

Trump set to open world's biggest cricket stadium

● Trump's first official visit to India

● He may also visit Taj Mahal in Agra

● To spend \$11-12 million on preparations for the visit

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U.S. President Donald Trump will inaugurate the world's largest cricket stadium when he arrives in Ahmedabad, the home base of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Monday at the start of a two-day visit aimed at smoothing ties strained by trade disputes.

Making his first official trip to the world's largest democracy, Trump is also expected to visit the humble abode of India's independence hero Mahatma Gandhi in Ahmedabad.

The leaders of China, Japan and Israel have all visited Ahmedabad since Modi became prime minister.

It is the biggest city in Gujarat, the western state where Modi made his mark as chief minister before his party swept to power in 2014.

Authorities in Ahmedabad expect to spend around 800 million to 850 million Indi-



A worker paints footpath in front of Sardar Patel Gujarat Stadium, where U.S. President Donald Trump is expected to visit during his upcoming trip to India, in Ahmedabad, India

an rupees (\$11-12 million) on preparations for the visit by the American president that is likely to last around three hours, two government officials with direct knowledge of the plans told Reuters.

The sum is equivalent to equivalent to about 1.5 per cent of the annual budget for the home ministry in Gujarat.

Security-related costs, with more than 12,000 police officers

expected to be deployed, will account for almost half the expense, said the officials, who declined to be named as they are not authorised to speak publicly about the visit.

Ahmedabad municipal commissioner Vijay Nehra, the city's top civic official, said that authorities had already spent around 300 million rupees (\$4.2 million) on widening roads and improving infrastructure

around the new cricket stadium.

With capacity for 110,000 spectators, the Motera Stadium will dislodge the Melbourne Cricket Ground as the world's largest cricket stadium.

"Eighteen roads of about 20 kilometers (12 miles) in length from Ahmedabad Airport to Motera Stadium have been widened or re-laid," Nehra said, adding that the improvements



Senior police officials arrive to examine security arrangements at Gandhi Ashram, where Trump is expected to visit



A man applies finishing touches to paintings of Trump and Modi on a wall as part of beautification along a route that the leaders will be taking during Trump's upcoming visit in Ahmedabad

had been planned before Trump's visit was confirmed.

A further 60 million Indian rupees (\$840,000) will go on "beautification" of the city, said Nehra.

Ashok Brahmabhatt, secretary of Gujarat Cricket Association, which owns the Motera Stadium set to be opened by Trump, said it would also spend tens of millions of rupees during the event.

Nehra tweeted on Sunday

that more than 100,000 participants had registered so far to greet Trump as he heads from the airport to the city centre. Trump said last week Modi had promised "millions and millions" of people would line his route.

Trump may also visit the famous Taj Mahal monument in the city of Agra, and all leave for police officers in that city has been canceled, according to a document seen.

Lavish 'Princely tomb' belonging to mystery Iron Age man found



Inside the tomb archaeologists found the remains of a complete chariot, its chassis can be seen on the outer edge of this block, as well as weapons and armour



The full study of the pottery and other finds within the tomb, including the chassis of what was likely a chariot (seen here) will likely prompt entirely new insights into the cultural, trading and gift-exchange relationships of the aristocracy in the area



The tomb, including the ancient contents - as seen here in the pit - is believed to date back to the seventh century BC. They found pottery and clothing amongst the remains

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A lavish 'Princely tomb' belonging to an Iron Age man was found in Italy full of treasures including a bronze helmet, weapons and a whole chariot.

The tomb of a pre-Roman prince has been saved from 'imminent' destruction after aerial photos revealed the ancient treasure trove before it could be built over.

The body of the unidentified prince has not been found and no mound remains to mark his resting place - it may have been lost while the site was used for farming.

The hoard, found in Corinaldo, Italy, was on the site of a future sports complex and wasn't spotted until a survey of the land was carried out before building started.

The value of the discovery and the site is now being assessed before any decision over whether to move the tomb or move the sports complex is made.

The tomb is believed to date back to the seventh century BC, when it was constructed for a prince of the largely-unknown Piceni people, whose land was eventually annexed by Rome in 268 BC.

"We identified circular crop-marks, comparable to large funerary ring ditches," said Federica Boschi, an archaeologist at the University of Bologna.

"A large and slightly off-centre pit contained an extraordinary collection of cultural material."

It is the only discovery of its kind in the region, the archaeologist confirmed.

"As the first such monument identified and excavated in northern Marche this has pro-

vided an extraordinary opportunity to investigate a site of the Piceni culture," said Professor Boschi.

"Until now, this culture has been poorly documented and little understood despite its undoubted importance in the pre-Roman development of the area."

She added: "The recovery from complete obscurity and imminent danger of archaeological material of this scale and importance is a rare event within contemporary European archaeology."

The body of the unidentified prince has not been found and no mound remains to mark his resting place - possibly both were destroyed during the land's long history of agricultural use.

Nonetheless, Professor Boschi believes that the lavish tomb is

evidence enough of his status.

She said: "The extraordinarily rich funerary deposit testifies to a high-status tomb dedicated to a princely leader within the early Iron Age society of the region."

"One outstanding find among the hundred or more ceramic vessels recovered from the pit was an olla imported from ancient Daunia.

"This undoubtedly symbolises the commemorated leader's significant political, military and economic power.

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After seeing aerial photos of the tomb site, archaeologists initially performed a resistivity survey, where electrical currents

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are run through the ground to see if anything metallic is buried there.

"Aerial photography led to the first identification of the site," said Professor Boschi.

"A resistivity survey then provided an initial understanding of the extent and internal articulation of the funerary area, including a third ring-ditch not revealed by the aerial photo-

graphs.

"A targeted geomagnetic survey then produced significant information about the survival of the underground deposits, providing supporting secure evidence for a massive deposit of ironwork."

It's not entirely clear what will happen to the site next, whether the tomb and its contents will be moved or whether a new home will be found for the sports centre.

The findings have to be properly valued, both for their financial worth and their cultural worth, before anything can happen.

"The next steps are going to move toward the valorization and public fruition of the site within and in agreement with the project of the new sports complex," said Professor Boschi.