

Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS)

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Why in News?

Recently, the Prime Minister stated that the country's railway infrastructure has entered a new era of modernisation.

- **Aim** - Development and upgradation of stations over the Indian Railways network.
- **Launched in** - 2022.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Railways.
- It is to make railway stations cleaner, more comfortable and future-ready.
- **Phased Implementation** - Detailed plans are made for each station and the work is done in phases, based on the needs of each station.
- Some stations are explored under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.
- **Key Features**
- **Modern Passenger Amenities** - The railway stations are supposed to have better circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lifts, escalators, free Wi-Fi, executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping, etc.
- Some stations will have executive lounges and special areas for business meetings.
- **One Station One Product Scheme** - Local products will be sold at kiosks under the 'One Station One Product' scheme, and efforts will be made to make stations look greener and more attractive.

'One Station One Product' aims to encourage indigenous and specialised products and crafts of India through providing display and sale outlets on railway stations across the country.

- **Seamless Multimodal Connectivity** - It envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration.
- Special care is being taken to make stations friendly for persons with disabilities.
- **Aesthetically Designed Stations**- Incorporating local cultural elements and architectural themes in station designs.
 - **Example** - The Ahmedabad station draws inspiration from the Modhera Sun Temple, while Dwarka station is inspired by the Dwarkadheesh Temple.
- **Significance** - The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme marks a major step towards transforming India's railway infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing and modern nation.

References

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