



Gonda's 5 Railway Stations will get facilities like Airport

Why in News?

On 31 March 2023, Mahesh Gupta, Public Relations Officer of Northeastern Railway Lucknow Division told that under the 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme', five railway stations in Gonda district of Uttar Pradesh - Mankapur, Katra, Babhnan, Colonelganj and Chhapia will now get airport-like facilities.

Key Points

- Preparations are underway to provide high-end and modern facilities of shopping complexes, hotels, and parking at the five junctions selected under the 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme'. Modern entrances, circulating area, waiting hall and the retiring room will be made in the selected station. The passenger waiting room will be extended and connected to other waiting rooms.
- Roads will be widened, dedicated walkways, well-planned parking areas, and better lighting arrangements will be made for the station. Wi-Fi facilities will be provided free of cost to railway passengers while increasing the number of special toilets for women and differently-abled.
- At least two LED boards will be installed with the name of the station and the length of their platform will be increased. Keeping in mind the requirement of each station, one station, one product, a better passenger information system, executive lounge, and special places for business meetings will be made.
- The buildings of the green railway station will also attract visitors from far away. Along with this, by beautifying the local art and culture through message-oriented design painting, people will also feel the specialty of that area when they reach the station.
- An idol of Lord Swami Narayan will be installed at Chhapia station and paintings related to it will be done. Mankapur, Katra, Babhnan, and Colonelganj railway stations will be developed and beautified giving a feel of their specialty.
- At all stations a minimum of two stalls for 'one station one product', a better cafeteria and a 5G internet facility will be available.

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