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Lothal

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Why is in news? PM Modi to review site work progress of Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal in Gujarat today

National Maritime Heritage Complex - Lothal in Gujarat

It would be developed as an **international tourist destination**, where the **maritime heritage of India from ancient to modern times would be showcased**.

It is going to cover an area of 400 acres, with structures such as **Heritage Theme Park, National Maritime Heritage Museum, Lighthouse Museum, Maritime Institute, eco-resorts, and more**.

There will also be many pavilions where all coastal states in India and union territories can showcase their artifacts and maritime heritage.

The unique feature of NMHC is the **recreation of ancient Lothal city**, which is one of the prominent cities of the ancient Indus valley civilization.

About Lothal:

Lothal was one of the **southernmost cities of the ancient Indus Valley Civilization** located in Gujarat.

Construction of the city began around 2400 BCE.

According to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Lothal had the **world's earliest known dock**, which connected the city to an ancient course of the Sabarmati river on the **trade route between Harappan cities in Sindh and the peninsula of Saurashtra**.

Lothal was a **vital and thriving trade Centre in ancient times**, with its trade of beads, gems, and valuable ornaments reaching the far corners of West Asia and Africa.

The techniques and tools **they pioneered for bead-making and in metallurgy** have stood the test of time for over 4000 years.

The Lothal site has been **nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site**, and its application is pending on the tentative list of UNESCO.

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