



Development Projects in Rajasthan

Why in News?

The **Prime Minister of India** inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for development projects worth over Rs 26,000 crore in **Rajasthan**.

Key Points

Highlights of the Development Projects

- **Focus on Rail Infrastructure:**
 - The PM inaugurated the redeveloped **Deshnoke Railway Station** under the **Amrit Bharat Station Scheme** and **flagged off the Bikaner-Mumbai express train**.
 - It is **part of the 103 Amrit Stations planned for redevelopment** across 86 districts in 18 states and Union Territories, with a total expenditure of over Rs 1,100 crore under the ABSS.
 - These stations integrate modern passenger amenities, improved accessibility, including Divyangjan-friendly facilities, and regionally inspired architecture.
 - He also **dedicated six newly electrified rail lines in Rajasthan** and laid the **foundation stone for the Churu-Sadulpur rail line**, part of a nearly 1,000 km electrification drive to support 100% railway electrification, enhance efficiency, and cut emissions.
 - The **modernised railway stations reflect local art, culture, and historical heritage**, turning them into vibrant symbols of regional identity.
 - **Rajasthan's Mandalgarh station** captures the grandeur of **Rajput traditions**, showcasing regional pride through architectural design.

Redeveloped Stations of Other States:

- **Bihar's Thawe station** celebrates the **spiritual legacy of Maa Thawewali** and features traditional **Madhubani artwork**, blending devotion with folk artistry.
 - **Orchha railway station in Madhya Pradesh** radiates the **divine essence of Lord Ram**, reinforcing the region's spiritual heritage.
 - The design of a **Tiruvannamalai station in Tamil Nadu** draws inspiration from **Dravidian architecture**, reflecting South India's classical temple styles.
 - **Gujarat's Dakor station** pays **tribute to Ranchhodrai ji**, embodying the deep religious devotion of the area.
 - In **Telangana**, the **Begumpet station** preserves the architectural legacy of the **Kakatiya dynasty**, highlighting the state's royal past.
- **Expansion of Road Infrastructure:**
 - The Prime Minister laid the **foundation stone for three vehicle underpasses** and several **national highway upgrades**.
 - He dedicated seven key road projects worth over Rs 4,850 crore aimed at improving connectivity to the **Indo-Pak border**, enhancing civilian mobility, and strengthening

national security.

- **Push for Renewable Energy and Power Transmission:**
 - PM inaugurated and launched multiple [renewable energy](#) projects, including large-scale [solar initiatives in Bikaner and Didwana Kuchaman](#).
 - Projects under PowerGrid Mewar and Sirohi Transmission Ltd will expand transmission capacity and support clean energy evacuation.
 - These initiatives will **contribute significantly to [India's climate goals](#)** by promoting [sustainable energy](#) infrastructure.
- **Medical Infrastructure & Water Supply:**
 - Nursing colleges in Rajsamand, Pratapgarh, Bhilwara, and Dholpur were inaugurated to strengthen medical education and local healthcare capacity.
 - The **Rural Water Supply and Fluorosis Mitigation Project in Jhunjhunu**, along with the **urban water supply upgrades in seven towns of Pali district** under [AMRUT 2.0](#), aim to enhance access to safe and sustainable drinking water in both rural and urban areas.



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Amrit Bharat Stations Scheme (ABSS)

- **About:**
 - The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme **aims to redevelop 1309 stations nationwide**.
 - The redevelopment will provide **modern passenger amenities** along with ensuring well-designed traffic circulation, inter-modal integration, and signage for the guidance of passengers.
 - The Scheme was launched in **February 2023 by the Ministry of Railways**.
- **Integrated Approach to Urban Development:**
 - The redevelopment is planned with a **holistic approach to urban development**, treating the stations as "**City Centres**."
 - This approach aims to integrate **both sides of the city and create well-designed traffic circulation**, inter-modal connectivity, and clear signage for passengers' guidance.

AMRUT 2.0 Scheme

- The scheme was **launched on 1st October 2021, subsuming [AMRUT 1.0](#)** for the period of 5 years i.e. from the financial year (FY) 2021-22 to the FY 2025-26.
- Its objectives are **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 the development of a [City Water Balance Plan \(CWBP\)](#) by recycling/reuse of treated sewage, rejuvenation of water bodies and water conservation.
- The mission also includes a **reform agenda to improve the ease of living for citizens** through the reduction of non-revenue water, better urban planning, strengthening urban finance, and more.
- **Other components of AMRUT 2.0:**

- **Pey Jal Survekshan** to ascertain **equitable distribution of water**, reuse of wastewater, mapping of water bodies and promote healthy competition among the cities /towns.
- **Technology Sub-Mission for Water** to leverage the latest global technologies in the field of water.
- **Information, Education and Communication (IEC)** campaign to spread awareness among the masses about the conservation of water.

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