2017 Patna boat accident

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| [Ganges @ patna - panoramio.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Ganges_@_patna_-_panoramio.jpg)  River Ganges in Patna | |
| **Date** | 14 January 2017 |
| **Time** | Around 18:00 ([IST](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Standard_Time))[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident#cite_note-NDTV-1) |
| **Location** | [Ganges](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganges), [Patna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patna), [Bihar State](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bihar), [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) |
| **Cause** | Overcrowding |
| **Participants** | 40+ |
| **Deaths** | 25 |

On 14 January 2017, a boat carrying more than 40 passengers capsized in the [Ganges](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganges) in the Indian city of [Patna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patna), [Bihar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bihar), killing 25 people.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident#cite_note-NDTV-1)[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident#cite_note-economictimes-2) The boat was about to reach the bank when it capsized.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident#cite_note-News18-3) Overloading is suspected to be the cause of the accident.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident#cite_note-economictimes-2)

Incident[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=2017_Patna_boat_accident&action=edit&section=1" \o "Edit section: Incident)]

The boat was returning from a kite-flying festival on an island called Ganga Diyara in the middle of the [Ganges](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganges), as part of the [Makar Sankranti](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Makar_Sankranti" \o "Makar Sankranti) celebration in the city of Patna.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident#cite_note-News18-3)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident#cite_note-NN-4)[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident#cite_note-Hindu-5) The small boat, which was overloaded with passengers,[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident#cite_note-News18-3) was about to reach the bank when it capsized.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident#cite_note-News18-3) The boat's capacity was 30 people, but estimates from local officials placed its actual load at 40 to 50.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident#cite_note-reuters-6)

Rescue operation[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=2017_Patna_boat_accident&action=edit&section=2" \o "Edit section: Rescue operation)]

Rescue operations located 19 bodies on 14 January, and five more on 15 January before they ended once, according to local police, there were no more outstanding missing persons.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident#cite_note-reuters-6) Nine people were retrieved from the river by rescuers,[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident" \l "cite_note-Hindu-5) while about a dozen swam to shore.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident#cite_note-reuters-6) Eight people were hospitalized[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident" \l "cite_note-reuters-6) at the [Patna Medical College and Hospital](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patna_Medical_College_and_Hospital)(PMCH)[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident#cite_note-Hindu-5)

Relief[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=2017_Patna_boat_accident&action=edit&section=3" \o "Edit section: Relief)]

The [Prime Minister of India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime_Minister_of_India), [Narendra Modi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Narendra_Modi" \o "Narendra Modi), announced an [*ex gratia*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ex_gratia) payment from the [Prime Minister National Relief Fund](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Prime_Minister_National_Relief_Fund&action=edit&redlink=1) of [₹](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_rupee)2 [lakh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lakh) for the next of kin of those who died in the boat accident and ₹50 thousand for those seriously injured.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident#cite_note-NDTV-1)[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Patna_boat_accident#cite_note-7) Bihar Chief Minister [Nitish Kumar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nitish_Kumar" \o "Nitish Kumar) also announced that compensation of ₹4 lakh will be given to relatives of each of the dead.