

# CENTRAL VISTA PROJECT Smarter Administration, Seamless Governance, Stronger India

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If the old Parliament House gave direction to post-independence India, the new building would become a witness to the creation of - AatmaNirbhar Bharat."

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

#### **Key Takeaways**

- The Central Vista Master Plan focuses on administrative efficiency, keeping environmental sustainability at the core of all works
- Redevelopment of Kartavya Path and construction of New Parliament Building, and Vice President's Enclave completed
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate Kartavya Bhavan on Aug 6, 2025

#### **Understanding Central Vista**

In the shadow of history with dreams of tomorrow, the Government of India is crafting a bold new chapter in the heart of New Delhi. The Central Vista redevelopment project - more than bricks and building is a symbol of India's spirit. It's a project to unify the governance structures, improving administrative productivity through closely connected, modern and purpose-designed offices. The Central Vista Complex is the Centre of administration of India as well as famous tourist attraction where major national festivals and ceremonial events are held. With new Parliament, modernized Secretariat buildings and green public spaces, this project reflects strong democracy aspiring towards innovation with efficiency and sustainability.

Following India's independence, a series of Central Secretariat buildings including Udyog Bhawan, Nirman Bhawan, Shastri Bhawan, Rail Bhawan, and Krishi Bhawan were built between

1956 and 1968. These structures were developed to meet the growing need for office space to accommodate the expanding functions of Central Government ministries.

Central Vista Avenue stretches across the iconic Kartavya Path and the lush lawns surrounding India Gate. The renaming of Rajpath to **Kartavya Path** marks a meaningful transition - from a symbol of authority to a walkway that **celebrates the people's role in shaping the nation**. It reflects shared responsibility and democratic pride.



#### **Need For Redevelopment**

The Central Vista Development Master Plan is a transformative blueprint to elevate administrative efficiency by crafting purpose-driven, state-of-the-art office spaces for governance. It envisions creating modern, adaptable, and eco-friendly infrastructure to support the dynamic needs of India's Parliament, the Executive and Vice President's Enclaves, and an integrated Central Secretariat housing all ministries. The plan also revitalizes Kartavya Path as a people-centric civic space.

Beyond streamlining governance, the initiative places a strong emphasis on environmental sustainability—encouraging the use of public transport, prioritizing pedestrian access, and expanding green cover across the redeveloped zones. These efforts aim to reduce carbon footprints while shaping a future-ready administrative core for the nation.

#### **What India Gains From A Renewed Vista**

#### Governance Benefits -

- ❖ Bringing together all 51 Central Government Ministries into 10 Common Central Secretariat buildings will streamline the movement of resources resulting in more efficient and coordinated administration.
- Close-knit departmental layout combined with adaptable and modular floor designs will empower the government to operate with greater efficiency and enhanced productivity.
- Expanding office spaces will bridge the gap between current capacity and rising demand, introducing cutting-edge work environments that boost productivity. These facilities will meet global benchmarks in infrastructure and technology.
- ❖ The redevelopment project will advance sustainability through green infrastructure and clean transport, enhancing efficiency and synergy in government operations.

#### Social Benefits -

- ❖ Improved public spaces in the Central Vista, including the National Museum, IGNCA, reformed Kartavya Path, India Gate plaza and lawns.
- ❖ Nearly 80,000 square meters of government space within the North and South Blocks will be repurposed into public areas as these historic buildings transform into a National Museum complex.
- ❖ The renovated avenue will feature designated areas for **social gatherings**, offering visitors welcoming spots to enjoy leisurely activities.

#### **Environmental Sustainability –**

- Detailed Environment Impact Assessment carried out for all projects.
- ❖ Strict measures to reduce the environmental impact of the Central Vista project throughout its construction phase.
- ❖ These projects will collectively enhance the green cover as total of 40,573 trees are being planted and no existing trees removed in any project.
- Waste from dismantled buildings will be treated and recycled at a dedicated construction and demolition waste facility for use in construction.

#### **Milestones Achieved**

From Kartavya Path to Parliament to the Vice President's Enclave, the Central Vista is reshaping how India's governance institutions are planned and designed bringing them in line with contemporary architectural benchmarks.





