

# Adarsh Station scheme

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## In news

More than thousand stations to be modernized under Adarsh Station Scheme in the financial year 2021-22.

## About Adarsh Station Scheme

- The Scheme was started in 2009-10.
- This scheme mainly aims to upgrade the suburban stations of India to Adarsh stations.
- The expenditure on development of stations under Adarsh Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head –53 'Passenger Amenities'.
- Adarsh Stations are provided with basic facilities such as drinking water, adequate toilets, catering services, waiting rooms and dormitories especially for lady passengers, better signage etc.

## Thrust areas for improvement of stations selected as Adarsh Stations:

**Stations falling under 'A-1', 'A' & 'B' category would be provided facilities as applicable for Modern Stations which are as under:**

- Improvement in the façade of the station building.
- Improvement in the circulating area so as to ensure proper entry and exit of vehicles etc.
- A lighting tower at an appropriate place to be installed for proper illumination.
- Improved modern, cost effective lighting arrangements at the platforms, concourse etc.
- Renovated water booths.
- Renovated, modern, Pay & Use toilets.
- Good Waiting and Retiring Rooms with modern furniture.

- Good passenger guidance system including signages and coach indication boards.
- Improvement to the passenger service.
- Improvement of booking and enquiry offices to give them a facelift.
- Lighting of booking office, the queuing area in front of booking windows.
- Engagement of reputed architects/consultants for beautification.

**As regards 'C' category stations which is the majority category selected as Adarsh station, area of the focus would be as under:**

- Ethnic-ethos – local art/architecture to be reflected in a distinctive and colourful manner.
- Focus on quick entry and exit for passengers (minimum two entry and two exit points).
- Railway road i.e. access from civil road to station premises to be smooth with no unauthorized fetters on this road.
- Provision of signage i.e. location of ladies/handicapped coach.
- Toilets: minimum 4 urinals of which 2 should be toilets at the platform. These will be renovated / made by Railways but operated on 'Pay and Use' basis.
- Provision of full shelters on the platforms for better protection from elements.
- Provision of Booking Office on both sides, as required.
- Provision of wide FOBs, as required.
- Improving the stairs quality.
- Provision of adequate drinking water arrangements at suitable points ensuring no hindrance to free flow of passengers.
- Provision of adequate lighting.
- Focus on maintenance of assets.
- Conservancy contracts for cleaning.

**Stations falling under 'D', 'E' & 'F' category would be provided with 'Desirable Amenities' as applicable for Model Stations.**