

Crane crash - Chennai Airport

Date Of Incident: 23.06.10

Location : Chennai

Description of the accident:

One person was killed and another seriously injured when a crane suddenly crashed and fell on them during airport expansion work near the domestic terminal. An arm of a crane deployed at the project site for the new domestic terminal at the Chennai airport collapsed, killing a 38-year-old construction labourer of Coimbatore. When the boom fell, he was trapped under it. It took nearly an hour for the AAI authorities to retrieve the man from under the arm of the crane. When he was rushed to a hospital in Chromepet, he was 'declared dead on arrival.'

No. of persons Injured:

One died and another seriously injured.

Potential Root Cause:

Failures in crane safety may be the reason for incident.

Other possible news about the incident:

When the crane was lifting a truss, a steel structure weighing 26 tonnes and measuring 49 metres in length, the boom, the arm of the crane, collapsed.

The truss fell on the first floor of the Air India's operation building located close to the project site and the boom fell on a building inside the project site.

Only a week ago the crane was tested for safety.

SPEECH AAI board member for planning after the Airport incident.

We will improve the safety management system that is already in place for the projects

Individual safety officers will be appointed to look into sector – specific safety issues.

Twenty two persons currently carry out safety management at the work sites. They report to the project director. Now we will segregate the this safety reporting system & will have individual officers reporting to different sectional heads to improve the safety.

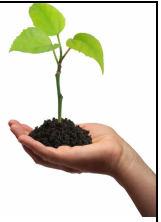
More details will be questioned to the crane operator & need to ask what lever he was operating & what steps he was taking when the cranes arm collapsed.

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The crane was manufactured in 1989 & brought to India in 2007.

The crane had been certified by the by an independent company authorised to certify such cranes.

The AAI will also insist that works like lifting of heavy materials will have to be stimulated for risk assessment to prevent mishaps.

Thanks: The Hindu and Times of India

Photograph:



SEED observing this accident for more than a week in Newspapers and in media. The effort taken by the Construction Company top man and AAI to help the victim family and the injured are good. The top man of the construction company address the Newspaper that **“Hereafter, we will doubly ensure that safety precautions are taken,”** . This kind of positive support from the management to the workman will motivate them to follow the safety norms in the field. **SEED** appreciate the immediate actions taken by the construction company top management and their moral support to the injured and their family.

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