

# Soon, take 'Metro' to Manesar, Rewari

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**New Delhi:** Imagine travelling from Gurgaon to Sarai Kale Khan in 20 minutes, or reaching IGI airport from Gurgaon in just 15. How about going to Manesar from Sarai Kale Khan in 35 minutes? All this will become reality once the first phase of the Delhi-Alwar regional rapid transit system corridor is built.

In the first phase, a 106km section between Sarai Kale Khan and Shahjahanpur-Neemrana-Behror Urban Complex in Rajasthan will be built. The section was recently approved by the board of NCR

## Fastest train on Del-Varanasi route

**T**rain 18, an indigenously built semi-high speed that is capable of cruising at 180kmph, will run between Delhi and Varanasi. **P 12**

Transport Corporation, which is mandated to build and operate it. When the entire Alwar corridor is built, the line will be a boon for those commuting to places in Haryana, such as Gurgaon, Kherki Daula, Manesar, Bilaspur, Dharuhera and Rewari.

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# Rapid ride: From Sarai Kale Khan to Aerocity in about 15 minutes

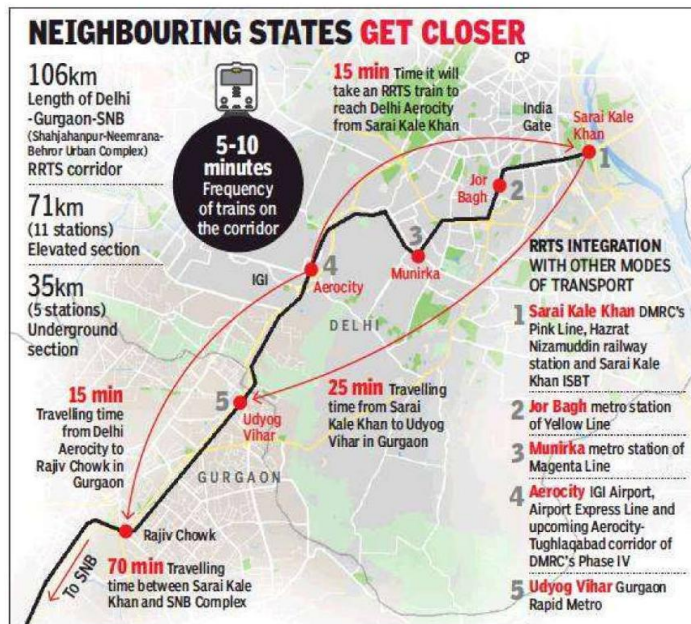
## RRTS Corridor To Also Provide Link To Industrial Towns Beyond Gurgaon

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**W**hile Delhi Metro connects Gurgaon to the capital, many industrial towns beyond Gurgaon, which have been witnessing a growth in housing too, don't have a fast and convenient mode of connecting transport. The RRTS corridor is expected to fill this vacuum.

"Once these lines become operational, commuting to major points, such as the airport, will become easier. For instance, the Delhi-Gurgaon-SNB link will originate at Sarai Kale Khan and reach Aerocity within 15 minutes. Similarly, travelling from Aerocity to Rajiv Chowk in Gurgaon will take 15 minutes," said Sudhir Kumar Sharma, CPRO, NCRTC. "Older Gurgaon will be connected with this high-speed network and people can reach the airport in 10 minutes," he said.

"RRTS will be immensely beneficial to residents of NCR. The high-speed RRTS trains will run every 5-10 minutes, freeing commuters from the daily battle of congestion and pollution on the roads," Sharma said. The Delhi-Alwar RRTS corridor has four stations in Delhi — the originating station at Sarai Kale Khan, and Jor Bagh, Munirka and Aerocity. At all these stations, the RRTS cor-



ridor will be seamlessly integrated with Delhi Metro stations and other modes of transport.

Sarai Kale Khan will emerge as a major transport hub with all the three proposed RRTS corridors — Delhi-

Meerut, Delhi-Alwar and Delhi-Panipat — converging at a mega station at this location. Sarai Kale Khan also has the Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station, an Interstate Bus Terminal and a soon-to-be-opened Delhi Metro

station of the Pink Line. The RRTS station is expected to provide a seamless connectivity with all these modes of transport.

The next stop will be the Jor Bagh station, where integration will be provided

with the Metro station of the same name on Yellow Line (Samaypur Badli-HUDA City Centre). After that is Munirka, where the RRTS station will be integrated with the Munirka metro station of Magenta Line (Botanical Garden-Janakpuri West). The last RRTS station in Delhi will be Aerocity, where it will not only be integrated with Aerocity station of Delhi Metro's Airport Express Line, but also with the proposed Delhi Aerocity-Tughlaqabad corridor of Delhi Metro's Phase-IV.

One of the three RRTS corridors prioritised for implementation, Delhi-Gurgaon-Alwar is planned to be implemented in three stages. In stage I, Delhi-Gurgaon-Rewari-SNB Urban Complex will be constructed. In stage II, it will be extended from SNB Urban Complex to Sotana and in stage III, the SNB Urban Complex to Alwar will be constructed, a NCRTC spokesperson said.

NCRTC has already floated tenders for pile-loading test and geo-technical survey on the Delhi-SNB section. While the former is performed to assess the design adequacy, the latter is conducted to obtain information on the physical properties of soil and foundations for proposed structures.