



A recent study by the Indian Institute of Technology-Gandhinagar has uncovered evidence of the Lothal dockyard from the Harappan Civilization. This finding sheds new light on ancient maritime activities.

Findings

Hypothesis on Inland Network: Researchers hypothesized that Lothal was connected to an inland network reaching the Rann of Kutch.

Identification of Water Channel: Researchers traced a water channel to the Sabarmati river, which historically flowed by Lothal.

Shift in River Course: The Sabarmati river has since shifted its course and now flows 20 km away from Lothal.

Trade Route: The study indicates that traders accessed Gujarat via the Gulf of Khambhat. Traders are believed to have transported materials from Ratanpura to Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq).

History