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New Parliament model unveiled, PM to lay foundation stone on Dec 10

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone for a new Parliament building on December 10, said Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Saturday.

The new 64,500-square-metre building proposed to be designed as a triangle shape will be constructed close to the existing complex under the ambitious Central Vista project and is expected to be completed within two years. It will be constructed by Tata Projects Limited at a cost of ₹861.90 crore.

The new model of Parliament building was unveiled on Saturday.

Birla said the ceremony will

begin with a 'bhumi pujan' by the PM. The new Parliament building, which will have separate offices for all MPs, will be equipped with the latest digital interfaces as a step towards creating paperless offices. It will also have a grand Constitution Hall to showcase India's

democratic heritage, a lounge for members of Parliament, a library, multiple committee rooms, dining areas and ample parking space. He said as many as 1.224 MPs can sit together in the building.

Earlier, construction company Larsen and Toubro, which had submitted a bid of ₹865 crore, had lost the bid to the Tatas for the building.

The redevelopment project of Central Vista also includes a common central secretariat and revamping of the 3-kmlong Raipath — from the Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate.

