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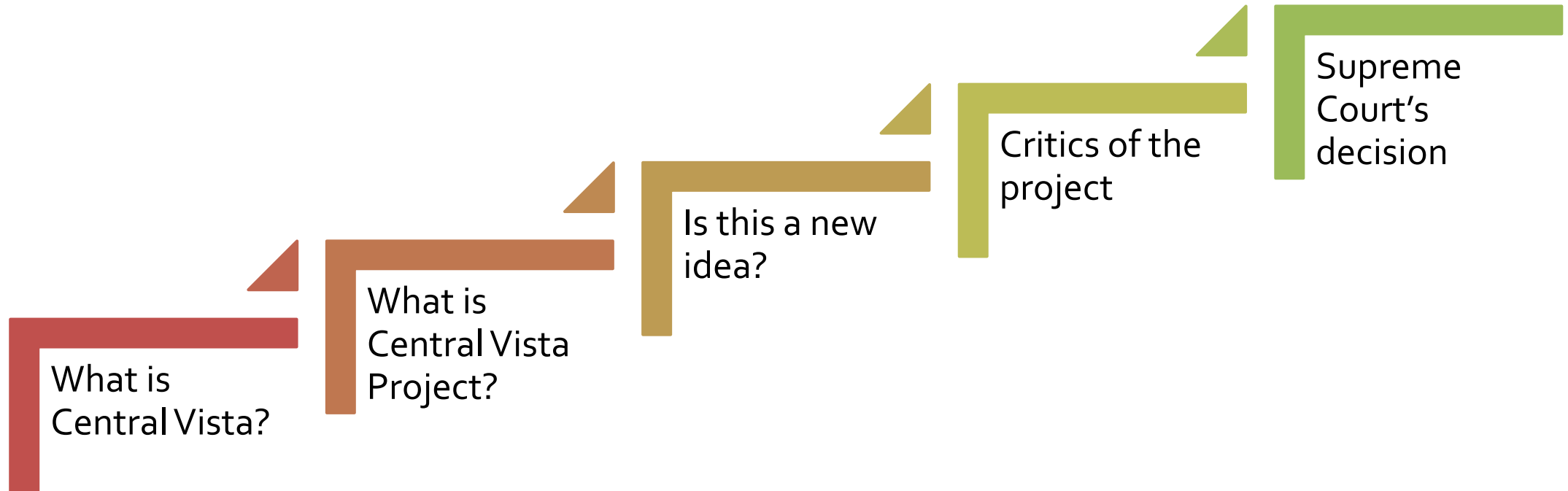


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# Agenda



# What is Central Vista?

- Central Vista of New Delhi houses the **Rashtrapati Bhawan, Parliament House, North and South Block, India Gate**, among others.
- These iconic buildings were constructed before the inaugural of new capital in the year 1931.

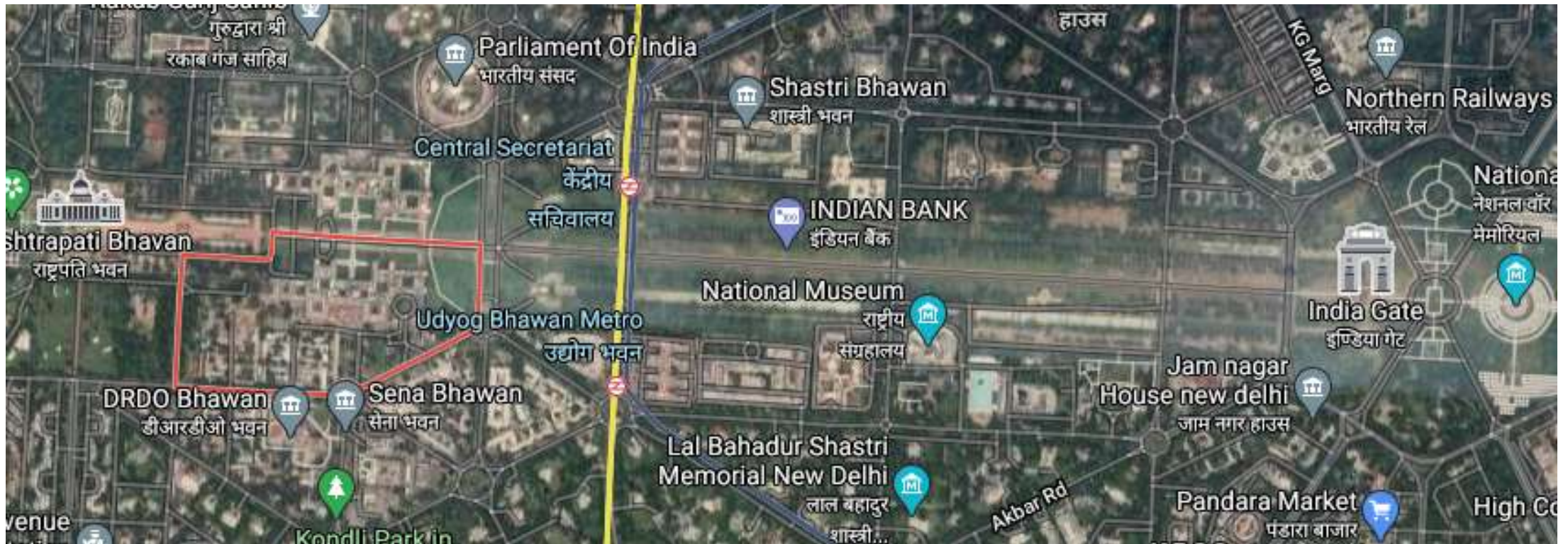
## Name of the designers:

