malavalli and one km south of Gattikoppalu	A Sluice gate inside the tank, an inscribed stone behind the Hanuman temple and another inscribed stone on both sides near the Basesvara Temple and broken Nandi and memorial stones inside the temple complex of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
134	Savandipura	12° 29' 06" N; 77° 10' 31" E	19 km northeast of Malavalli and two km north of Nidagodi	Decorated pillar base of the Medieval period
135	Settihalli	12° 23' 06" N; 77° 02' 01" E	Two km west of Malavalli and two km east of Ganiganapura	A Shiva temple behind the Government school with Garbha-griha and Ardha mandapa, a dilapidated stone temple locally known as Gujjammagudi enshrining a memorial stone, inside the coconut grove of the Late Medieval period
136	Shimshapura	12° 20' 17" N; 77° 10' 45" E	14 km southeast of Malavalli and six km east of Hebbani	Madesvara Temple of more than 100 years old
137	Shrimalli	12° 19' 15" N; 77° 04' 21" E	Eight km south of Malavalli and one km east of Kunduru	Inscribed hero stone broken into two pieces and a temple of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
138	Somanahalli	12° 15' 05" N; 77° 02' 14" E	15 km south of Malavalli and one km north of B.G. Mole	Memorial stones, architectural members, and a village entrance Torana of the Late Medieval period
139	Somasettipura	12° 21' 20" N; 76° 58' 40" E	10 km southwest of Malavalli and three km northwest of Sujjaluru	Inscription of the Medieval period, but during the present survey, the same was unable to be identified
140	Sujjaluru	12° 20' 54" N; 76° 59' 28" E	Nine km southwest of Malavalli and four km north of Ayverahalli	Dilapidated temples with a Shivalinga, architectural members, a sluice gate with faint traces of inscription, memorial stones, hero stones, Durga sculpture of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
141	Surakahalli	12° 16' 33" N; 77° 00' 58" E	13 km southwest of Malavalli and two km north of Purigali	Oil pressing stone of the Late Medieval period
142	Tagadaianadoddi	12° 21' 24" N; 77° 13' 12" E	17 km southeast of Malavalli and one km south of Ganalu	A damaged sluice in the tank on the right side of the Bengaluria Temple of the Late Medieval period
143	Talagavadi	12° 25' 42" N; 77° 01' 14" E	Six km northwest of Malavalli and three km southeast of Dugganahalli	Durga and Mahisasuramardini Sculptures on the tank bund, inscribed stones, sati stones, and sluice gate of the Medieval period
144	Talavadi	12° 20' 44" N; 77° 14' 51" E	21 and two km southeast of Malavalli and Dalakatte	Shiva Temple locally known as Nanjundaswamy Temple built on a small hillock with stone and brick masonry with lime mortar of late medieval period, a Kalyani (water tank) with carved sculptures on the wall (Fig. 15) of the Medieval period
145	Thenkahalli	12° 18' 43" N; 77° 03' 58" E	Eight km south of Malavalli and four km east of Kyathanahalli	Hero stone, memorial stones, and a temple on the hillock locally known as Papanasi Temple of the Medieval/Late Medieval period.
146	Thigadahalli	12° 16' 16" N; 77° 03' 51" E	13 km south of Malavalli and two km north of Muthanahalli	Inscribed stone (Fig. 16) on both sides of the Medieval period

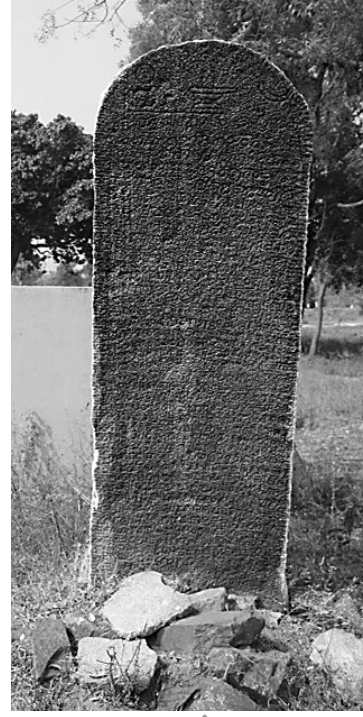


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S. No	Village	Geo co-ordinates	Location	Material Culture
147	Tipragoudanadoddi	12° 23' 13" N; 77° 07' 26" E	14 km east of Malavalli, and two km northwest of Lingapur	Oil pressing stone and memorial stone of the Late Medieval period
148	Turaganuru	12° 23' 15" N; 77° 07' 22" E	15 km east of Malavalli, and one km west of Tiprasoudanadoddi	Hero stone of the Medieval period
149	Uppanahalli	12° 22' 04" N; 77° 00' 37" E	Six km southwest of Malavalli and two km northeast of Nenapur	Hero stones, Memorial stones, and Inscribed stone of the Medieval/Late Medieval period
150	Vaddarahalli	12° 21' 28" N; 77° 05' 46" E	Nine km southeast of Malavalli and three km northwest of Kunanakoppalu	Inscribed Hero stone of the Medieval period
151	Vasuvalli	12° 15' 33" N; 77° 05' 44" E	15 km south of Malavalli and three north of Kaggalipura	Memorial stone, Hero stone, and a wooden pillar in the Kambe Mariamma Temple of the Late Medieval period
152	Veerajipura	12° 24' 56" N; 76° 56' 15" E	13 km northwest of Malavalli and one km south of Chikka Mulagudu	Architectural members and memorial stones of the Medieval and Late Medieval periods
153	Vodeyara Basapura	12° 26' 34" N; 77° 12' 46" E	26 km northeast of Malavalli and eight km south of Sagyasaragur	Inscribed Stone, Hero stone, and Sati stone of Medieval/Late Medieval period
154	Vokkarahalli	12° 15' 09" N; 77° 05' 08" E	15 km south of Malavalli and eight km west of Purigali	Decorated pillar inside the Jaggary factory of the Medieval period
155	Yamaduru	12° 21' 14" N; 77° 01' 29" E	Five km southwest of Malavalli and two km northeast of Hangrapura	Hero stones and an inscribed stone depicting a cow and calf, and a pillar of the Medieval/Late Medieval period.

extended period. Collectively, these findings highlight the importance of the region in understanding patterns of settlement, socio-religious traditions, and agrarian development within the broader context of Karnataka.

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