



Chhattisgarh Railway Station Renovated | Chhattisgarh | 25 Dec 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the **136-year-old historic Bhilai railway station** underwent renovation under the [Amrit Bharat Station Yojna](#) launched by the centre to modernise railway stations.

Key Points

- **Historic Bhilai Railway Station Renovated:**
 - The 136-year-old Bhilai railway station in **Durg district, built in 1888**, has been renovated to **enhance passenger experience**.
 - The station now features **cleanliness improvements**, an **air-conditioned (AC) waiting hall, and covered sheds** at new platforms to protect passengers from rain and sun.
 - Additional amenities include raised ceilings for a spacious feel, improved lighting, and **e-ATM machines** for ticket purchases and train information.
 - Entrances have been revamped, ensuring **easier access, enhanced aesthetics, and better facilities for passengers**.

Amrit Bharat Stations Scheme

- **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**.
- **Station-wise Plans:**
 - The station buildings' designs will be inspired by **local culture, heritage, and architecture**.
 - For instance, the Jaipur Railway Station will feature elements resembling the **Hawa Mahal** and **Amer Fort** from Rajasthan.
- **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.