



## Massive Fire at Union Carbide Plant

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Recently, a massive fire occurred at the **Union Carbide factory in Bhopal**, which was shut down after the [Bhopal Gas Tragedy of 1984](#).

- The locals expressed their fear about the potential effects of toxic smoke on their bodies.
- The **Bhopal gas tragedy** was one of the worst industrial accidents in history that occurred on the night of **2-3 December 1984** at the **Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL) pesticide plant**.
  - It exposed people and animals to the highly toxic gas [methyl isocyanate \(MIC\)](#), causing immediate and long-term health effects and deaths.
  - The cause of the gas leak is debated between corporate negligence and employee sabotage.
  - As a result several laws were passed related to disaster and environmental protection in India.
    - **Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster Act of 1985,**
    - [Environment Protection Act of 1986,](#)
    - [Public Liability Insurance Act of 1991,](#)
    - [Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act of 2010](#)

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