

Railway track fatalities increased in 2021

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Railways and the Government Railway Police have attributed this to a host of safety measures and patrolling. Activists, however, maintain that the cause of deaths and crime on railway lines is due to the illegal entry points.

“Railways should put up fences between tracks connecting two platforms to bring down the number of track-crossing and do more experiments like closed doors of local trains to minimise the problem of overcrowding and people falling off running trains,” said Shakil Ahmed, a railway activist.

The data showed that Borivali and Kurla stations reported maximum number of deaths compared to other railway stations across the city.

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