Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS Corridor: Namo Bharat likely to enter Delhi by January 2025, trial run till New Ashok Nagar station underway

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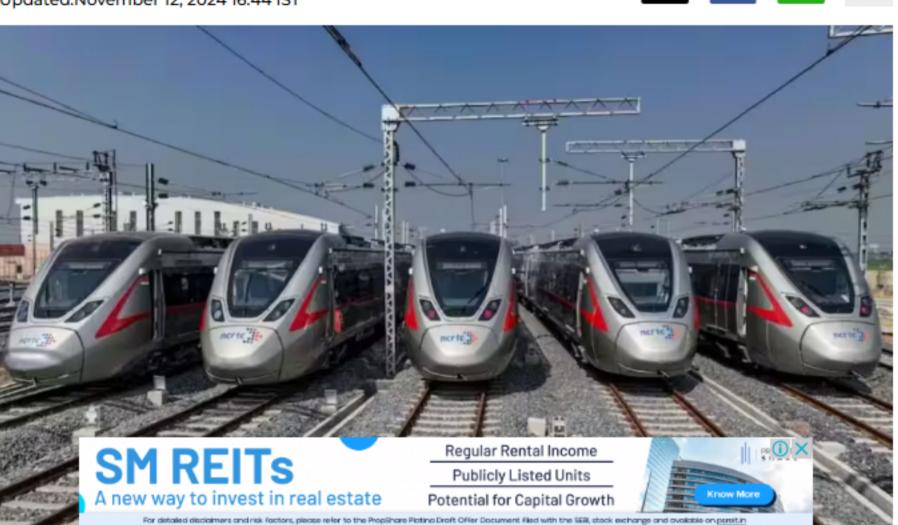
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The Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) may start operations from Delhi as early as January 2025, according to officials from the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC). Branded as "Namo Bharat," the trains feature modern amenities, including CCTV surveillance, emergency communication systems, onboard Wi-Fi, and fire detection capabilities.

Currently, a 42 km section of the 82 km corridor is operational within Uttar Pradesh. Trial runs on the segment extending to New Ashok Nagar in Delhi are nearing completion, and NCRTC will soon seek certification from the Commissioner for Metro Rail Safety (CMRS), the final step for operational approval.

NCRTC spokesperson Puneet Vats noted that test runs from Sahibabad to New Ashok Nagar have progressed well, with hopes of opening the line by New Year, aiming to improve connectivity across NCR and enhance ridership by integrating with Delhi Metro, railway stations, and ISBTs.

RRTS likely to run from Sarai Kale Khan to Modipuram by Mid-2025

The full 82 km route, extending from Sarai Kale Khan to Modipuram, is expected to be completed by mid-2025. Once fully operational, the RRTS will reduce travel time between Delhi and Meerut to just one hour, with trains running at speeds of up to 160 km/h and serving an estimated 800,000 passengers.

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NCRTC is conducting detailed evaluations to ensure the coordinated performance of trains, tracks, signalling, platform screen doors (PSDs), and power systems, with further high-speed trials planned over the coming