2015 Uttar Pradesh train accident

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| **2015 Uttar Pradesh derailment** | |
| **Details** | |
| **Date** | 20 March 2015 |
| **Time** | 09:10 |
| **Location** | Bachhrawan, Uttar Pradesh |
| **Country** | India |
| **Line** | [Varanasi–Lucknow line](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Varanasi%E2%80%93Lucknow_line) |
| **Operator** | [Indian Railways](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Railways) |
| **Incident type** | Derailment |
| **Cause** | Under investigation, brake failure suspected |
| **Statistics** | |
| **Trains** | 1 |
| **Passengers** | 400+ |
| **Crew** | 85 |
| **Deaths** | 58 |
| **Injuries** | 150+ |

The **2015 Uttar Pradesh train accident** occurred on 20 March 2015. The [Dehradun Varanasi *Janata Express*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Varanasi_Dehradun_Express) (train number 14266) derailed near Bachhrawan in [Uttar Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uttar_Pradesh), northern India, resulting in at least fifty-eight deaths and 150 people being injured.

Accident[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident&action=edit&section=1" \o "Edit section: Accident)]

At 09:10 [local time](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India_Standard_Time) (03:40 [UTC](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coordinated_Universal_Time)) on 20 March 2015,[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident#cite_note-NDTV748171-1) a passenger train overshot a signal at [Bachhrawan](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Bachhrawan_railway_station&action=edit&redlink=1" \o "Bachhrawan railway station (page does not exist)), [Uttar Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uttar_Pradesh), India. The locomotive and two carriages were derailed. The train was reported to be carrying more than 400 passengers and 85 members of staff.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident#cite_note-Reuters200315-2) The train was the *Janata Express* from [Dehradun](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dehradun_railway_station) to [Varanasi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Varanasi_Junction_railway_station).[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident#cite_note-BBC31979496-3) The driver reported by radio that his brakes had failed, and that he could not stop the train. It was diverted into a siding and crashed through the buffers at Bachhrawan.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident#cite_note-Mail3006060-4) Photographs show that the carriage next to the locomotive was severely telescoped,[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident" \l "cite_note-BBC31979496-3) it was reported to have been packed with passengers.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident#cite_note-Hindu701486-5) Fifty-eight people were killed,[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident" \l "cite_note-Mail3006060-4) and more than 150 were injured.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident#cite_note-IBN535066-6) A preliminary report published by the [Ministry of Civil Aviation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Civil_Aviation_(India)) reports 39 dead and 38 injured passengers.[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident#cite_note-prelim-7) A team of doctors from the [King George's Medical University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_George%27s_Medical_University) in [Lucknow](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucknow" \o "Lucknow) was dispatched to the scene of the accident.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident#cite_note-NDTV748171-1) The injured were taken to the King George's Medical University and [Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sanjay_Gandhi_Post_Graduate_Institute_of_Medical_Sciences) in Lucknow, or to a hospital in [Rae Bareli](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rae_Bareli).[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident#cite_note-TOI46632031-8) The line through Bachhrawan was reopened on 21 March following removal of the wreckage of the train.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident#cite_note-Mail3006060-4)

Investigation[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident&action=edit&section=2)]

An investigation was opened into the accident by the [Commission of Railway Safety](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commission_of_Railway_Safety).[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident#cite_note-Mail3006060-4) Brake failure was stated by unidentified railway sources as the cause of the accident.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident#cite_note-NDTV748171-1) The train's driver and guard were seen by witnesses signalling that there was a problem with the train.[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident#cite_note-TOI46632031-8) [Minister of State for Railways](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Railways_(India)) [Manoj Sinha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manoj_Sinha" \o "Manoj Sinha) stated that a report would be published within a month.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Uttar_Pradesh_train_accident#cite_note-Mail3006060-4)

Provisional findings of the Commission of Railway Safety discussed on a conference in October 2015 report a “discontinuity of brake pipe pressure between the train engine and the trailing load of passenger coaches caused by wrong position of additional cut out cock provided in the brake pipe of the locomotive which is not having the safety features specified in the design against inadvertent or unauthorized operation.