

Two Mumbai men die on special Shramik train to UP

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Dashrath Prajapati and Ramratan Gaund

Andheri resident Dashrath Prajapati, 27, was undergoing treatment for paralytic attacks while 63-yr-old Ramratan Gaund had a paan shop in Jogeshwari

The journey back home continues to extract a grim toll on migrants, with two more people - including a man battling a longterm ailment - dying on a Shramik Special train. The bodies of Dashrath Prajapati, a 27-year-old man who suffered paralytic attacks, and Ramratan Gaund, 63, were found when their train, which left Lokmanya Tilak Terminus, Mumbai, on Monday night, arrived at Manduadih Railway Station, near Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, on Wednesday morning.

The cause of death is yet to be ascertained; both bodies have been sent for post-mortem, Buddhi Sagar Yadav, inspector, Government Railway Police, Manduadih, told Mumbai Mirror.

Authorities will also conduct Covid-19 tests before handing the bodies to relatives, another official said. "Swabs have been sent for the Covid-19 test," he said.

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The GRP informed the station manager at Manduadih that two people had been found unconscious on the train, Pankaj Singh, chief public relation officer, North-Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur, told Mirror.

"Later both were declared dead by a doctor. One of them was identified as Dashrath Prajapati, who was travelling in S-15 sleeper coach with his family members; the other, Ramratan Gaund, was in the coach just behind the engine," Singh said.

Prajapati, a resident of Andheri, was returning to his native place in Badlapur Taluka, Jaunpur; Gaund, who owned a paan shop in Jogeshwari, was going to Sarhadpar Village in Azamgarh.

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Harinarayan Yadav, gram pradhan, Sarhadpar, said that on Tuesday, at around 10 pm, Gaund called his wife, Isravati Devi, 58, and told her he was not feeling well, and was having breathing problems. "He told her not to worry; that he would be able to manage," Yadav said.

The next morning Yadav received a call from the GRP, informing him about Gaund's death. According to Yadav, he and Gaund's eldest son, Rajesh, 29, left for Manduadih immediately.

Yadav said Gaund had had to close his shop in March and was living alone in Mumbai.

"He was trying very hard to return, and was able to secure a ticket after several tries," Rajesh said.

Dashrath's brother Lalman Prajapati, who was travelling with him, said his brother suffered from paralytic attacks and was being treated in Mumbai for the past four year. "Due to the lockdown I lost my job and so we decided to return to our native place," he told Mirror.



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Dashrath's condition deteriorated as the train reached Allahabad. "We found no sign of life in him when the train reached Manduadih," said Lalman, who worked as an interior decorator in Andheri.

According to sources, the train left LTT at around 10 pm on Monday and was supposed to reach Manduadih 24 hours later, but was delayed by more than 10 hours. The sources said food and drinks were provided to passengers at regular intervals.

"There was no catering mismanagement. Prima facie it seems both died because of illnesses," one official said.

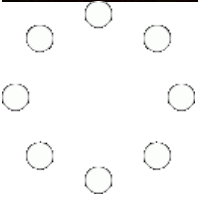
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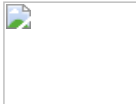
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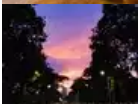
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