

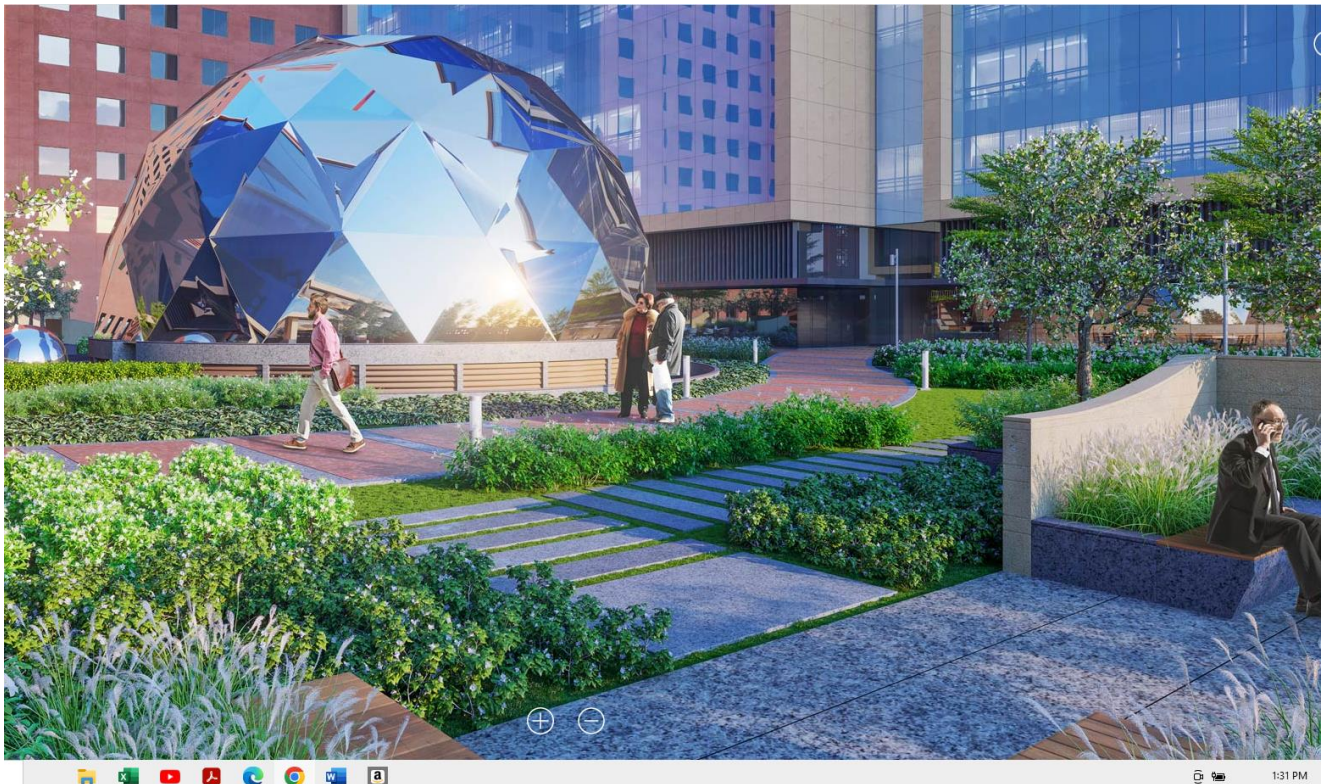
Surat, India: World's Largest Office Building

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August 7, 2023: Surat, Gujarat, India: After building the world's tallest statue¹ and the largest cricket stadium globally², Gujarat, India has built the world's largest office building at Surat. The building will be opened to the public in November 2023 at the hands of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.

The building has 9 towers, of G+15 floors each, with a 24 ft. wide central spine corridor connecting all of them so that walking from one to the other may take only a few minutes. It has 131 lifts and it has been designed for secure working. It is designed to accommodate 4700 different offices, with Laboratories/ Offices for certification and standardization. It has been rated as a PLATINUM Green Building, with a sustainable architecture.

About 67,000 professionals may work in the building.



It is much bigger than Pentagon (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Pentagon), Apple Park corporate Headquarter of Apple (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apple_Park) or the Headquarter of Google at Mountain View campus in Silicon Valley (<https://tinyurl.com/2sx3h85n>) or Google Advertisement Division's Bayview campus (<https://tinyurl.com/3vnt8daf>). A list of the largest office buildings may be seen at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_office_buildings.

Notes:

¹The Statue of Unity is the world's tallest statue, with a height of 182 metres, located near Kevadia in the state of Gujarat, India. It depicts Indian statesman and independence activist **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**, who was the first deputy prime minister and home minister of independent India and an adherent of Mahatma Gandhi. Before the British left India on 15th August 1947, India had 560 Princely States plus the area which had been directly ruled by the British till 14th August 1947. On 15th August 1947, the British partitioned their area into two parts: Hindu-majority area, called India and a Muslim-majority area, which was given a new name - "Pakistan". The 560 Princely States were granted independence as separate countries. **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** unified the States with India through diplomacy and negotiations. After its opening to the public on 1 November 2018, it was visited by 10 million people by November 2022. (<https://statueofunity.in/>)

²Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, India is the largest cricket stadium globally, both in terms of seating capacity and overall area. occupies 63 acres of land, with a seating capacity of 132,000. It contains 76 corporate boxes that can hold 25 persons each. The Narendra Modi Stadium also has a huge ramp designed to facilitate the movement of around 60,000 people simultaneously. The stadium is connected to the metro station by a skywalk to decrease road congestion. There are three entry gates to the stadium.

A unique feature of the stadium is the LED lights on the roof instead of the usual floodlights at cricket grounds. The LED lights are installed on an antibacterial, fireproof canopy with PTFE membrane that covers 30 metres (98 ft) out of 55 metres (180 ft) width of sitting area. The roof was specifically designed to be lightweight and separate from the seating bowls in order to make it fairly earthquake resistant.

The parking lot can accommodate 3,000 cars and 10,000 two-wheelers.
