

# Situation Report - 1

## Odisha Train Accident

Date : 03<sup>rd</sup> June 2023  
Time: 12PM



Source: Media

### Background:

Around 260 people were killed and around 900 injured after the Coromandel and Bengaluru-Howrah Express derailed and hit a goods train at Bahanaga station in Odisha's Balasore district. Rescue operations are in progress as many passengers are trapped in the overturned coaches of the superfast train. The Railways has also initiated a high-level inquiry under the leadership of the Railway Safety Commissioner, South Eastern Circle.

## SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- In response to the tragic train collision in Odisha, which resulted in the unfortunate **loss of 261 lives and left over 900 individuals injured**, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav has announced the formation of a high-level committee.
- The train accident occurred near Bahanaga Bazar station in the Balasore district, situated 250 km south of Kolkata and 170 km north of Bhubaneswar. The incident took place at approximately 7 pm on Friday
- As a result of the incident, railway authorities have taken several measures. **Forty-nine trains have been canceled, 38 trains have been diverted** to alternative routes, and **20 trains have been halted**.
- To honor the victims of the horrific train crash, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has declared a **one-day state mourning**. Additionally, **Tamil Nadu has announced a one-day mourning period** for those who lost their lives in the Odisha train accident.
- Officials in Bhubaneswar have deployed a substantial number of resources to aid in the response efforts. Alongside 1,200 personnel, 200 ambulances, 50 buses, and 45 mobile health units are actively working at the site of the accident.

### SITUATION UPDATES



Affected population  
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Human Lives Lost -  
261



Injured peoples -  
900



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- The support from the youth has been commendable, with hundreds of individuals stepping forward to donate blood. Since last night, more than 3,000 units of blood have been collected in Cuttack, Balasore, and Bhadrak.

## HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

### Government Response



#### Response

- The Rescue operations are underway and all hospitals in nearby districts have been alerted. 9 NDRF, 5 ODRAF (Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force) & 24 fire service units, local police, doctors and volunteers are working tirelessly in search and rescue operations.
- Army deployed to assist in the evacuation and treatment of injured
- The Railway Minister has announced compensation of ₹ 10 lakh for those who have died, ₹ 2 lakh for those seriously injured and ₹ 50,000 for those who sustained minor injuries in the accident.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi called a meeting to assess the situation regarding the railway accident
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi too expressed his distress over the accident, and announced a compensation of ₹ 2 lakh for the family of the dead and ₹ 50,000 for the injured from the PM's National Relief Fund (PMNRF).
- Helpline numbers have been opened at Howrah, Kharagpur, Balasore, Shalimar, Santragachi, Bhadrak, Jaipur Keonjhar, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, and Khurda road Railway stations
- Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav inform that a high-level committee will be appointed to investigate the train accident.
- The Chief Minister of West Bengal said that 40 ambulances were sent yesterday and 70 today and 40 doctors are working there.
- Canadian PM Justin Trudeau condoles the loss of lives in Balasore train accident
- UN General Assembly President has expressed his deepest condolence to the families and the Government of India for the tragic train crash in Odisha



*NDRF teams continue the rescue operation*  
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## Stakeholder's Preparedness and Response

- Society for Emergency medicine India had brief Chat with doctors from AMRI Bhubaneswar and they are continuously monitoring the situation
- Amazon and partners are working in the ground. They are planning to Start helpline for tracking and supporting people with entitlements
- RIT Foundation distributed 500 banana and 200 litres of warm milk to children in the hospital, Balasore district.
- 2000 water bottles and 2000 biscuits being distributed by RDC (Rural Development Centre)
- Local NGO Udyama and RDC have distributed 10,000 units of water bottles and biscuit packets since last night. Free kitchens are going to start today
- CYSD is also responding in the ground with their partners
- ActionAid is working with district coordinators along with district administration in Bhadrak and Balasore for safety of children and child protection
- Balasore and Bhadrak district coordinators and a team of Odisha IAG have reached the spot and IAG Odisha will conduct an immediate assessment
- Sphere India called for an emergency meeting of the Inter-Agency Coordination Committee in coordination with IAG Odisha on 03<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 to take stock of the situation and plan the course of action. Sphere India Secretariat is also regularly monitoring the situation in close coordination with IAG Odisha.



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