



051- Sabarimala accident

Date Of Incident: -15-01-2011

Location : Sabarimala, Kerala

Description of the incident:

At least 102 Sabarimala devotees were killed and 50 injured in a stampede when a jeep crashed into homebound pilgrims at Pulmedu in Kerala's Idukki district, in the worst tragedy to strike the worshippers of the famed shrine in a decade.

No. of persons dead:

More than 100

Other possible news about the incident:

The tragedy occurred at Pulmedu in Vandiperiyar when a jeep carrying pilgrims ploughed into a crowd and overturned, killing some on the spot and triggering the stampede, rescuers said.

Thirty-eight bodies have been identified so far, of which 18 are from Tamil Nadu, 12 from Karnataka and two each from Andhra Pradesh and Kerala.

Relatives of pilgrims from Tamil Nadu, who have not returned home, arrived here looking for them, Punnose said, adding photographs and particulars of the dead would be made available to help them locate their dear ones.

Punnoose said the number of injured was "quite few" because they were evacuated first and admitted to a hospital in Tamil Nadu. Some others received minor injuries.

Aneesh, one of the early rescuers to reach the spot, said the mishap was caused by the jeep which ran into the crowd and turned turtle.

While some people who got trapped under the jeep died, it also set off a wave of panic, triggering a stampede as thousands of pilgrims had converged at Pulmedu area, used mostly by devotees from Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh for returning home after darshan, he said.

"I have never seen such a huge crowd at Pulmedu in my life. The flow of pilgrims returning was much more than anybody's expectations", Aneesh, who hails from the area, said.

Kerala Deveswom Minister Kadannapally Ramachandran said the rush of pilgrims was much higher than expected.

"Though arrangements for controlling the crowd were on a usual scale, the flow of people had been much more than all expectations", the minister said from Vandiperiyar.

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The two-month long pilgrimage which began in mid-November was, by and large, incident-free till last night.

Over 30 million devotees had visited the shrine during the season.

Ten years ago, a stampede at Pampa on way to the hill shrine killed 50 people on the occasion of Makar Jyoti.

Defence Minister A K Antony has offered Kerala government all help from defence forces for rescue operations.

A special team of the National Disaster Response Force is at the spot. A helpline number - 04869222049 - has been set up to help the families of the victims.



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052 - Gas explosion in Philadelphia

Date Of Incident: 17.01.11

Location : Philadelphia

Description of incident:

According to sources, a gas explosion in Philadelphia killed a utility worker and injured five other people. The Philadelphia gas explosion has been caught on video that shows a 50 foot fireball shooting in the sky above a neighborhood in Philadelphia forcing dozens of residents to flee from their homes.

Three of the five injured Philadelphia Gas Works employees are in critical condition due to their serious burns caused by the explosion.

The impact of the Philadelphia gas explosion was huge and destroyed nearby buildings and cars.

The injured people that also include a firefighter are admitted in a Philadelphia hospital burn unit.

The cause behind the gas explosion in Philadelphia is still under investigation.

A comfort center has been set up after the Philadelphia gas explosion to help 15 to 20 residents who were affected by the blast. Most of the people who had to evacuate due to the gas explosion were allowed back home by early Wednesday.

No of person injured:

One

Photo graph:



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053 – IOC FIRE MUMBAI

Date Of Incident: 17.01.2011

Location : Mumbai

Description of incident:

A massive fire that engulfed an Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) depot in Navi Mumbai on Monday night was doused after eight hours. No casualties were, however, reported. The fire broke out shortly after midnight. Twenty fire engines were rushed to the spot to prevent the fire from spreading.

"The fire started at around midnight. We decided a strategy that we will not allow the fire to spread. The intensity of the heat was too much. Somehow, we could control the fire and the spread of fire and now the fire is absolutely under control, said the Regional Fire Officer, Devendra Potphode.

The depot in Taloja stored lube oil but had no stock of crude oil. The plant blends and fills lubricants in small cans and drums, besides filling specialty lubes. It operates on single shift (8 am to 5 pm), so was shut when the fire broke out. The fire gutted a shed storing packed lubricants, but no person was injured.

No of person injured:

NIL

Photo graph:



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054 – Service Lift Accident Kills 5

Date Of Incident: 08.01.2011

Location : Mumbai

Description of incident:

An improvised service lift fell 19 storeys at the newbuild Rustomjee La Sonrisa site in Matunga, Mumbai(Bombay). The workers, engaged in interior finishing work and subcontracted to a concern were on the 21st floor and had gone down to the 19th floor to access the service lift. Five workers are thought to have died in the accident, as well as another person on the site. Mumbai police Sunday booked six people, including the builder, [contractor](#) and maintenance supervisor of Rustomjee Towers where five labourers were killed after a service lift came crashing down Sunday afternoon, police said.

"We have registered offences against the six concerned people, including the builder, contractor and maintenance supervisor for negligence in the matter," zonal Deputy Commissioner of Police Sanjay Bawiskar told mediapersons here.

No of person injured:

5 People died.

Photo graph:



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055 – Iran Plane Accident

Date Of Incident: 09.01.11

Location : Iran

Description of incident:

The IranAir Boeing 727 was flying from Tehran when it came down and broke into pieces near the city of Orumiyeh.

Thirty-three people survived, the semi-official Fars news agency reported, quoting the coroner's office of West Azerbaijan province.

Reports said darkness and snow were hampering rescue efforts.

Earlier reports had said that 50 people survived the crash.

Old planes

The plane was due to land in Orumiyeh, 700km (430 miles) north-west of Tehran.

It crashed near the city at around 1945 local time (1615 GMT), according to another local official quoted on Iranian state television's website.

The official said the plane had taken off an hour later than scheduled, and came down because of bad weather conditions.

A official for the Iranian Red Crescent, Mahmoud Mozaffar, said the plane had broken into several pieces, but there was no explosion or fire.

The head of Iran's emergency services, Gholam Reza Masoumi, told Fars that rescue work was being made more difficult by heavy snow, which was around 70cm (27 inches) deep around the crash site.

There have been a number of accidents involving Iranian planes over the past few years.

The last major crash was in July 2009, when a plane caught fire mid-air and crashed in northern Iran, killing 168 people.

In 2003 an Iranian troop carrier crashed in the south-east, killing all 276 soldiers and crew on board.

Iran's civil fleet is made up of planes in poor condition due to their old age and lack of maintenance.

No of person injured:

More than 70 people died

Photo graph:

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SEED express its deepest condolence and pray the god to look after the families of died and injured people in the above incidents.



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