

Railway needs Gandhi's talisman

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Last Friday a photograph on the front page of Indian Express sent a chill down my spine even though the weather in Delhi is yet to take its winter avatar. It was a young mother holding onto the body bag of her tiny-tot, who was killed in an accident at an unmanned railway crossing in eastern Uttar Pradesh. Earlier this year, while presenting the Modi government's first Budget, erstwhile Railway Minister Sadanand Gowda had said, "Indian Railways is on course to fulfil its long cherished dream. I propose a bullet train on the Ahmedabad- Mumbai sector."

Mr Prime Minister, when you sit with your friend and Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu to discuss the Railway Budget, recall the pain of this mother in angst and ask yourself if the Budget you plan is going to be of any use to her.

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