

Situation Report Train Accident in Andhra Pradesh

Date: 30th October 2023

Time: 09:30 AM(IST)



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Statistical Overview

Human Lives Lost - 14

Injured people - 54

Cancelled Train - 27

Diverted train - 22

SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

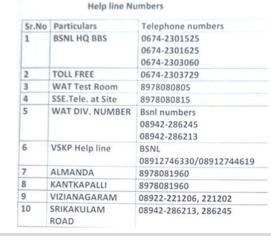
- In a tragic incident at around 7.10 pm on Sunday (29th October), a major train collision occurred on the Howrah-Chennai line near Kantakapalli in the Vizianagaram district of Andhra Pradesh.
- According to railway officials, The Vizag-Rayagada passenger train (08504) overshoot the Signal and collided with the Vizag-Palasa special passenger train (08532).
- Among the 14 people who lost their lives in the accident, 11 have been identified so far. According to official reports, approximately 50 individuals have sustained injuries.
- The collision caused the derailment of last three coaches of the Vizag-Palasa train and the locomotive of the Vizag - Rayagada train, along with two coaches, which then rammed into a goods train passing on the adjacent track.
- Thirty-two patients are undergoing treatment at the Vizianagaram government general hospital, while those with multiple injuries were transferred to private hospitals, including Tirumala-Medicover hospitals and Queens NRI hospital in Vizianagaram.

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- A team of 50 doctors was mobilized to provide medical care to the injured, as confirmed by the hospital superintendent.
- In response to the situation, 27 trains on the affected route were canceled, 22 trains were diverted, and 11 trains were partially canceled. Diverted trains were rerouted away from Visakhapatnam.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- Efforts for rescue and medical assistance were immediately initiated. The Railway authorities arranged separate trains or buses for the safe travel of the stranded passengers.
- The Chief Minister announced financial assistance of ₹10 lakh for the families of the deceased, ₹2 lakh for those with serious injuries, and ₹50,000 for passengers with minor injuries.
- The Prime Minister announced an additional ₹2 lakh assistance for the families of the deceased and ₹50,000 for the injured.
- The Railways established a war room in the Delhi railway ministry to monitor the situation closely.
- The East Coast Railway deployed two Accident Relief Trains (ARTs) and a 40-tonne crane for the restoration operation.







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