

In the context of Central Vista Project (redevelopment), the GOI should give importance to National Archives of India. Explain.

National Archives of India was established on 1891, as a storehouse of documents, information of India's past showing the imposite Culture, heritage and administration of India.

Central Vista Project:

1. It is a development project of new parliamentary house near to existing parliamentary blocks in order to house the representatives of future demography and also to store documents.

2. Its expansion involves demolition of annex building of NAI as its envelope new buildings & not heritage structures as per ASI.

NAI - Communicational Setup:

1. The non-current data store archive was opened to general public on 1998.

2. It acts as a public relationship between archivists and students, scholars, historians, etc.,
3. Hence demolition of annex should have a proper storage of these non-current data in new Central Vista Project.

NAT - Document storage:

1. NAT at its 130 years of existence is the storehouse of India's past, British records like land revenue system, judicial procedures, administration policy.
2. It contains books & files, which are still not being digitalised, hence it acts as a repository "Museum of Indian history".

NAT - Heritage structure:

1. Central Vista Project as it claims for expansion to demolish annex building of NAT.
2. But care should be taken as it is a heritage structure, protection should also be given to its annex building as per Geneva Protocol on Protection of Heritage Structures.

Conclusion:

Indian future demography will have more representatives in Parliament & hence Central Vista Project is a necessary step, but care should be taken to protect NAT as pride.