



## National Maritime Heritage Complex

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Recently, the **Union Cabinet** has approved the development of the **National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)** at **Lothal**, Gujarat.

- It will be developed by the **Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterway (MoPSW)** to showcase **4,500 years old maritime heritage** of India.
- The **Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships (DGLL)** under **MoPSW** will fund the construction of a **Lighthouse Museum**, which is set to be the **tallest in the world**.
- **About Lothal:** It is one of the **southernmost sites** of the **Harappan civilization**, located in the **Bhal region of Gujarat**.
  - It is believed to have been built in **2,200 BC**. Lothal had the world's earliest known **dock**, connecting the city to an ancient course of the **Sabarmati river**.
  - Lothal was nominated in April 2014 as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.
  - Lothal was discovered in **1954 by SR Rao**.
- **Surkotada and Dholavira** are other important Harappan sites in Gujarat.

**Read More: [Lothal: World's Earliest Known Dock](#)**

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