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INDIAN TRAIN DISASTER

Search is made in the wreckage of the Bangalore express for victims of one of India's worst train disasters for many years. At least 112 people were killed when a small river bridge, weakened by floodwater collapsed under the engine, and the first few coaches were crushed like eggshells. The engine plunged against the farther bank but the crew escaped with their lives. By a near-miracle, the remaining six coaches stayed on the track, otherwise the loss of life would have been far greater.

The crash came just before one o'clock in the morning, and it was many hours before even a few of the bodies could be identified. The first coach was a packed 70-seater, and not one of its occupants survived, a tragic circumstance, for some of the following coaches were almost empty. The swollen river is believed to have carried away many victims of this grim disaster.