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India is rebuilding more than 1,300 railway stations. Each one gets modern facilities and a look drawn from its own city. This lesson explains the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

At a glance

Four key facts on this topic

01 **1,337**stations identified (Dec 2024)

02 **508**foundation stones, Aug 2023

03 **103**first batch, May 2025

04 **75**second batch, July 2026

Why the scheme exists

1 A policy for better stations

1.1 What problem does the scheme solve?

Many Indian stations grew by adding bits over decades. Passengers faced crowded entrances, poor signs and few facilities.

On **27 December 2022** the Ministry of Railways announced a new policy for modernising stations. It is called the **Amrit Bharat Station Scheme**.

1.2 How is it planned?

PIB says it develops stations **on a continuous basis with a long-term vision**. Each station gets a master plan.

Work then follows the plan in phases, as the needs and patronage of the station demand.

1.3 What is the long-term goal?

The scheme aims at **roof plazas and city centres** at stations in the long run.

A roof plaza is a wide concourse built over the tracks. It lets people wait, shop and change transport in one place.

> 18. **Think it through:** Why plan first and build later? See answer ↓

> **Quick check 1.** True or false: The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme was announced through a PIB release of December 2022. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

> **Quick check 2.** True or false: Each station gets a master plan that is implemented in phases. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

Sources: pib.gov.in

2 Timeline of the first years

2.1 What happened in the first year?

In February 2023 the Railways had designated **1,275 stations** for modernisation, says India Infra Hub.

The Jaipur station was announced the same month. Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw put its cost at Rs 717 crore.

2.2 When did the foundation stones go down?

On **6 August 2023** the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for **508 stations**. He did it by video conferencing.

The PMO notice says the scheme had been launched to redevelop **1,309 stations**. The 508 were the first lot.

2.3 What did those 508 stations cost?

The PMO gives **more than Rs 24,470 crore** for the 508 stations. It is not the cost of the whole scheme.

They lie in 27 States and Union Territories. Some States had many.

Where the first 508 stations lie

State	Stations
Uttar Pradesh	55
Rajasthan	55
Bihar	49
Maharashtra	44

State	Stations
West Bengal	37

Top five States, from the PMO notice of 4 August 2023.

2.4 What came next?

IANS says that in February 2024 the Prime Minister laid the foundation for **554 more stations**.

In May 2025 he inaugurated the first batch of finished stations.

> 19. **Think it through:** Is Rs 24,470 crore the budget for all stations? See answer ↓

> **Quick check 3.** True or false: The foundation stone for 508 stations was laid on 6 August 2023. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

> **Quick check 4.** True or false: Rs 24,470 crore is the cost of the entire scheme. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

Sources: pmindia.gov.in; indiainfrahub.com

3 How many stations

3.1 Why do the numbers differ?

The list of stations kept growing. Each report quotes the figure of its own date.

Exam answers must match the date in the question.

How the station count changed

When	Stations	Source
Feb 2023	1,275 designated	India Infra Hub
Aug 2023	1,309 to be redeveloped	PMO
Dec 2024	1,337 identified	Rajya Sabha reply
Feb 2026	More than 1,300 identified	Railways Minister
Mid-2026	More than 1,338 identified	IANS

Different dates give different totals.

3.2 What does the Rajya Sabha reply add?

The December 2024 reply said **157 stations** fall in Aspirational Districts of the country.

It also lists the scheme's aims. These include multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans and ballastless tracks.

3.3 How many are finished?

On 6 February 2026 the Railways Minister told the Rajya Sabha that **170 stations** had been completed.

He added that more than 1,300 stations had been identified. So most of the programme was still in progress.

> 20. **Think it through:** Why is 1,337 not the final number? See answer ↓

Quick check 5. True or false: A Rajya Sabha reply of December 2024 gave 1,337 as the number of identified stations. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

Quick check 6. True or false: The scheme's station list has stayed at 1,275 since 2023. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

Sources: newsonair.gov.in

What stations get

4 What passengers get

4.1 What does a passenger notice?

Redeveloped stations get **grand entrances, modern waiting halls, upgraded toilets, lifts and escalators**. They also get better information systems and executive lounges.

Many have spaces for local products under the **One Station One Product** initiative. PIB asks for at least two stalls per station.

4.2 What happens outside the building?

PIB lists wider roads, clear signs, pedestrian paths, planned parking and better lighting.

Green patches and local art are meant to make the visit pleasant.

4.3 What happens on the platform?

PIB asks for **high-level platforms of 760-840 mm** at all categories of stations. A high platform makes boarding easy.

Ballastless tracks are planned on platform lines and maintenance lines. Free Wi-Fi is provided as far as possible.

4.4 How does it help Divyangjan?

IANS describes entry ramps, tactile pathways, dedicated toilets and lifts at Modi Nagar station.

The station cost Rs 25.75 crore and has a 12-metre foot overbridge.

> 21. **Think it through:** Why should two lounges and stalls matter to a small town? See answer ↓

> **Quick check 7.** True or false: PIB asks for high-level platforms at all categories of stations. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

> **Quick check 8.** True or false: The scheme leaves out One Station One Product stalls. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

Sources: ianslive.in

5 Heritage in station design

5.1 Why do the stations look so different?

The PMO says each station building will be **inspired by local culture, heritage and architecture**. There is no single national design.

