



MARITIME VISION: SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (DEFENCE)

NEWS: *We want to be among top five maritime nations by 2047*

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

India's Maritime Vision 2047 aims to position the country as a global leader in shipbuilding, eco-friendly shipping, and cruise tourism while modernizing ports and boosting coastal security. Legislative reforms and the National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal support these transformative goals.

Maritime Vision 2047

- Goal: India to become a global leader in shipbuilding, repair, and recycling.
- Target: Top 10 maritime nations by 2030; top 5 by 2047.
- Investment: ₹80 lakh crore over 25 years to increase cargo handling capacity to 10,000 million metric tonnes by 2047.

Infrastructure Development

- Focus: Modernization of ports, green ports, and eco-friendly shipping.
- Aim: Develop world-class ecosystems in port management, cargo handling, and inland waterways.

Cruise Tourism

- Six international cruise terminals developed with airport-level facilities.
- Tax exemptions and incentives introduced to promote tourism.
- Lighthouse tourism: 273% growth in 10 years, attracting 16.19 lakh visitors.

National Maritime Heritage Complex (Lothal, Gujarat)

- World's largest maritime museum; Phase-1A to open in September 2025, fully completed by 2029.
- Features: Research, preservation, and knowledge exchange through international collaborations.
- Impact: 25,000 daily visitors and 22,000 jobs expected.

Legislative Reforms

- Enacted: Major Port Authority Act, National Waterways Act, Inland Vessel Act, and Recycling of Ships Act.



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- Upcoming: Coastal Shipping Bill and Merchant Shipping Bill for shipbuilding promotion, seafarer welfare, and coastal security enhancement.



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