

## **Inauguration of Various Schemes in Bihar**

## Why in News?

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation inaugurated and launched various **Central and State Government schemes** worth over Rs 800 crore in Patna, Bihar, on **International Cooperative Day,** March 30, 2025.

## **Key Points**

- About the Schemes:
  - Grain Storage Scheme :
    - Under the world's largest foodgrain storage scheme, the foundation stone was
      laid for the project to develop a storage capacity of 62,500 metric tonnes in twentyfive PACS (Primary Agricultural Credit Societies). The cost of which will be
      Rs 83.16 crore.
  - Police Building:
    - The foundation stone was laid for the **construction of a total of 133 police buildings under the Home Department.** The cost of which has been fixed at Rs

      181.14 crore.
  - Road Transport and Highways Projects :
    - The foundation stone was laid for three projects under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, with a total cost of Rs 109.16 crore.
  - Hostel in Deep Narayan Singh Cooperative Institute :
    - A hostel built in Patna at a cost of Rs 27.29 crore was inaugurated.
  - Makhana Processing and Marketing Center:
    - Darbhanga district Makhana processing and marketing center was inaugurated at a cost of Rs 46 lakh under the Integrated Cooperative Development Project.
  - Drinking Water Supply Schemes :
    - Five drinking water supply schemes were inaugurated at a total cost of Rs 421.41 crore under the Amrit-1 project of the Urban Housing and Development Department.

## **Amrit Yojana**

- Introduction:
  - Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) was launched on June 25, 2015 in 500 selected cities across the country, covering about 60% of the urban population.
  - The mission aims to enhance infrastructure and implement improvements in selected urban areas, including water supply, sewerage, drainage, green spaces, nonmotorised transport and capacity building.
- Amrit 2.0 Scheme :
  - The scheme was launched on October 1, 2021, covering AMRUT 1.0 for a period of 5 years i.e. from financial year 2021-22 to 2025-26.
  - This includes universal coverage of water supply from 500 cities to about 4,900 statutory

towns in the country and coverage of sewerage/septage management in 500 cities covered in the first phase of the AMRUT scheme.

- AMRUT 2.0 aims to promote the circular economy of water through development
  of the City Water Balance Plan (CWBP) by recycling/reuse of treated sewage, revival of
  water bodies and water conservation.
- The mission also includes a reform agenda to improve the ease of living of citizens through urban planning, strengthening urban finance etc.

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