

Titanic II

Why in news?

There is a renewed plan to build Titanic II, a replica of the Titanic, and send the ship to retrace the voyage from Southampton to New York.

What is the plan?

- Clive Palmer, an Australian businessman, Politician and chairman of Blue Star Line, announced the revival of the Titanic II project.
- In 2015, the Blue Star Line halted work on the Titanic II because of financial disagreements.
- It derailed plans for the ship to be ready in 2016.
- The company announced in September that it was continuing efforts to finish the Titanic II.
- The ship will follow the original journey, carrying passengers from Southampton to New York.
- The ship will also circumnavigate the globe.
- The ship will cost \$500 million to recreate.
- It could hold 2,400 passengers and 900 crew members.

What happened to Titanic in 1912?

- The Titanic was a luxury British steamship that sank in the early hours of April 15, 1912 after striking an iceberg.
- It led to the deaths of more than 1,500 passengers and crew.
- It sank off the coast of Newfoundland in the North Atlantic during its maiden voyage.
- The Royal Mail Steamer Titanic was the product of intense competition among rival shipping lines in the first half of the 20th century.
- In particular, the White Star Line found itself in a battle for steamship primacy with Cunard, a venerable British firm.

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