



Railway Stations Redeveloped under Amrit Bharat Scheme (ABSS)

Why in News?

The [Prime Minister](#) inaugurated three **redeveloped railway stations in West Bengal**—Kalyani Ghoshpara, Panagarh, and Joychandi Pahar, as part of the nationwide launch of 103 Amrit Stations under the [Amrit Bharat Station Scheme \(ABSS\)](#).

Key Points

- **Amrit Bharat Station Scheme:**
 - **About & Objective:**
 - The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme was **launched in December 2022** by the **Ministry of Railways**.
 - The 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.
 - Focused efforts will **enhance the stations' greenery and visual appeal** to create a more inviting environment for passengers.
 - Under this scheme, local products will be showcased and sold under the **'One Station One Product' scheme**.
 - **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.

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Note

- The Indian Railways ranks as the **world's fourth-largest railway network**, encompassing a track **length of 67,368 km**. Only the US, China, and Russia have larger networks.
 - **It's also the world's second-largest network** managed under a single administration, spanning 115,000 km.
- **UNESCO World Heritage Sites:**
 - The Indian Railways takes pride in owning four [UNESCO-recognized world heritage sites](#).
 - Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus in Mumbai, Nilgiri Mountain Railway, and Kalka Shimla Railway.

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