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CBCI EXPRESSES PROFOUND GRIEF OVER THE JABALPUR CRUISE TRAGEDY

New Delhi, May 2, 2026 – The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) expresses its deepest sorrow over the tragic cruise accident at the Bargi Dam reservoir in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. According to the latest reports, a sudden and severe storm caused a tourist cruise to capsize, leading to the heartbreaking loss of nine lives, while several other tourists remain missing.

On behalf of the Catholic Church in India, the CBCI deeply mourns the tragic and untimely death of the tourists. We extend our most heartfelt condolences to the family members of the deceased. Our thoughts, sympathies, and earnest prayers are with the bereaved families during this period of profound grief.

Furthermore, we fervently pray for the swift and safe recovery of the individuals who are still missing.

We urge the authorities concerned to provide all support to the affected families and call for a thorough review of water safety protocols on tourist vessels to prevent such devastating catastrophes from recurring.

CBCI stands in steadfast solidarity with the affected people. As a community, we pray for the eternal repose of the departed souls and hope that the injured recover quickly. May the families find strength and solace during this difficult time.

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