

A Rail Accident

Essay No. 01

Railway accident is very common these days. However, it can be guessed that when thousands of trains run over the rail track every day and some mishap sometimes cannot be ruled out. Accidents may occur due to some mechanical failure, but often they occur due to human error.

The day before yesterday, a horrible accident took place between two trains near the lock railway station.

It so happened that the Rajdhani Express was coming at full speed. It was a through train and was thus not to stop at this station.

The station master gave the wrong signal and the Rajdhani Express ran into the passenger train which was approaching the station from the opposite direction.

The two mighty engines struck each other like two fearful demons. Both of them were smashed and the drivers and cleaners of both of them were killed on the spot.

Two bogies of the Rajdhani Express were destroyed while the front bogies of the passenger train also met the same fate.

The railway safety system should be brushed up to make travel risk-free.

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I was traveling from Patna to Delhi on the Patliputra express. It is a night train. There were many people in the compartment.

It was a dark but calm night. The stars twinkled in the sky. The train was running at a high speed. Some of the passengers were sleeping.

Others were dozing and occasionally opened their eyes. I was awake.

Suddenly I experienced a massive jerk. There was a deafening roar. The passengers were thrown against the walls of their compartments. The luggage

kept on the overhead racks came tumbling down. Many people were trapped under it.

It appeared that our train was involved in a head-on collision. Cries and shrieks could be heard from every quarter. There was total confusion. There were no lights anywhere. It was totally dark.

Those who were unhurt got out of their compartments. Luckily, I was also unhurt. On coming out we found that the first three bogies of the train were completely smashed. The engine lay toppled to one side.

Nearly all the passengers of the first three bogies were crushed to death. Some lay seriously wounded, while others were buried under the debris. There was nobody to help them.

The morning sun revealed a grim and tragic sight. A small baby was crying for his mother. He was fortunate that his mother had survived the crash and crawled over the pieces of luggage to pick him up. Others were not so lucky. They had succumbed to their injuries. The body of the engine driver was beyond recognition. He had died trying to save the train from the collision. His last act was to apply the emergency breaks. It was because of this act that the passengers of the last six bogies had remained unhurt.

The ambulances arrived. With it came the medical aid and volunteers. They began removing the dead and the wounded to the nearby hospital. The sight of so much death and destruction was very heartrending.

Inquiries revealed that the accident had occurred due to the carelessness of the points man. He had given line clear, even when the goods train stood in the yard. His carelessness had cost many people their lives and had resulted in damage worth millions of Rupees.