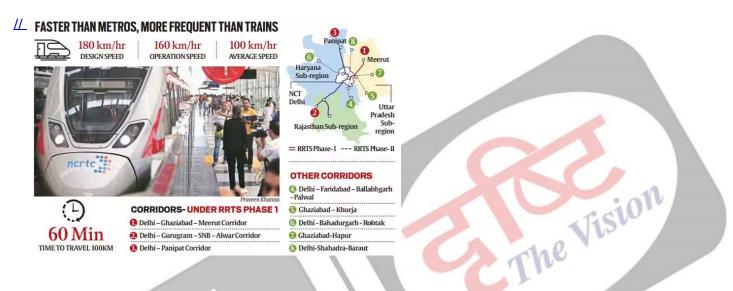


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Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first leg of the <u>Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)</u> also known as Namo Bharat, in the National Capital Region (NCR), India's first mass rapid system dedicated to regional connectivity.

- RRTS is capable of running at speeds up to 180 km/hour.
- The idea of such a network lies in a study that the Indian Railways was commissioned to carry out in the year 1998-99. The proposal was re-examined in the year 2006 with the extension of the Delhi Metro lines to some NCR towns.
- The RRTS seeks to "unlock the entire potential" of the NCR in various ways in addition to enhancing multi-modal connectivity at the existing transportation hubs within it.

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Mahsa Amini Awarded EU Human Rights Prize

Mahsa Amini, the 22-year-old Kurdish-Iranian woman who died in police custody in Iran in 2022, sparking worldwide protests against the country's conservative Islamic theocracy, has been awarded the European Union's top human rights prize.

- Amini died after she was arrested for allegedly violating Iran's mandatory headscarf law which triggered a women-led movement and the world heard the chants of 'Women, Life, Liberty.'
 - Other finalists of 2023 includes Vilma Núñez de Escorcia and Roman Catholic Bishop Rolando Álvarez — two emblematic figures in the fight for the defense of human rights in Nicaragua — and a trio of women from Poland, El Salvador and the United States leading a fight for "free, safe and legal abortion.
- The EU award, named for Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov, was created in 1988 to honor individuals or groups who defend human rights and fundamental freedoms. Sakharov, a <u>Nobel</u> <u>Peace Prize</u> laureate, died in 1989.

 Last year's prize was awarded to the people of Ukraine and their representatives for their resistance to Russia's invasion and defiance during the ongoing war.

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