

## Dozens killed in crowd crushes at Kumbh Mela

At least 30 people were killed and scores injured in crowd crushes at the Kumbh Mela festival, police have confirmed, as vast numbers of people went to bathe at one of the holiest sites of the Hindu gathering.

Tens of millions of people flocked to the northern state of Uttar Pradesh to immerse themselves at the confluence of the Ganges and Yamuna rivers on one of the most auspicious days of the Hindu festival.

A senior police officer, Vaibhav Krishna, said 30 people had died and at least double that number were wounded in fatal crushes that took place in the early hours last Wednesday. It is feared the death toll could be higher. Officials said 39 bodies had been brought to a hospital morgue.

