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### Building construction and their risks in selected areas of Kerala

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#### ABSTRACT

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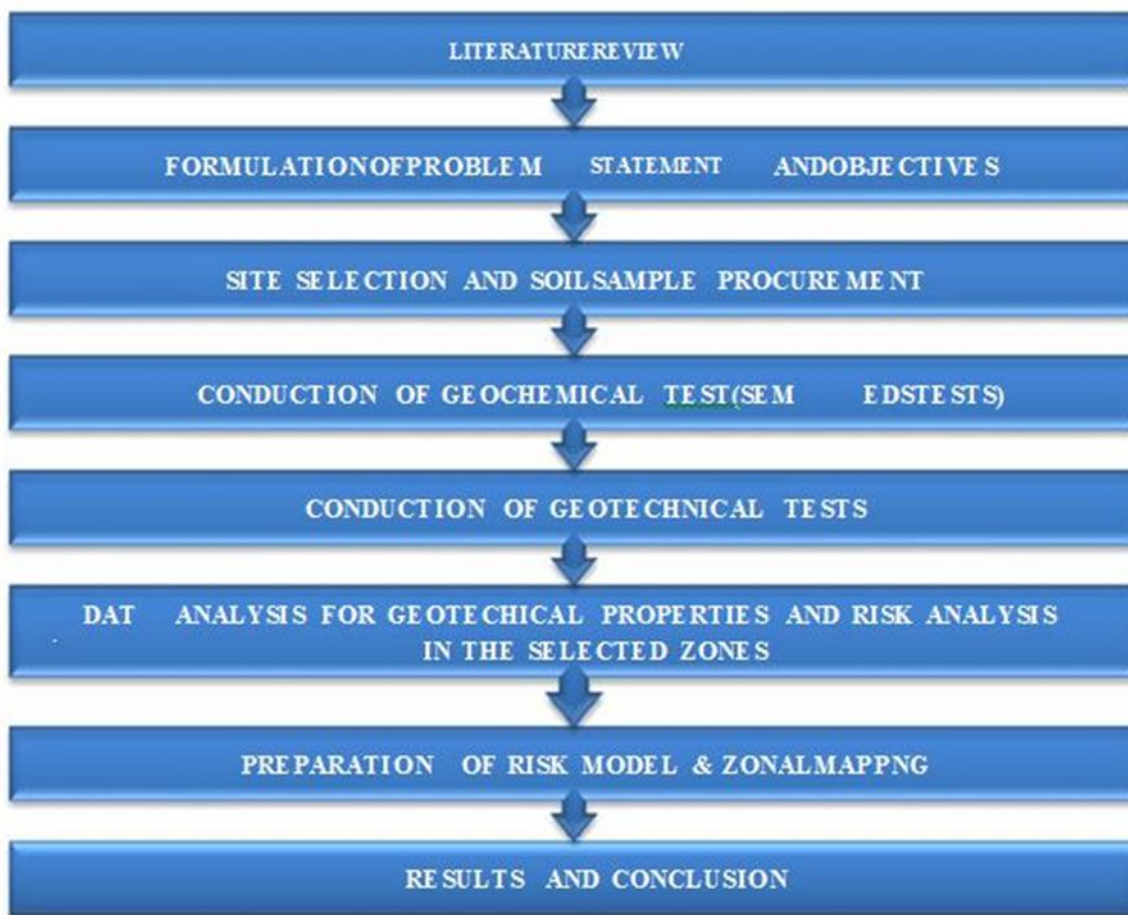
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## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The main aim of the project is to analyse the risk assessment of construction of high rise buildings in laterite soils laterite soils in laterite soils in selected zone of Kerala. To identify the major cause of delays in construction project

- To study the mineralogical properties of the laterite soils
- To study the geotechnical properties of laterite soils
- To understand the risk matrix of the laterite soil

## METHODOLOGY



**Fig1. Chart showing the methodology**

## DATA COLLECTION

### Site Selection and Soil Sample Procurement

The first step was the selection of strategic points or sites; this was done considering Adoor,

Pandalam, Thiruvalla, Kozhenchery, Konni, Ranni, Erumeli and Mallappalli from those places the soil samples were collected.

## RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS

**Table -1: Geotechnical results of the sample  
PLACES AND RESULTS OBTAINED**

	CORE CUTTER	SPECIFIC GRAVITY	LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	SHRINKAGE LIMIT	STANDARD PROCTOR TEST	UCC
	DRY DENSITY( g/ cm <sup>3</sup> )	SPECIFIC GRAVITY	AVG. LIQUID LIMIT (%)	AVG. PLASTIC LIMIT (%)	AVG. SHRINKAGE LIMIT (%)	DRY DENSITY(g/c m <sup>3</sup> )	SBC (KN/m <sup>2</sup> )
<b>ADOOR</b>	1.54	2.52	26.37	24.12	16.05	1.68	123.66
<b>PANDALAM</b>	1.94	2.58	38.79	34.52	13.86	1.76	109.118
<b>THIRUVALLA</b>	1.65	2.4	43.21	26.67	14.21	1.7	279.562
<b>KOZHENCHERY</b>	1.6	2.31	45.74	31.10	21.14	1.5	292.911
<b>KONNI</b>	1.73	2.37	38.43	27.89	15.32	1.7	246.696
<b>RANNI</b>	1.5	2.25	47.73	25.24	17.1	1.69	209.846
<b>ERUMELI</b>	1.62	2.20	41.74	34.18	20.2	1.75	229.813
<b>MALLAPPILLI</b>	1.52	2.47	39.57	21.13	16.5	1.72	163.019

### Conduction of geochemical test

For mineralogical test, the soil samples were collected from a depth below 2.5 m and for easy Purpose of sorting, we have named as top, middle and bottom profile. Scanning electron microscope (SEM) and Energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy

(EDAX) analyses were valued to identify the geochemical Characteristics of the samples.

### Conduction of geochemical test

According to IS the test was conduct to establish the geotechnical property of the soil sample.

**Table -2: Safe bearing capacity of soil samples**

SINO	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
PLACE	Adoor	PANDALA	THIRUVAL	KOZHENCHE	ERUME	KON	RAN	MALLAPPIL
S	r	M	LA	RY	LI	NI	NI	LI
AVG	123.6	109.118	279.562	292.911	246.696	229.81	108.53	209.846
SBC (KN/m <sup>2</sup> )	6					3		

### Preparation of risk model and zonal mapping

Choosing these colors to indicate risks is purely based on assumptions. The risk is denoted according to the scale from green to red representing low risk to high risk. With the help of

above formed table level of risk is drawn. The probability of risk is considered by multiplying SBC risk and cost risk and thus the peak of risk is calculated.

**Table -3: Showing the level of risk based on SBC**

	SBC	SBC Risk Probability	SBC Risk	Cost Risk	RISK MATRIX VALUE	RISK
Adoor	123.66	VERY LOW	5	5	25	EXTREME
PANDALAM	109.118	VERY LOW	5	5	25	EXTREME
THIRUVALLA	292.911	HIGH	3	3	9	MEDIUM
KOZHENCHERY	279.56	HIGH	3	3	9	MEDIUM
ERUMELI	246.69	NORMAL	3	3	9	MEDIUM
KONNI	229.813	NORMAL	4	4	16	VERY HIGH
RANNI	108.525	VERY LOW	5	5	25	EXTREME
MALLAPPILLI	209.846	NORMAL	4	4	16	VERY HIGH

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