Pukhrayan train derailment

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| **Pukhrayan Train Derailment** | |
| [Pukhrayan train derailment is located in Uttar Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:India_Uttar_Pradesh_location_map.svg)  Pukhrayan train derailment  Show map of Uttar PradeshShow map of IndiaShow all | |
| **Details** | |
| **Date** | 20 November 2016 |
| **Time** | 3:10 a.m. [local time](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Standard_Time) (21:40 [UTC](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coordinated_universal_time), 19 November) |
| **Location** | [Pukhrayan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan), [Uttar Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uttar_Pradesh) |
| **Coordinates** | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[26°13′50″N 79°50′54″E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Pukhrayan_train_derailment&params=26_13_50_N_79_50_54_E_type:event) |
| **Country** | [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) |
| **Line** | [Indore–Patna Express](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indore%E2%80%93Patna_Express) |
| **Operator** | [Indian Railways](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Railways) [Western Zone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Railway_zone) |
| **Incident type** | [Derailment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Derailment) |
| **Cause** | Under investigation/Sabotage or terrorism ruled out[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-thehindu.com-1) |
| **Statistics** | |
| **Trains** | 1 |
| **Deaths** | 150 |
| **Injuries** | ≈150 |

[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Pukhrayan_accident.jpg)

Scheduled train route from Indore to Patna.

On 20 November 2016, the [Indore–Patna Express](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indore%E2%80%93Patna_Express) 19321, a scheduled train from [Indore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indore) to [Patna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patna), derailed near [Pukhrayan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan" \o "Pukhrayan), [Kanpur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kanpur_Dehat_district), India, resulting in at least 150 deaths and more than 150 injuries.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-Pukhrayan2016-2) It is the deadliest train accident in India since 1999, when the [Gaisal train disaster](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaisal_train_disaster" \o "Gaisal train disaster) claimed 290 lives.

The Indore–Patna Express travels twice a week between [Indore Junction railway station](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indore_Junction_railway_station) and [Rajendra Nagar Terminal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rajendra_Nagar_Terminal" \o "Rajendra Nagar Terminal) in Patna.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-aljazeera-3)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-4) At approximately 03:10 local time on 20 November, the train derailed in the town of Pukhrayan near the city of Kanpur. Fourteen carriages were derailed and early reports had at least 120 people killed and over 260 injured, with the death toll later rising to 150, and injured reduced to 150 people.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-Pukhrayan2016-2)

According to officials, most of the casualties were from two severely damaged coaches, namely S1 and S2 of [sleeper class](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Railways_coaching_stock), and heavy machinery was being used to rescue passengers trapped in the train.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-:0-5)[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-:1-6)

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| **Timetable of derailed train (scheduled)**[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-7)[**(IST)**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Standard_Time)**(UTC+5:30)** | | | |
| **Station** | **Arrives** | **Departs** | **Km** |
| [Indore Junction](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indore_Junction_railway_station) | - | 14:00 | 0 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... |
| [Orai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orai) | 00:43 | 00:45 | 668.5 |
| ([Pukhrayan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan" \o "Pukhrayan)) | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a2/X_mark.svg/15px-X_mark.svg.png**03:10** | |  |
| [Kanpur Central](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kanpur_Central_railway_station) | 04:00 | 04:05 | 774.9 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... |
| [Rajendra Nagar Terminal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rajendra_Nagar_Terminal_railway_station) | 17:05 | - | 1361.8 |

Aftermath[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Pukhrayan_train_derailment&action=edit&section=2" \o "Edit section: Aftermath)]

The rescue and operations were carried out by the [Indian Army](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Army), the [National Disaster Response Force](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Disaster_Response_Force), teams of doctors and local police.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-:0-5)[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-:1-6) Rail mobile-medical units were also on site. Helpline numbers for those affected by the derailment were issued by [Indian Railways](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Railways).[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-:22-8)

