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Amrit Bharat Station Scheme

This article discusses "Daily current events "Amrit Bharat station scheme "news in relation to the Economy and infrastructure. In GS-3 and following content has relevance for UPSC.

For prelims: Facts about Amrit Bharat station Scheme

For mains: GS-3, Economy and infrastructure

Why in news:

In order to renovate over 1,000 tiny stations over the next few years, the Ministry of Railways developed the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme as part of its station reconstruction initiative.

About Amrit Bharat Station scheme:

The scheme has a long-term vision and calls for the continued development of stations.

These proposed stations' key characteristics are as follows:

- Longer platforms,
- ballastless tracks,
- roof-top plazas, and
- 5G connections are all included.

Redevelopment and upgrade:

As part of the Scheme, stations will be outfitted with amenities that are modeled after the massive upgrades made to prominent stations like New Delhi and Ahmedabad.

All prior redevelopment projects that have not yet started will be absorbed into the program.

Facilities:

- Provision for future creation of Roof Plaza.
- Free WiFi and room for 5G cell towers.
- Accessibility is increased through the expansion of roadways, the elimination of obtrusive constructions, appropriately placed signs, designated pedestrian walkways, well-planned parking lots, and better lighting, among other measures.
- All stations with a length of 600 meters have high-level platforms (760–840 mm).
- Disability-specific amenities.

On Broad

- The program's goal is to create master plans for railroad stations and implement them gradually so as to improve the facilities, both inside and outside the scope of the Minimum Essential Amenities (MEA).
- **Monetary plans:** Only on the basis of considerations like foot traffic and input from stakeholders can plan and subsequent budgets be authorized.
- The task of choosing stations has been delegated to the zonal railroads, which will then have them approved by a committee of top railway officials.
- **Upgrades and new amenities:** The plan will cover both the addition of new amenities as well as the upgrading and replacement of current amenities.
- The ministry aims to use private telecom carriers' involvement in 5G connection to its advantage because all of these stations will feature free Wi-Fi access and escalators for convenient movement.

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