

In the context of central Vista redevelopment project the government of India should give importance to National Archives of India. Explain (200 Words)

Commemorating the 75th year of Independence Central Vista project envisages redeveloping of current Central Vista complex with modern facilities for governance without restoring the architectural icons.

This project currently has slated a part of NAI Complex for demolition. Concerns have rained regarding the project area about NAI complex because of the following reasons - lack of transparency and clarity regarding the safe transfer of documents

- Absence of public consultation
- Aggressive pursuit of project amidst pandemic
- Absence of details regarding public access during the time of transfer.

Importance of National Archives

→ In a big democracy like India archives are very important in such a way that they are the relation between state and people

→ Archives give bureaucrats idea about how previously & similar situations were handled

→ An evidence and proof how the democracy matured

→ It is one of biggest Archives in the world

Way forward

Government could follow the lines of American Model where it got public opinion about transferring archives from Seattle to California. Transparency and Accountability are key for project success. National Archive's documents are proof for it. Hence it is important.