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# Business-class compartments in RRTS to lure pvt car commuters

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**GURUGRAM:** The upcoming regional rapid transit system (RRTS), a high-speed rail network designed to increase connectivity within the National Capital Region and also nearby cities in Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, will offer customers a 'business class' travel option to attract users of private vehicles.

"The RRTS is the first rapid rail built for intercity travel in the country and will have designated business-class coaches to cater to high-income groups who typically use private vehicles for long-distance travel within and from the NCR," an official of the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) said on Saturday. On December 20, the NCRTC floated tenders for pre-construction work on a 75-kilometre stretch of the corridor, which will run from the IDPL complex at Dundaheera in Gurugram to Dharuhera, near Rewari. Construction work on the Delhi-Gurugram-SNB corridor is expected to begin in October.

"Our business class option will, hopefully, encourage individuals with high net worth and privileged customers to leave behind their polluting vehicles and opt for public transport instead," said Sudhir Kumar Sharma, chief public relations officer (CPRO), NCRTC.

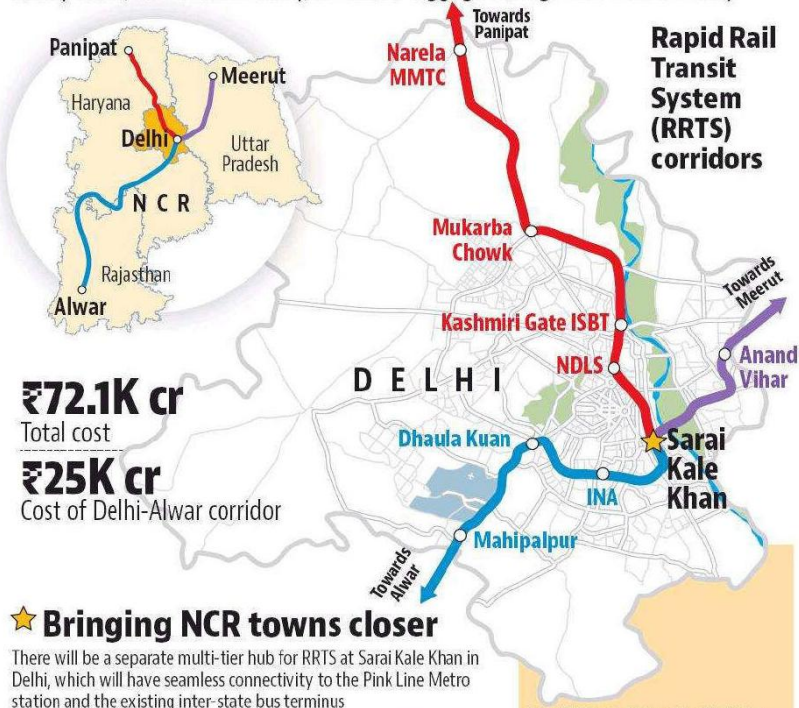
He added that unlike the general section, these coaches will have an "aeroplane-type seating arrangement" with luxury seats, Wi-Fi connectivity, overhead luggage storage and CCTV security.

These coaches will also be accessible through the separate entry and exit automatic fare collection (AFC) gates, and the separate platforms will house executive lounges for business-class travellers.

"People who travel by normal class can also use these facilities if they wish. The fare will be deducted at the time of exiting the station. A business-class travel option will be extremely relevant to a city such as Gurugram, which is home to corporate leaders and expats who travel around the NCR frequently. We are hopeful that they will use the RRTS because it

## Travel gets comfier

Special business class coaches will have airplane-type seating arrangement, with luxury seats, Wi-Fi connectivity, overhead luggage storage and CCTV security



## ★ Bringing NCR towns closer

There will be a separate multi-tier hub for RRTS at Sarai Kale Khan in Delhi, which will have seamless connectivity to the Pink Line Metro station and the existing inter-state bus terminus

Parameters	Delhi-Meerut	Delhi-Panipat	Delhi-Alwar
Total length	90.2	111.2	180
Estimated travel time	62min	74min	117min
Total stations	17	12	19
Daily ridership(2021)	7.4lakh	5.47lakh	9.1lakh

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**106.94km**

Length of RRTS network



will save time," Sharma said.

The Delhi-Gurugram-SNB RRTS corridor, whose detailed project report was approved by the NCRTC on December 6, is expected to reduce travel time between Rajiv Chowk and New Delhi Airport to 10 minutes. In Gurugram, the RRTS line will have three underground stations—in Sector 17, Udyog Vihar and Rajiv Chowk.

A workshop and stabling depot will be also constructed in

Dharuhera, with additional depots in Manesar and at Sarai Kale Khan where all rolling stock will be sent for maintenance.

The RRTS is being built at a base cost of ₹24,975 crore, with support from the Central and state governments of Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi. However, 60% of the project cost will be funded by bilateral and multilateral funding agencies,

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