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RRTS to adopt latest tech in automatic fare collection

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The high speed Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS), connecting Delhi with its peripherals will be adopting the latest technologies in Automatic Fare Collection (AFC) system like QR Code based tickets and Near Field Communication (NFC) Enabled Phones at all its stations.

National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC), the implementing agency for the RRTS project, is also exploring the option of implementing Open Loop Ticketing System.

This technology will facilitate the increasing number of passengers entering or exiting stations per minute.

According to a senior NCRTC official, the first set of AFC gates will be installed on the concourse level as in any traditional Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS).

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Explaining the functioning of the AFC gates the official said that AFC gates system flaps do not open and close continuously but shall remain open, which means that many more passengers can quickly pass through the

gates.

“Technology such as QR Code scanning and NFC Enabled Phones will provide more convenience with hassle free entry and exit through AFC gates.

We are also introducing business class coaches and in order to segregate ‘Business Class’ coach from ‘Normal Coaches’ we have planned to install two sets of AFC gates on stations,” said the official.

The official further said that the passengers will have the flexibility to travel either by normal class or by business class.

Commuters who enter the Executive Lounge can exit the lounge from the same platform, within a specified time, without incurring any charges.

And, people who travel by normal class can enter the executive lounge if they wish, by paying the additional fare which will be calculated at the exit station.