Namo Bharat Fast Trains from 16 Nov: Anand Vihar-Ghaziabad in 8 Min

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15 November 2026: The NCRTC has announced that from 16 November, eight additional fast (limited-stop) Namo Bharat services will run during morning and evening peak hours on the Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor. These will cover Anand Vihar to Ghaziabad in just eight minutes.

The fast services: key facts

Time saved: Anand Vihar-Ghaziabad in 8 minutes; Anand Vihar-Begumpul in 36 minutes; Ghaziabad-Begumpul in 28 minutes; the entire corridor in under 50 minutes.

Only five stops: Sarai Kale Khan, Anand Vihar, Ghaziabad, Begumpul and Modipuram - aimed at office-goers and students travelling during rush hours.

Schedule: departures at 8:00 and 8:30 am from both terminals (Sarai Kale Khan and Modipuram), and at 6:00 and 6:30 pm; regular services continue at 10-minute intervals.

Corridor performance

Ridership: about 1.1 lakh daily commuters; over five crore cumulative journeys; average monthly ridership above 32 lakh over the last three months.

Objective: shifting commuters from private vehicles to public transport amid rising air pollution and road congestion.

Namo Bharat/RRTS: background

India's first RRTS: the roughly 82-km Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor is India's first Regional Rapid Transit System; Namo Bharat trains have a design speed of 180 kmph and an operational

speed of 160 kmph.

NCRTC: the National Capital Region Transport Corporation - a joint venture of the Centre and four states (UP, Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi) - is building the RRTS network in the National Capital Region.

For the exam

Questions can be asked on the NCRTC's structure, India's first RRTS corridor (Delhi-Meerut), Namo Bharat's speed specifications and the fast services' stops.

Quiz: Test your knowledge

Q1: Consider the following about the fast Namo Bharat services (November 2026): 1. They will cover Anand Vihar-Ghaziabad in 8 minutes. 2. They will run on the Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor. 3. They are operated by the NCRTC. How many are correct?

(a) Only one(b) Only two(c) All three(d) None

Answer and explanation: (c) All three are correct - eight fast services begin on the Delhi-Meerut corridor from 16 November, run by the NCRTC.

Q2: Which is India's first RRTS (Regional Rapid Transit System) corridor?

(a) Delhi-Panipat(b) Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut(c) Delhi-Alwar(d) Mumbai-Ahmedabad

Answer and explanation: (b) The roughly 82-km Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor is the country's first RRTS; Delhi-Panipat and Delhi-Alwar are other proposed corridors.

Mains Practice Question

Regional rapid-transit systems like the RRTS can turn urban sprawl into sustainable mobility. Analyse the potential and limits of this model in the context of pollution and congestion. (Answer in 250 words - 15 marks)

Answer outline:

Introduction: The context - fast services on the Namo Bharat corridor.

Main body: Potential - modal shift from private vehicles, pollution reduction, regional economic integration, ridership figures; limits - high capital cost, last-mile connectivity, land acquisition, fare support; comparison - the roles of conventional metro versus RRTS.

Conclusion: With integrated land use and multi-modal connectivity, the RRTS can be the long-term answer for regions like the NCR.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

In short: From 16 November 2026, the NCRTC will run eight fast services on the Delhi-Meerut Namo Bharat corridor - Anand Vihar to Ghaziabad in 8 minutes; only five stops.

Question: At which stations will the fast trains stop?

Only five - Sarai Kale Khan, Anand Vihar, Ghaziabad, Begumpul and Modipuram.

Question: What is the speed of Namo Bharat trains?

Design speed 180 kmph and operational speed 160 kmph - India's first RRTS trains.

Question: What is the NCRTC?

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