The July 2026 batch is described as built in the spirit of **‘Virasat Bhi, Vikas Bhi’**.



Jaisalmer station after redevelopment under the scheme. Photo: Pyaaz Kachori, CC0, via Wikimedia Commons.

5.2 What is the Jaipur example?

Jaipur is India’s first planned city. Its station design is to include elements **reminiscent of the Hawa Mahal and Amer Fort**.

Jaipur’s station was announced at Rs 717 crore in February 2023.

5.3 Does heritage mean fewer facilities?

No. Jalandhar Cantt is 110 years old. It still got a double-height air concourse, LED lighting and slip-resistant floors.

Heritage design and modern amenities go together.

> 22. **Think it through:** What does ‘Virasat Bhi, Vikas Bhi’ mean?
> See answer ↓

> **Quick check 9.** True or false: Jaipur's station design is to echo the Hawa Mahal and Amer Fort. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

> **Quick check 10.** True or false: Every station follows one common national design. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

Sources: railtransexpo.com

6 Stations as city centres

6.1 What does city centre mean?

The PMO says master plans treat stations as ‘**City Centres**’. Both sides of the city are joined through the station.

Before, many stations opened to only one side of town.

6.2 How does a station connect to roads and transport?

The redevelopment aims at traffic circulation, inter-modal integration and clear signage.

Inter-modal means moving between train, bus, taxi or metro with ease. PIB also asks for a second entry building where needed.

6.3 Why does this matter for a city?

Think of the station as a civic hub, not only a place to board trains.

A busy hub brings shops and jobs around it. That is the idea behind the roof plaza.

> 23. **Think it through:** Why join both sides of the city? See answer ↓

> **Quick check 11.** True or false: The PMO describes stations as 'City Centres' that join both sides of the city. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

> **Quick check 12.** True or false: Inter-modal integration means more trains on the same track. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

Batches and exam focus

7 First batch in 2025

7.1 What happened in May 2025?

Deccan Herald (PTI) reported on 22 May 2025 that the Prime Minister inaugurated **103 stations**.

They lie in **86 districts** of **18 States and Union Territories**. The cost was over **Rs 1,100 crore**.

7.2 How big is it compared with the whole scheme?

About 100 stations out of more than 1,300 is under a tenth of the list.

So the first batch was a start, not the end.

> 24. **Think it through:** Why open stations in batches? See answer ↓

> **Quick check 13.** True or false: The first dedicated batch had 103 stations. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

> **Quick check 14.** True or false: The first batch cost over Rs 1,570 crore. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

Sources: deccanherald.com

8 Second batch in 2026

8.1 What happened in July 2026?

Akashvani News reported that the Prime Minister virtually inaugurated **75 redeveloped stations** across **20 States**. He did it from Jalandhar, Punjab.

The cost was about **Rs 1,570 crore**. The report is dated 18 July 2026 and says the event was the evening before.

8.2 Which stations were included?

Examples in Punjab are Jalandhar Cantonment, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Sri Muktsar Sahib and Sri Anandpur Sahib.

Gujarat, Odisha and the Southern Railway also had stations.

8.3 What was special about Jalandhar Cantt?

It cost Rs 125 crore. IANS lists two new foot overbridges of six and nine metres and a 36-metre-wide air concourse.

A new second entry and a large parking area were also added.

8.4 What else was unveiled?

The Jalandhar visit covered projects worth over Rs 5,470 crore. Two new train services were flagged off.

Akashvani calls the scheme one of the world’s largest station redevelopment programmes.

25. **Think it through:** Is the second batch bigger than the first?

See answer ↓

Quick check 15. True or false: The July 2026 batch had 75 stations in 20 States. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

Quick check 16. True or false: The July 2026 batch had more stations than the May 2025 batch. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

Sources: newsonair.gov.in

9 Exam traps to avoid

9.1 Which traps come up in exams?

Date trap: The policy was announced on 27 December 2022. The foundation stones were laid on 6 August 2023.

Cost trap: Rs 24,470 crore belongs to the first 508 stations. It is not the whole scheme.

Batch trap: May 2025 had 103 stations in 18 States. July 2026 had 75 in 20 States.

Count trap: The station list was 1,275, then 1,309, then about 1,337 and more. Match the date in the question.

9.2 What are the safest numbers to remember?

Remember 1,309 at launch, 508 foundation stones, 103 then 75 stations dedicated, and Rs 1,100 crore then Rs 1,570 crore.

26. **Think it through:** How do you keep the batches apart? See answer ↓

Quick check 17. True or false: The Rs 24,470 crore figure is the cost of the 508 stations whose foundation stones were laid in August 2023. *(True or False?)* See answer ↓

Exam Practice

Remember this

- **Policy:** Announced 27 Dec 2022 by the Ministry of Railways
- **Launch size:** 1,309 stations; 508 foundation stones on 6 Aug 2023
- **Batch 1:** 103 stations, 18 States and UTs, May 2025
- **Batch 2:** 75 stations, 20 States, July 2026
- **Idea:** Local heritage design plus modern amenities

Explain it back: Why does Jaipur’s station recall the Hawa Mahal?

