

Major and Worst Fire Incidents in India

1837 – 2022

| 1837 Surat fire | |
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| Date | 24 April 1837 – 26 April 1837 |
| Time | 5:00 p.m. IST |
| Location | Surat , British India (now in Gujarat , India) |
| Cause | House fire |
| Deaths | More than 500 |
| Property damage | est. ₹4,686,500 (equivalent to ₹2,504,251,760 in 2020) |

| 1981 Bangalore Circus Fire | |
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| Date | 7 February 1981 |
| Location | Venus Circus, Bangalore , Karnataka , India |
| Cause | Overheated electric cables leading to ignition of tent canvas |
| Deaths | 92 |
| Non-fatal injuries | 300 |

Dabwali fire accident

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| Date | 23 December 1995 |
| Venue | Rajiv Marriage Palace |
| Location | Mandi Dabwali, Sirsa District, Haryana, India |
| Type | Building Fire |
| Cause | Ignition of flammable tent canvas due to electric short circuit and subsequent collapse |
| Deaths | At least 400 |
| Non-fatal injuries | 160 |

1997 Brihadeeswarar Temple fire

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| Date | 7 June 1997 |
| Location | Thanjavur , Tamil Nadu , India |
| Cause | Spark caught up the thatch |
| Deaths | 48 |
| Non-fatal injuries | 200 |

February 1997 -Odisha

In a religious congregation at Baripada Odisha, A calamitous fire broke out in which 206 people were dead and 148 were injured.

| Uphaar Cinema fire | |
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| Date | 13 June 1997 |
| Location | Green Park, Delhi , India |
| Cause | Electric transformer fire due to improper maintenance, leading to stampede |
| Deaths | 59 |
| Non-fatal injuries | 103 |

June 2002 -Agra

In the Shree Lee International footwear factory of Agra, Uttar Pradesh fire broke out and 42 people were killed on June 26.

July 2004 -Tamil Nadu

In the Sri Krishna Aided Higher Secondary School at Kumbakonam in the Thanjavur District of Tamil Nadu 94 children were dead and many injured. Erwadi fire incident was another worst fire incident in Tamil Nadu.

| Kumbakonam School fire | |
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| The school after the fire with the pictures of the deceased children | |
| Date | 16 July 2004 |
| Location | Kumbakonam |
| Cause | Fire |
| Deaths | 94 |
| Charges | 21 |
| Verdict | 1 (life term), 8 (five years jail), 1 (two years jail) |
| Convictions | 10 |

September 2005 -Bihar

Three illegal firecracker factories in the Khusropur village of Bihar caught fire leading to deaths of 35 people and left 50 injured in September, 2005.

April 2006 – Meerut

In Brand India Fair at Meerut Victoria Park fire Uttar Pradesh, a major fire broke out and killed 100 people on April 2006.

Jaipur (Indian Oil) Fire.

2009 Jaipur fire.

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| Location | Jaipur , Rajasthan, India |
| Date | 29 October 2009 7.35 PM (UTC +5.30) |
| Weapons | Accidental oil blast. |
| Deaths | 12 |
| Injured | 300+ |

December 2011 -Kolkata

In the AMRI hospital of Kolkata 89 people were killed by a hazardous fire and due to suffocation caused by carbon monoxide spread across the hospital premises.

September 2012 -Tamil Nadu

A catastrophic explosion in a private fireworks factory at Mudalipatti near Sivakasi in Tamil Nadu claimed lives of 54 while 78 were injured.

February 2013 -Kolkata

A major fire broke out at a multi-storey market complex in Kolkata in which at least 19 people were killed and over a dozen critically injured.

Puttingal temple fireworks mishap

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| Date | 10 April 2016 |
| Time | 03:30 IST (22:00 UTC on April 9) |
| Location | Paravur , Kollam , Kerala , India |
| Deaths | 111 ^[1] |
| Non-fatal injuries | 350+ |

2019 Surat fire

A fire occurred at a commercial complex in [Sarthana](#) jagatnaka area of [Surat](#) in the [Gujarat](#) state of India. Twenty-two students died and others were injured in an academic coaching centre located on the building's terrace.^[1] The fire was started by a short circuit on the ground floor; the students in the coaching centre were trapped by the destruction of a wooden staircase.

Bhadohi fire

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| Date | 2 October 2022 |
| Time | 9:30 p.m. IST |
| Venue | a Durga Puja Pandal in Narthuwa village |
| Location | Bhadohi district , Uttar Pradesh |
| Cause | halogen light overheated causing fire |
| Deaths | 17 ^{[1][2]} |
| Non-fatal injuries | 75 |