

# WORK-PLACE ACCIDENTS AROUND THE WORLD

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## **Pakistan:**

On 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015, at Lahore of Pakistan when a wall under construction for a factory collapsed 16 workers were killed and more than 75 workers were injured. Since 150 workers were working in that factory, there was a possibility of the increase in the number of deaths of the workers.

## **Nepal:**

In a brick making factory in East Nepal, due to the collapse of the chimney of the factory on Dec 15, 2015, eight workers were killed many workers were injured in the stampede. Out of the 8 workers killed, there are 6 Indians and 4 minors. 3 Indians belong to West Bengal and the other 3 Indians belong to Bihar. The bodies of the killed workers fell under the debris of the collapsed chimney were broughtout through a machine (crane).

## **China:**

On 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2015, in the coal-mine run by the state at Jixi city operated by the state owned Heilong Jiang Longmay Mining Holding group, when a fire broke-out 21 coal miners out of 38 working in the shaft were killed. Rescuers have found bodies of 21 workers and were searching for another person missing in the accident.

On 17 Dec 2015, in a coal mine in northeast China 17 workers were trapped after an explosion. 50 workers were working under the shaft when the explosion took-place. Thirty three workers managed to escape after the accident.

On 25, Dec 2015, when a gypsum mine collapsed in the eastern Shandong province, 25 workers were trapped underground out of the 29 workers working in the shaft of the gypsum in Baotai Township. One worker was killed and 11 were escaped. The deadly accident is said to have occurred due to flouting safety rules to cut costs. After 5 days of the accident 8 people were found alive under the collapsed gypsum mine. This accident prompted the owner of the gypsum mine to commit suicide.

On Jan 7, 2016, due to collapse of a coal mine at Yulincity, 11 workers were killed. 49 miners were working underground when the accident occurred.

## **South Africa:**

Due to the collapse of a gold mine at MunpuMalanga 115 workers were trapped. Out of these 76 workers were rescued who were injured. The rest 39 workers were missing.

## **India:**

On Nov 16, 2015, at the Tata steel plant in Jamshedpur, due to an explosion at the coke plant 12 workers were injured. Of them 10 were contract labourers and the remaining 2 were employees of the steel plant.

On Nov 22, 2015, at Kakinada of A.P., due to an explosion at Coromandal internationals fertilizer plant one labourer was killed and two others sustained severe injured. The killed labourer was a contract worker, working for the last five years at the plant.

On Dec 6, 2015, in Gontuvanipalem near Kakinada of A.P, two drilling workers in a black metal quarry were killed as the boulders at the quarry fell on them. While they were crawling up the quarry with the help of ropes, the boulders fell down upon them.

On Nov 24, 2015, at pharmaceutical company named 'Venkyparenterals', at Yanam, due to the blast of a boiler one worker was killed. The management made this un-skilled worker to operate boiler, when the actual boiler operator was on leave, which resulted in the accident.

On Dec 7, 2015, three casual labourers were killed due to a gas leak while cleaning an underground chamber of a leather factory in Bengals largest leather complex in the Bantala area in 24 paraganas district. This accident occurred due to the violation of safety norms. The management has not provided the killed workers with safety gear, when they entered the chamber, and they died of suffocation as it was filled with gas.

On Dec 27, 2015, two railway officers were killed after being hit by a train while they were inspecting signals between Etawah and Bharathana stations. They were killed after being hit by Delhi-GuwahatiSamparkKranthi train.

On Jan 1, 2016, ten workers mainly labourers were charred to death in Ramban'schanereskote area of J&K, when they were working on the Nasara tunnel on the Jammu-Srinagar National high-mar&apr-2016-classstruggle-la-work-place

way who were engaged by a private company. The bodies were burnt beyond recognition. With DNA testing which took place for two months, they were identified on 1-3-2016. Three victims are from Punjab and Himachal Pradesh, six were local from Chenob valley region.

On Jan 8, 2016, 2 contract workers working as linemen were electrocuted and killed, at Vijayawada of A.P., when they climbed an electric pole to carry-out works on a newline for a recently installed transformer.

On Feb 8, 2016, six workers were charred to death as a blast ripped the reactor of Hasista Aromatics P Lt, in IDA on the out-skirts of Hyderabad city.

One worker got injured. Of the killed four were casual labourers, and two are from the technical team. The 4 workers killed were from Chhattisgarh.

On Feb. 22, 2016, a worker from Bihar working for NCC power project at Thotapalli in Nellore dist. Of A.P., was electrocuted and killed. Since the management had not come forward to pay compensation and financial support to the family members of the electrocuted worker, the enraged coworkers went on the rampage at the factory site.

On March 7, 2016, while combating a minor fire and steam leak in one of the boiler rooms of INS Virat, four sailors suffered injuries, and one them succumbed to injuries, while the other 3 are being treated at a Naval hospital in Goa.

On March 9, 2016, two labourers were killed and four others seriously injured when they were buried under loose soil that coved in at a construction site near AIIMS in New Delhi. The soil was dug at during the construction of new building as a part of the AIIMS expansion plan.

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