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The incident comes weeks after 30 people were killed in a pre-dawn crush at the religious festival, Kumbh Mela, in northern India, where tens of millions of Hindus had gathered to bathe in sacred river waters on one of the holy days of the six-week event. In Delhi, witnesses told a "huge crowd" had gathered at the station, through which many people were travelling to and from the Kumbh Mela, which is being held in Prayagraj city in neighbouring Uttar Pradesh state.

According to officials, two trains had been delayed at the station, while a third - heading to Prayagraj - was waiting to depart. Ruby Devi said the crowd at the Indian capital's main railway station had been so big she was unable to get inside. Umesh Giri, whose wife Shilam Devi died in the crush, said that the crowd was "uncontrollable" as he tried to board the Prayagraj Express.

Dharmendra Singh, who was also travelling to Prayagraj, told India's PTI news agency that there were "far more people than I have ever seen at this station". KPS Malhotra, deputy commissioner of police (railways), said that authorities were investigating what led to the crush. "This happened due to a delay in two trains arriving and more people gathering at the station," he said.

Opposition leaders have criticised the government, accusing them of administrative failure. "Considering the large number of devotees going to Prayagraj, better arrangements should have been made at the station," Rahul Gandhi, the leader of opposition in India's parliament, posted on X.