



Situation Report 1 Bridge Collapse in Gujarat

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SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

Situation in Gujarat

- The suspension bridge, around 300 km from the state capital - Ahmedabad, collapsed at 6.42 pm on Sunday when around 500 people had congregated on it
- The bridge, more than 700 feet long, was built during British rule in the 19th century.
- Morbi municipality gave the contract for the renovation of the Hedging Bridge to Oreva company six months ago.
- The more than century-old bridge, which reopened five days ago after extensive repairs and renovations, was packed with people when it collapsed around 6.30pm on Sunday.
- Gujarat Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi said in a press conference this morning that a criminal case has been registered and a five-member high-powered committee is investigating the bridge collapse.
- About 19 people have been admitted to the hospital with serious injuries
- Sandeepsingh Sala, head of the local municipal body, said the renovator of a collapsed century-old bridge in Gujarat's Morbi city had not obtained a fitness certificate from the authorities before reopening it
- The state government has announced a compensation of ₹ 4 lakh to the family members of each of those who died in the accident and ₹ 50,000 for the injured.
- Police, local administration, SDRF, Indian Coast Guard and fire department continue to carry out search and rescue operation.
- Around 177 people have been rescued. 19 people are under treatment.
- Three Indian Coast Guard teams, consisting of divers, equipment, boats and other material have been deployed

Situation Updates



Affected population - 500+



Human lives lost - 141



Rescued people - 177



Under treatment - 19

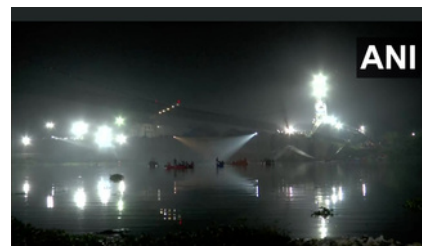


Humanitarian Response

Government Preparedness and Response

Response:

- A rescue operation was quickly launched following the bridge collapse, with five teams of National Disaster Response Force or NDRF reaching the spot. Later, the army, navy and air force were also pressed into action.
- Rescue operations are also being carried out using boats.
- Army, Navy, Air Force, NDRF, Fire Brigade are conducting search operations.
- Three Indian Coast Guard teams, consisting of divers, equipment, boats and other material have been deployed at bridge collapse site in Morbi since Sunday night
- The state government has announced a compensation of ₹ 4 lakh to the family members of each of those who died in the accident and ₹ 50,000 for the injured.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is in Gujarat, has also announced a financial assistance of ₹ 2 lakh each to the families of the victims.
- The rescue operation is still going on. The Indian army arrived around 3 pm. Efforts are underway to recover the bodies. Teams of NDRF are also carrying out rescue operations, Indian Army Major Gaurav said.



Source of Information:

- ANI, The Times of India, NDTV

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