

## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES OF MEGALITHIC TRAITS IN CALICUT

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### **ABSTRACT**

*This paper intends to make an attempt to investigate the various types of megalithic traits of Kerala. Megaliths are the monuments built of granite rocks erected over the burials. Megalithic monuments are the main archaeological findings of Kerala to reinterpret her rich past history. Pre historic period can reconstruct with the help of archeological evidences. It gives a clear-cut frame work to history. It forms the most important and sometimes the sole source for the ancient and medieval history of the region. Thus archeology forms a sound base for the scientific history of Kerala for the study of the evolution of Kerala culture. Megalithic monuments like Kudakallu, Toppikkalu, Menhir, Dolmen, Port-holed cist, Stone alignment, Rock curt caves etc. transfer us to her past. Shifting through archeological evidence to reconstruct and reinterpret the history of Kerala during the megalithic period is a challenge that has to be met. This paper makes an attempt to investigate the various types of megalithic monuments in the Calicut district and their historical significance.*

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