



Putin Expresses Condolences for Hathras Stampede Tragedy

Why in News?

Recently, **Russian President Vladimir Putin** expressed condolences over the [stampede at a religious congregation in Uttar Pradesh](#) in which 121 people were killed.

- Stampede is an impulsive mass movement of a crowd that often results in injuries and deaths.

Key Points

- The stampede took place in **Hathras district of Uttar Pradesh**. The victims were part of the **crowd of thousands that had gathered near Phulrai village** in the Sikandrara area **for the 'satsang' by a religious preacher**.
- An [First Information Report \(FIR\)](#) has been filed by the Uttar Pradesh Police **against the organizers** of the religious congregation.
 - The organizers are **accused of hiding evidence and violating conditions** by allowing 2.5 lakh people to gather for the event, despite a permit for only 80,000 attendees.

First Information Report (FIR)

- It is a **written document** prepared by the police when they receive information about the commission of a [cognizable offence](#).
- It is a report of **information that reaches the police first at that point of time** and that is why it is called the First Information Report.
- It is generally a complaint lodged with the police by the victim of a cognizable offence or by someone on his/her behalf. **Anyone can report the commission of a cognizable offence either orally or in writing.**
- The term FIR is **not defined in the [Indian Penal Code \(IPC\), Code of Criminal Procedure \(CrPC\), 1973, or in any other law.](#)**
 - However, in police regulations or rules, information recorded under [Section 154 of CrPC](#) is known as First Information Report (FIR).