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PM inaugurates 103 Amrit Bharat Railway Stations

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Context

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday inaugurated 103 Amrit Bharat railway stations through video conference from Bikaner, Rajasthan. These stations, situated in 86 districts across 18 States and Union Territories, have been developed at a cost of over ₹1,100 crore.

Amrit Bharat Railway Station Scheme

- It is an **ongoing Indian Railways mission** launched in February 2023 by the **Ministry of Railway** to **redevelop railway stations across India**.
- The development plan takes into account the unique needs of each station, **promoting a holistic approach to railway station enhancement**.
- The scheme aims to transform railway stations into modern, well-equipped hubs with improved passenger amenities, better traffic circulation, inter-modal integration, and enhanced signage.
- The scheme shall cater for the **introduction of new amenities as well as the upgradation and replacement of existing amenities**.
- The ultimate goal is to transform these stations into vibrant city centres over the long term.
- Key Features:
 1. **Modern passenger amenities:** This includes providing clean and hygienic waiting areas, restrooms, Special amenities for the disabled, and food and beverage outlets.
 2. **Improved traffic circulation:** This includes creating separate entry and exit points for passengers and vehicles, widening roads and footpaths, and providing adequate parking facilities.
 3. **Inter-modal integration:** This includes providing seamless connectivity between railway stations and other modes of transport, such as buses, taxis, and autorickshaws.

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