

## Work Place Accidents

**In Pakistan:** as a fire broke out in a two story building of Construction Company in Lahore on 11-1-2017, six labourers died and several others were injured.

**In China:** Accidents occurred in two gold mines in the central Henan province on 24-3-17 and 25-3-17 in Ling Bao city, belonging to China national group. 11 workers were killed due to sudden rising of thick smoke in the underground shaft.

**In Iran:** Due to reverse explosions occurred at a coal mine in the Goldstan province of Iran on 3-5-17 in the underground mine at a depth of 1200 to 1800 meters, 35 workers were killed. This is not the first time of occurrence of such accidents killing workers. Lack of security arrangements and security equipment was said to be the cause. Unions claim liberalisation and privatisation is the root cause for such accidents, which are on increase in Iran.

**In Qatar:** 3 workers have been killed and a number of others injured following an accident at a Qatar military construction site on 17-5-17. The details of the accident were not given of how, when or where the accident took place by the military authority of Qatar.

**In Bangla Desh:** due to explosion of a boiler in a garment manufacturing factory in Dhaka on 5-7-17, ten workers were killed and dozens of others injured. Such accidents on massive scale have become a common occurrence in the garment factories here.

**In India:** While cleaning a tank at the Kirtial Mills in Latur in Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation, after inhaling poisonous gas on 31-1-17, 9 workers were killed.

A mechanic belonging to APSRTC was crushed to death under the wheels of a bus at Vijayawada depot of AP on 5-2-17.

Three people engaged in manufacturing fireworks in Sivakasi and Vellore of Tamil Nadu were killed in two separate accidents on 14-3-17.

On 13-3-17, in an accident at a construction site in Hyderabad, two women labourers were killed. A mound of mud caved in burying the women. Such incidents killing the labourers at construction sites at Hyderabad have become a common phenomena as the builders and contractors are allowed deliberately to float safety norms and arrangements stipulated by the law.

On 15-3-17, two workers died in a 18 foot manhole while trying to clear it at Vijayawada of AP. The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, the principal employers of the workers, is responsible for these deaths, as it has ignored the law and various Supreme Court judgements that demand it to protect the safety of municipal workers.

On 15-3-17, at Kanpur as a leakage of gas, resulting in explosion at the katiyar cold storage in Shivapur area occurred, the roof of structure collapsed seriously injuring 12 people. Several feared killed. 4 persons were expected to be killed. The cold storage units owner and his son were also trapped in the debris.

On 20-3-17, three manual scavengers were killed in Cuddalore of TN, while trying to clean up the drainage system. The workers were hit by toxic gases and died of asphyxiation while carrying out repair works in the underground drainage system. Blatant and shocking violation of laws by the municipal authority and contractor is the root-cause of such killings in manholes.

On 22-2-17, due to occurrence of fire at an aircooler assembly plant located in Attapur, Rajendranagar near Hyderabad, 6 workers from Jharkhand hired by the management were charred to death. The Core Avore air coolers unit that assembles Enova brand air coolers, where the workers were killed is being illegally run by the owners; did not install any fire safety equipment in the assembly unit.

On 30-3-17, five daily wage labourers died after inhaling the poisonous gas inside a chemical tank they had entered to at the Anada Aqua Food processing unit in Nallammavari Thota village in West Godavari district of AP. In spite of warnings from the workers the management ignored safety protocol causing these deaths.

On 13-4-17, at an under construction school building which collapsed in Vellore of TN a labourer was killed and 12 labourers were injured.

On 17-4-17, three workers died of suffocation while cleaning a sump in a biological plant at Dwarakanagar in Mydukuru town of Kadapa district in AP.

On 2-5-17, two workers died and three others sustained grievous burns in a burst at Azico Biophore India (P) Ltd. in JN pharma city at Parawada on the outskirts of Visakhapatnam in AP. Though the licence of Azico was suspended last October by the pollution control board for not following safety norms, the company has not taken up safety arrangements in the unit.

On 5-5-17, 14 women workers took ill inhaling ammonia gas while attending duties at an aqua unit of Veerabhadra Exports at Gurazanapalle village near Kakinada of AP. This was not the first incident in this unit.

At Bhagiratha Chemical industries Ltd., after a fire broke out on 20-5-17, Cherukuvaripalem in Prakasam district of AP, one person was seriously injured. Two persons died in a fire in the same plant in August 2017.

Due to an explosion at the dumping yard of Divis Laboratories at Chippada of Visakhapatnam district of AP, a worker died while dumping the waste materials and another was seriously injured on 20-5-17.

On 21-5-17, during the explosion of at hill in a quarry, the boulders rolled down and fell on workers killing six workers by crushing them at Pericharla of Guntur district in AP.

On 7-6-17 at Khairigram village in Blaghat district of MP, due to an explosion at a fire cracker factory cum godown 27 workers including men and women were charred to death beyond recognition. Two workers were seriously injured. According to the police nearly 50 labourers working in the factory built illegally died when the fire broke out.

On 25-6-17 a worker died and four others sustained injuries after a gas tank burst on the premises of Jindal Stainless Ltd at kalinga-nagar industrial complex in Jaipur district of Odisha.

On 6-7-17, while working on high tension power line, a worker slipped and fell down and died at Kurumaddali village of Krishna district. The deceased worker is from Kuppam of Chittoor district of AP.

On 5-7-17, two road laying workers died, while trying to hammer an iron rod into earth, as the rod came in contact with live underground power cable electrocuted and a worker was killed at Timirtipudi village near Chirala town in AP. The local MLA had to demand justice for the worker against the apathy of police and negligence of various departments over the death of worker and the indifference of the contractor that engaged the worker in paying the suitable compensation.

On 11-7-17 a gardening worker was killed at Vijayawada Thermal Power plant's ash pump being hit by a crane inside the plant.

On 15-7-17 four sanitation workers died after inhaling toxic gases while cleaning a rain water harvesting tank at a private farm house in South Delhi's Chitoni area.

On 30-7-17, two child labourers were killed in an explosion at a cracker godown in the outskirts of Thirupati of AP.

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