- **Parliament House:** Edwin Lutyens & Herbert Baker.
- **Rashtrapati Bhavan:** Edwin Lutyens.
- **North and South Block:** Herbert Baker.



Source: Wikipedia

# What is Central Vista?



Source: Google Maps

# What is the Central Vista Project?

- Central Vista project, which aims to build and refurbish the government buildings on the Rajpath, which stretches from Rashtrapati Bhavan to the new War Memorial at India Gate. Total cost: **Rs. 20,000 crores**
- Construction of an ultra-modern triangular Parliament building which will replace the **93-year-old** circular Parliament House.
- The structure would be built on an area of 64,500 sq m.
- The building will have space to accommodate 888 MPs in Lok Sabha and 384 in Rajya Sabha.
- The existing building can seat 543 in Lok Sabha and 245 in Rajya Sabha. The expansion has been done keeping in mind the **delimitation** exercise scheduled to take place in 2026. There are security issues also in old Parliament building.
- The Prime Minister Office and the residences of Prime Minister and Vice President will be reconstructed.



# What is the Central Vista Project?

- In September this year, **Tata Projects** Limited won the bid to construct the new parliament building at cost of Rs 861.90 crore.
- For the Rajpath redevelopment project, **Shapoorji Pallonji and Company Limited** has emerged as the lowest bidder, quoting Rs 477.08 crore.
- More than **2,000 persons** will be directly provided employment due to this project and another **9,000 persons** be indirectly involved.
- Prime Minister Modi laid the foundation stone on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020.
- The Supreme Court of India expressed directed Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to ensure that no construction, demolition or felling of trees before judgement.
- The North and South blocks will be converted into **museums**.

# Is this project a new idea?

- During the Congress-led UPA rule, Meira Kumar's Officer on Special Duty (OSD) sent a formal letter to the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, stating that the construction of a new Parliament building should be given top priority.
- "Over the decades, on account of ageing and overuse, the Parliament House building has started showing signs of distress at various places."
- NDA1 government's speaker Sumitra Mahajan also had echoed here predecessor's voice.

# Critics about the project

- In October 2019, both the Houses of Parliament passed a resolution for a new building. No member of Parliament had **recorded dissent**.
- The main question is “**why now?**”, when the economy is facing hardship and the country is facing a pandemic. The money for this project could be diverted to **social welfare**.
- In April 2020, a petition was filed in the Supreme Court by Rajeev Suri, which said that the project deprived people of **open & green spaces**.
- The petition further argued that the Prime Minister's dream project violated the **Master Plan** of Delhi 2021.



# Supreme Court's Decision

- On 5 January 2021, the Supreme Court allowed the Central Vista Project to **go ahead**.
- A three-judge Bench of Justices pronounced the **2-1 judgment**.
- Justices **A. M. Khanwilkar** and **Dinesh Maheshwari** formed the majority while Justice **Sanjiv Khanna** pronounced a separate judgment.
- The apex court said the exercise of the power under the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) Act was valid, and the recommendations of environmental clearance by the Ministry of Environment proper.
- The only additional direction by the SC was to set up the **smog towers and smog guns** of adequate capacity in the new Parliament building.

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