

# 1400 U.P. artisans burnt midnight oil to carpet new Parl building

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**VARANASI :** As many as 1400 artisans from Uttar Pradesh's Bhadohi and Mirzapur districts have woven carpets that adorn the floors of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha in the new Parliament building. They worked for a whopping "10 lakh man-hours" to finish the task on time.

The new Parliament building, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday, showcases exquisite motifs of the national bird peacock and national flower lotus in the carpets of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha respectively.

Obeetee Carpets, the over-100-year-old Indian company behind the project, said weavers weaved more than 150 carpets each for Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha by hand "before stitching them into a single carpet in the form of a semi-circle to sync with the architecture of each of the Houses spread across 35,000 square feet of area".

"The weavers had to craft the carpets for halls measuring up to 17,500 square feet each," Rudra Chatterjee, Chairman of Obeetee Carpets, said.

While the colours used in Rajya Sabha have been primarily inspired by the shade of kokum red, the look of Lok Sabha is based on Indian agave green with inspirations from the plumes of the Indian peacock.

## A matter of pride for state, says CM

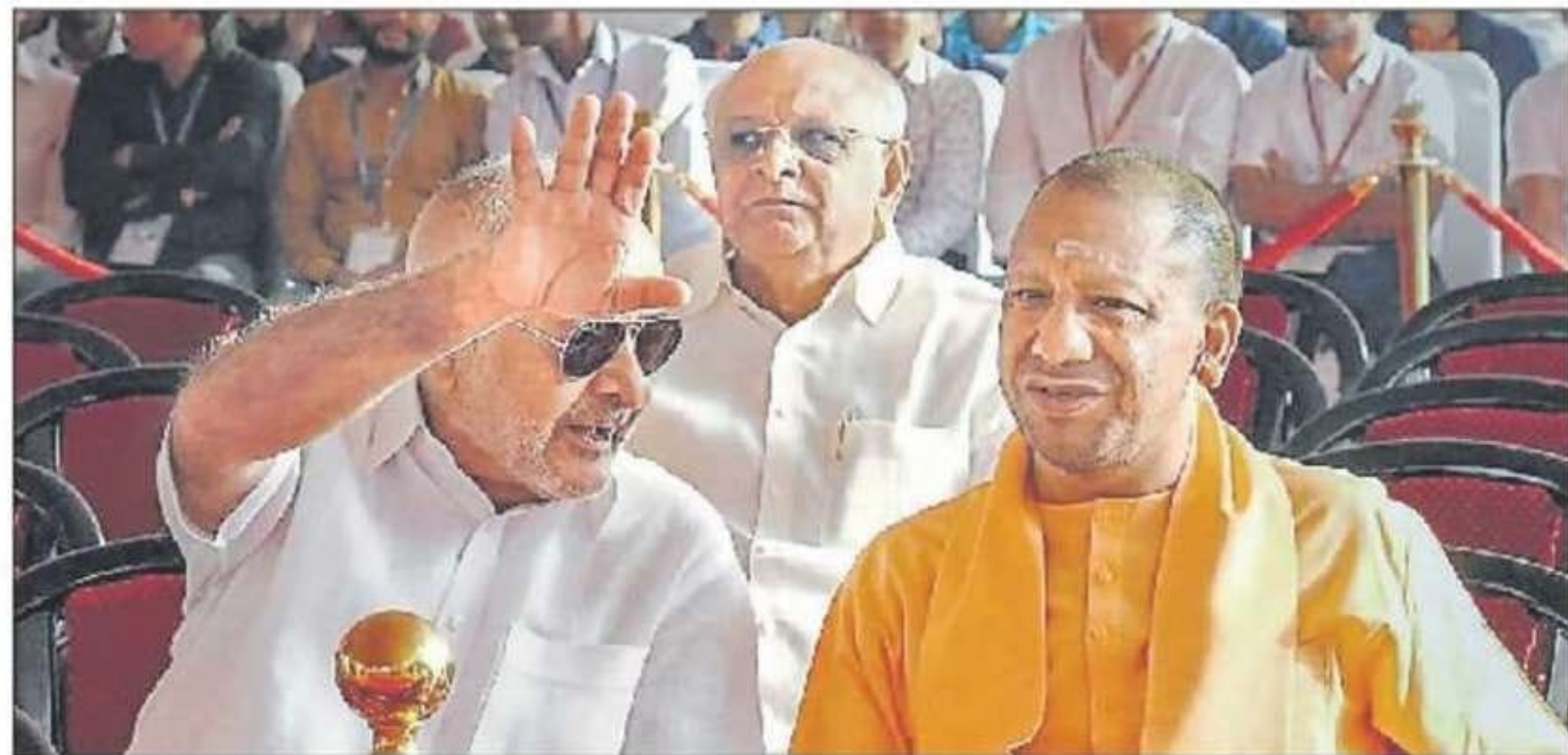
**LUCKNOW :** With a clip of PM Modi's speech at the inauguration ceremony, Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath tweeted in Hindi: "The world-class carpets from Uttar Pradesh's Bhadohi have adorned the 'temple of democracy'—the new Parliament building of new India. This is a matter of great pride for UP's rich crafts and all the people of the state. Congratulations to our creative craftsmen for bringing pride to the state with their unparalleled craft". In the clip attached with the tweet, PM Modi made a mention of Bhadohi carpets in the new Parliament building.

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Some 20 to 25 artisans from Bhadohi were sent to lay carpets in the new Parliament building. Expensive wool and silk have been used in the carpets. According to a Bhadohi carpet maker, as many as 282 pieces of 11 x 8 handmade carpets cover an area of 5,282 square yards of the new Parliament building.

Of them, 151 pieces of carpet were sent for Rajya Sabha and 131 for Lok Sabha.

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UP CM Yogi Adityanath and chief minister of Gujarat Bhupendra Patel attend the inauguration ceremony of the new Parliament, in New Delhi on Sunday. (ANI)

## Yogi congratulates people on inauguration of new Parl building

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**LUCKNOW :** Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday congratulated the people of the country on the inauguration of the new Parliament building.

He also described the sacred "Sengol", which was installed in the Lok Sabha chamber of the new building, a "symbol of India's justice, fairness, sovereignty and strength".

In a tweet in Hindi, Yogi said:

"Historic moment. The symbol of the fulfilment of the hopes, expectations and aspirations of 'New India', the grand, glorious and inspiring new Parliament building has been dedicated to the nation today by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Hearty congratulations to all people of the country."

In another tweet, the CM said, "The sacred Sengol is a symbol of India's justice, fairness, sovereignty and strength. The installation of holy Sengol by PM Narendra Modi in the

new Parliament House today (Sunday) amid chanting of Vedic mantras is a consolidated expression of respect and faith of all countrymen towards India's cultural heritage and excellent democratic values."

"Adding a new golden chapter in the history of Indian democracy, this national work will further enhance the feeling of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat' in the Amrit Kaal period of Independence. Jai Hind," he tweeted with the hashtag 'MyParliamentMyPride'.