The Dhamara Ghat train accident occurred on 19 August 2013 when the [Saharsa Patna Rajya Rani Express](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saharsa_Patna_Rajya_Rani_Express" \o "Saharsa Patna Rajya Rani Express) train struck a large group of people at the [Dhamara Ghat railway station](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Dhamara_Ghat_railway_station&action=edit&redlink=1" \o "Dhamara Ghat railway station (page does not exist)) in the Indian state of [Bihar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bihar). At least 37 people were killed and 24 were injured. The victims were mostly Hindu pilgrims returning from prayers at the nearby [Katyayani](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katyayini" \o "Katyayini) [mandir](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandir" \o "Mandir).[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dhamara_Ghat_train_accident#cite_note-3)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dhamara_Ghat_train_accident#cite_note-4) The accident triggered a protest by passengers who beat the driver unconscious, attacked staff and torched two coaches of the train.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dhamara_Ghat_train_accident#cite_note-5)[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dhamara_Ghat_train_accident#cite_note-6) The chief minister of Bihar State, [Nitish Kumar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nitish_Kumar" \o "Nitish Kumar), called it "the rarest of rare tragedies". He pledged 200,000 rupees, or around $3,180, to the victims' families, and urged the railway ministry to do the same.[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dhamara_Ghat_train_accident#cite_note-7)[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dhamara_Ghat_train_accident#cite_note-8)

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According to S.K. Bhardwaj, a senior Bihar police officer, 37 people lost their lives. Among them were 13 women, four children and 20 men.[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dhamara_Ghat_train_accident#cite_note-9) The victims were walking along the tracks at Dhamara Ghat station after disembarking from the Samastipur-Saharsa passenger train when the Saharsa-Patna Rajya Rani Express travelling at 80 km/h, struck them