



Stampede at Temple in Bihar

Why in News?

Recently, several people died after a [stampede](#) occurred at **Baba Siddhnath Temple** in Makhdumpur, located in the **Jehanabad district** of Bihar.

Key Points

- The incident was reportedly sparked by a **dispute among [kanwariyas](#)** and flower vendors near the temple entrance.
- Local authorities are investigating the cause, and **financial assistance has been announced for the families of the victims.**

Stampede

▪ About:

- A stampede is an impulsive mass [movement of a crowd](#) that **often results in injuries and deaths.**
- It is often **triggered by response to a perceived danger**, loss of physical space and a collective will to attain something seen as gratifying.

▪ Types:

- **Two main types of stampedes are Unidirectional stampedes** occur when a crowd moving in the same direction encounters a sudden change in force, triggered by forces like sudden stops or negative forces like broken barriers.
- **Turbulent stampedes** happen in situations with uncontrolled crowds, induced panic, or crowds merging from multiple directions.

▪ Fatalities in Stampedes:

- Stampedes can cause fatalities through:
 - **Traumatic Asphyxia: It is the most common cause that occurs** due to external **compression of the thorax or upper abdomen.** Can happen even in moderate crowds of 6-7 people pushing in one direction.
 - **Other causes:** Myocardial infarction (heart attack), Direct crushing injuries to internal organs, Head injuries and Neck compression.