

India Maritime Heritage Conclave

Why in News?

Recently India's 1st Maritime Heritage Conclave (IMHC 2024) was held in December 2024 in New Delhi.

- It is the *First India Maritime Heritage Conclave*.
- **Aim** - To celebrate India's maritime legacy and its profound contributions to global trade, culture, and innovation.

India's modern maritime strength includes a 7,500 km coastline, 13 major ports and 200 non-major ports. Indian ports handle 95% of trade volume and contribute 70% of trade value, taking advantage of their strategic location in the Indian Ocean region.

- **Nodal ministry** - Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
- **Objectives**
 - Showcase entire India's Maritime Legacy
 - Global Cultural Confluence
 - Technological Evolution
 - Spiritual and Cultural Exchange
 - Maritime Heritage Preservation








INDIA MARITIME HERITAGE CONCLAVE 2024

Objectives:

- 1 Showcase at one place entire India's Maritime Legacy:**
 - Highlight India's advancements in shipbuilding, navigation, and maritime trade.
- 2 Global Cultural Confluence:**
 - Trace cultural, religious, and economic confluence between India and Southeast Asia, Far East Asia, West Asia, the Mediterranean, Africa, Europe and beyond.
- 3 Technological Evolution:**
 - Explore India's contributions to maritime technology, from ancient times through various cultural phases till date.
- 4 Spiritual and Cultural Exchange:**
 - Discuss India's role in spreading philosophies and practices through maritime routes.
- 5 Maritime Heritage Preservation:**
 - Raise awareness about the conservation of maritime archaeological sites, monuments artefacts, ancient ports, lighthouses etc.

- **2024 Theme** - Towards Understanding India's Position in Global Maritime History.
- **Global participation** - Representatives from 11 countries.
- **Significance** - It emphasized on skill development, youth engagement, and cultural preservation to carry over nation's maritime legacy.

National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)

- **Located in** - Lothal, Gujarat.
- **Focus** - To showcase India's ancient maritime techniques, including shipbuilding and bead-making, reflecting the nation's role as a global connector.
- It will be one of the ***world's largest maritime complexes***, integrating both historical and modern maritime activities.
- **Features**
 - 4 thematic galleries.
 - Open Aquatic Gallery and Lighthouse Museum.
 - Eco-resorts, theme parks and Maritime Research Institutes.

Reference

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