# **New Parliament Building**

Foundation stone for new Parliament building was laid on 10 December 2020 and officially inaugurated on 28 May 2023 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It features spacious legislative chambers, ample seating, central lounges, and an open-air courtyard, designed to support modern legislative functions.

## **Kartavya Path Redevelopment**

Inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 08 September 2022, the revamped stretch features landscaped lawns, green spaces, refurbished canals, amenity blocks, better signage, pedestrian underpasses, enhanced parking, and upgraded lighting to improve public experience.





# **Vice President's Enclave**

The Vice President's Enclave includes secretariat building, residence, guest house, sprots facility, staff quarters and ancillary buildings. Hon'ble VP shifted on to this complex April 03, 2024.

Source: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

#### **Ongoing Projects**

#### Kartavya Bhawan

- ➤ The Kartavya Bhawan is set for inauguration on 6<sup>th</sup> of August, 2025 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It is the first of several planned Common Central Secretariat buildings designed to streamline administration and support efficient governance.
- ▶ It will be a modern office complex of about 1.5 lakh sq. meters spread over two basements and seven floors, housing key ministries including Home, External Affairs, Rural Development, MSME, DoPT, Petroleum & Natural Gas, and the Principal Scientific Adviser.
- ➤ It will lead in sustainability with various power saving and recycling facilities resulting in 30% energy saving and also generating over 5.34 lakh units of electricity annually.
- Construction of Common Central Secretariat (CCS) -1,2 and 10, and Executive Enclave are in progress:
  - ➤ CCS 1&2: These buildings are being constructed at Plot no. 137 (erstwhile IGNCA). Finishing & services provision is under progress in CCS 1 & CCS 2.
  - ➤ CCS 10: This building is being constructed at Plot no. 138 (erstwhile Raksh Bhawan).
  - > CCS 6&7: CCS 6&7 is being constructed at the old VP residence and Vigyan Bhawan Annexe plot.

### Central Vista Avenue Redevelopment Project

The Central Vista Avenue which stretches across the iconic Kartavya Path and the lush lawns surrounding India Gate has seen several modifications over time. However, it has preserved its core identity and continues to host national and public events, serve as a valued civic space, and attract tourists. As a result, its redevelopment became a key focus of the Central Vista Master Plan.

From paved walkways along the Kartavya Path, to pathways in the lawns and redeveloped canals, the work was completed in less than a year. The 85.3 hectare area has been redeveloped to enhance public access and civic amenities. Green cover has improved with 4,087 trees, up from 3,890 earlier. 16.5 km of walkways now support smooth pedestrian movement along newly refurbished canals and lawns.





**BEFORE** 

**AFTER** 

Source: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

#### Made in India. Built for India

From stone and wood to carpets and craft, the Central Vista uses homegrown materials and skills to reimagine India's governance spaces. Here's a quick look at how tradition and modern design come together.





Sandstone sourced from Sarmathura in the Dholpur district of Rajasthan, along with granite obtained from Lakha village in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, is being utilized to construct both the external façades and internal structures of various buildings.

The New Parliament Building incorporates traditional wooden architecture, utilizing wood from Nagpur and showcase craftsmanship led by artisans from Mumbai, Maharashtra.





The New Parliament Building features hand-knotted carpets from Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh - India's 'Carpet City' renowned for its intricate knot-by-knot weaving, crafted by skilled artisans and rooted in centuries of tradition.

Source: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

#### **Growth Attained**

The Central Vista redevelopment is rapidly reshaping India's administrative core, driven by large-scale employment, evolving infrastructure, and a steady pace of progress.



#### Conclusion

Central Vista now stands as the new face of a changing India—where heritage meets innovation to deliver faster governance, greener public spaces and a truly citizen-centric capital. It embodies our vision of streamlined decision-making with all ministries closely connected for smoother coordination, vibrant museums that bring history to life, and shaded boulevards that invite every citizen into the heart of democracy. It is a statement of India's confidence, sustainability and shared future, and a shining example of the nation's rising global prominence.

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