Indian Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Narendra_Modi" \o "Narendra Modi) said that he was "Anguished beyond words on the loss of lives due to the derailing of the Indore–Patna Express" and added that his "thoughts are with the bereaved families", in a tweet.[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-9) The Railways Minister [Suresh Prabhu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suresh_Prabhu) tweeted, "Strictest possible action will be taken against those who could be responsible for accident".[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-:22-8)

Compensation[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Pukhrayan_train_derailment&action=edit&section=3" \o "Edit section: Compensation)]

As the rescue operation was underway, the Indian Railways, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and chief ministers across the states of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar announced ex-gratia payments for the victims of the accident.[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-Relief-10) Earlier on 1 September 2016, the Indian Railways had launched an optional insurance scheme at a low premium.[[11]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-11)

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| **Authority** | **Kin of the deceased** | **Critically injured** | **Survivors with minor injuries** | **Notes** |
| [Narendra Modi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Narendra_Modi) ([Prime Minister of India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime_Minister_of_India)) | ₹2 lakh (US$2,893) | ₹50,000 (US$723) | - | [[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-Relief-10) |
| [Indian Railways](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Railways) | ₹3.5 lakh (US$5,063) | ₹50,000 (US$723) | ₹25,000 (US$362) | [[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-Relief-10) |
| [Akhilesh Yadav](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Akhilesh_Yadav) ([Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chief_Minister_of_Uttar_Pradesh)) | ₹5 lakh (US$7,233) | ₹50,000 (US$723) | ₹25,000 (US$362) | [[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-Relief-10) |
| [Shivraj Singh Chouhan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shivraj_Singh_Chouhan) ([Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chief_Minister_of_Madhya_Pradesh)) | ₹2 lakh (US$2,893) | ₹50,000 (US$723) | - | [[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-Relief-10) |
| [Nitish Kumar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nitish_Kumar) ([Chief Minister of Bihar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chief_Minister_of_Bihar)) | ₹2 lakh (US$2,893) | ₹50,000 (US$723) | - | Compensation announced only for the residents of Bihar.[[12]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-12) |

Investigation[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Pukhrayan_train_derailment&action=edit&section=4" \o "Edit section: Investigation)]

Within hours of the incident, the central government ordered an investigation to probe the cause of the accident, which was unclear.[[13]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-bbc-13) Some sources speculated the train to have been overcrowded;[[14]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment" \l "cite_note-14) sources in the railways suspected rail fracture might have caused the train to skid off.[[15]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-15)[[16]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-16) Some survivors claimed that one of the coaches was making noise and that its wheels were not running smoothly.[[17]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-17)

[Another train derailed](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2016_Kanpur_train_accident) on 28 December 2016, 50 kilometres (31 mi) from Kanpur. Both accidents were thought to have been caused by fractured tracks.[[18]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-18) In January 2017, after deliberately damaged track was found in time to avoid a third derailment, three suspects arrested for placing a bomb on rail tracks near [Ghorasahan](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Ghorasahan&action=edit&redlink=1" \o "Ghorasahan (page does not exist)), Motilal Paswan, Umashankar Patel and Mukesh Yadav, were implicated in the two Kanpur derailments. They admitted working for [Inter-Services Intelligence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inter-Services_Intelligence) of [Pakistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan).[[19]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-19) According to a police officer, although no evidence of explosives had been found in connection with the two Kanpur derailments, audio recovered from one of the suspects' cellphones suggested they were involved in them.[[20]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-20) Brij Kishore Giri, a [Nepalese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal) suspected of being the men's "handler", was arrested in Nepal, as was Shamsul Huda, suspected of masterminding the plot, after he had been deported from [Dubai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dubai).[[21]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pukhrayan_train_derailment#cite_note-21)

In October 2018, the [National Investigation Agency](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Investigation_Agency) (NIA) decided not to file a chargesheet for the case as there was no indication of any sabotage or explosion in the accident.