



PM Lays Foundation Stone for Redevelopment of Train Stations

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Under the [Amrit Bharat Station Scheme](#), Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for several railway projects, including redevelopment of 21 stations and 83 road over/under bridges in Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- According to the **South East Central Railway (SECR)**, the PM inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of a total of 2,000 railway infrastructure projects worth Rs 41,000 crore across the country via video conferencing.
- Of these stations, **21 fall in Chhattisgarh**- Korba, Raigarh, Rajnandgaon, Sarona, Bhatapara, Dongargarh, Bhilainagar, Hathbandh, Bilha, Baikunthpur Road, Ambikapur, Uslapur, Pendra Road, Janjgir Naila, Champa, Baradwar, Dalli Rajhara, Bhanupratappur, Nipania, Mandir Hasaud and Bhilai.
 - Belpahar and Brajrajnagar in **Odisha**, Shahdol, Umaria, Anuppur, Bijuri, Mandla Fort, Balaghat, Nainpur, Chhindwara and Seoni in **Madhya Pradesh** and Itwari, Kamptee, Amgaon, Bhandara Road and Tumsar Road in **Maharashtra**.

Amrit Bharat Stations Scheme

- 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**.

South East Central Railway (SECR)

- The zone came into existence on **1 April 2003**, following the bifurcation of the South Eastern Railway.
- It is **headquartered in Bilaspur**, Chhattisgarh, and comprises three divisions: Bilaspur, Raipur, and Nagpur.