



## Central Vista Redevelopment Project

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### Why in News

Recently, many former bureaucrats have opposed the **Central Vista redevelopment project**.

### Key Points

- The **Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** proposed a **Central Vista redevelopment project** in 2019.
- The project envisages
  - Constructing a **triangular Parliament building** next to the existing one.
  - Constructing **Common Central Secretariat**.
  - **Revamping** of the 3-km-long **Rajpath** — from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate.
    - **North and South Block** to be repurposed as **museums**.
- The **government's argument** for revamping Central Vista:
  - The Parliament building's **facilities and infrastructure are inadequate** to meet the current demand.
  - The **offices** of the Central Government **are spread over different locations which affects inter-departmental coordination**, and **unnecessary travel** leading to congestion and pollution.
  - Most of the existing buildings have **outlived** their structural lives.

### Central Vista

- Currently, the **Central Vista** of New Delhi houses **Rashtrapati Bhawan, Parliament House, North and South Block, India Gate, National Archives** among others.

- In December, 1911, **King George V** made an announcement in **Delhi Durbar** (a grand assembly) to shift the capital of India from Calcutta to Delhi.  
Delhi Durbar was hosted to mark the coronation of King George V.
- The task of constructing a new city was given to **Edwin Lutyens**, known for his strong adherence to **European Classicism** and **Herbert Baker**, a prominent architect in South Africa.  
Herbert Baker is also the architect of the **Union buildings at Pretoria, South Africa.**
- **Parliament House** building was designed by both **Lutyens and Baker.**
- **Rashtrapati Bhavan** was designed by **Edwin Lutyens.**
- The **Secretariat** which includes both north and south block was designed by **Herbert Baker.**

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