



PM lays Virtual Foundation Stone for Redevelopment Works of 508 Railway Stations

Why in News?

On August 6, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment works of 508 railway stations in the country through video conferencing under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. These include 7 railway stations of Chhattisgarh, Raipur, Bilaspur, Durg, Tilda-Nevra, Akaltara, Bhilai Power House and Mahasamund.

Key Points:

- It is worth mentioning that a total of 32 railway stations of Chhattisgarh have been included in this ambitious Amrit Bharat station scheme. An amount of Rs. 1660 crore will be invested in the redevelopment of these stations.
- The Governor of Chhattisgarh Biswabhusan Harichandan participated in this foundation stone laying program of the Prime Minister. He also observed the model prepared for the development of railway stations.
- It is worth mentioning that modern facilities like wide concourse, foot over bridge, lift, escalator, waiting room, commercial area and retail counter etc. will be provided at these stations to be redeveloped under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.
- The plan envisages multimodal transport. Passenger amenities at other minor stations will also be upgraded and will be provided with facilities like widened FOBs, frontage improvements, waiting areas, lifts, escalators etc.

