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



- **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.

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