

## 10 killed in Uttar Pradesh hotel fire

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Smoke billows out after a major fire at a hotel in Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh on Friday.

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Ten people lost their lives and 13 others were injured in a major fire that broke out in the Goyal Residency hotel in Pratapgarh town of Uttar Pradesh early on Friday. Among the dead are two women and a hotel employee. Unofficial reports however, put the death toll at 13.

State IG (Crime) R.K. Swarnkar told reporters here that the fire was caused by a short circuit at around 4.30 am in the hotel's restaurant located on the ground floor. "While 10 guests sleeping in their rooms died, 13 were injured in the melee that followed the blaze," Mr. Swarnkar said.

He said nine of the injured were referred to Allahabad for treatment and four were admitted to the Pratapgarh district hospital.

### **Under treatment**

Three of the injured persons are still under treatment in Allahabad while the rest have been discharged, the IG (Crime) added.

Nine of the deceased have been identified as Brijesh Kumar (hotel employee), Manoj (Allahabad), Priyanka (Ranchi, Jharkhand), Basant Narayan (Pune), Satyavrat (manager, Indira Gandhi Hospital, Lucknow), Dilip Kumar (Dhoomanganj, Allahabad), Vishal (Gorakhpur), Dharmendra Rai (Bhelupur, Varanasi) and Khalid Kirmani (Barabanki).

The second female victim has not been identified.

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