Practice MCQs

1. When was the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme formally launched?

A. December 2022

B. 6 August 2023

C. 18 July 2026

D. 22 May 2025

See answer ↓

2. When foundation stones were laid for 508 stations in August 2023, how many stations had the Amrit Bharat scheme identified?

A. 1,309

B. 75

C. 103

D. 1,275

See answer ↓

3. On 18 July 2026, PM Modi dedicated a second batch of redeveloped stations.

How many stations were in this batch, and across how many states?

A. 75 stations, across 20 States

B. 103 stations, across 18 States

C. 1,309 stations, across 20 States

D. 75 stations, across 18 States

See answer ↓

4. Jaipur's redeveloped Amrit Bharat station design draws inspiration from which local landmarks?

A. The Charminar and Golconda Fort

B. The Taj Mahal and Red Fort

C. The Hawa Mahal and Amer Fort

D. The Golden Temple and Jallianwala Bagh

See answer ↓

5. The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme's first nationwide dedication event, on 22 May 2025, covered how many stations?

A. 103 stations, across 18 States and UTs

B. 75 stations, across 20 States

C. 50 stations, across 12 States

D. 1,309 stations nationwide

See answer ↓

Answer Key

1. **A.** The correct answer is **December 2022**. The Ministry of Railways first announced the scheme in a PIB release dated 27 December 2022. On 6 August 2023 the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for 508 stations. That was a foundation-stone event, not the scheme launch. The PMO notice says the scheme was to redevelop 1,309 stations. ↑ Q1
2. **A.** The correct answer is **1,309**. The PMO note of 6 August 2023 says the scheme covers 1,309 stations. The December 2022 launch gave no count. The 1,275 figure is the earlier count of February 2023. The list has grown since. These are stations selected for redevelopment, not stations completed. ↑ Q2
3. **A.** The correct answer is **75 stations, across 20 States**. The Prime Minister inaugurated them virtually from Jalandhar, Punjab. They cost about 1,570 crore rupees. The 103-station batch with 18 States was the first one, in May 2025. ↑ Q3
4. **C.** The correct answer is **the Hawa Mahal and Amer Fort**. Station designs under the scheme draw on local culture, heritage and architecture. Jaipur's design is meant to recall these two Rajasthan landmarks. The other pairs belong to other cities. ↑ Q4
5. **A.** The correct answer is **103 stations, across 18 States and UTs**. The Prime Minister dedicated them on 22 May 2025. They lie in 86 districts and cost over 1,100 crore rupees. The later July 2026 batch had 75 stations in 20 States. ↑ Q5

Quick-check answers

1. **True.** The Ministry of Railways announced the policy on 27 December 2022. ↑ 1
2. **True.** PIB describes master planning and phased implementation. ↑ 2
3. **True.** The PMO notice gives this date and number. ↑ 3
4. **False.** The PMO ties the figure to the first 508 stations. ↑ 4
5. **True.** Akashvani reported this figure on 20 December 2024. ↑ 5
6. **False.** It rose to 1,309 and then to about 1,337 and beyond. ↑ 6
7. **True.** It gives the height as 760-840 mm. ↑ 7

8. **False.** PIB asks for at least two such stalls per station. ↑ 8
9. **True.** A report on the scheme gives these two landmarks. ↑ 9
10. **False.** Designs draw on each place's own culture and architecture. ↑ 10
11. **True.** Master plans aim for integration of both sides of the city. ↑ 11
12. **False.** It means easy movement between different transport modes. ↑ 12
13. **True.** It covered 86 districts in 18 States and UTs. ↑ 13
14. **False.** That is the later batch's cost. The first batch cost over Rs 1,100 crore. ↑ 14
15. **True.** Akashvani gives these numbers. ↑ 15
16. **False.** It had 75, against 103 in May 2025. ↑ 16
17. **True.** The PMO notice ties the cost to those 508 stations. ↑ 17
18. **Think it through.** A master plan fixes where entrances, roofs and roads will go. Then work can be done in phases without redoing earlier work. ↑ 18
19. **Think it through.** The PMO notice ties that figure to the 508 stations. The full scheme has more stations and a larger total. ↑ 19
20. **Think it through.** The Ministry can add stations to the list. Any total is true only for the date it was reported. ↑ 20
21. **Think it through.** Local stalls give craftspeople a place to sell. Lounges give travellers a quiet place to meet or work. ↑ 21
22. **Think it through.** It means heritage as well as development. A station keeps its local identity while it becomes modern. ↑ 22
23. **Think it through.** A station often splits a city in two by its tracks. A second entry and bridges bring both halves together. ↑ 23
24. **Think it through.** Stations finish at different times. Opening in batches shows results early and keeps the programme in the news. ↑ 24
25. **Think it through.** It has fewer stations, 75 against 103. But it covers more States, 20 against 18. ↑ 25
26. **Think it through.** May 2025 is the big batch: 103. July 2026 is the wide batch: 20 States. ↑ 26

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