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BSL WORKER DIES IN ACCIDENT

BOKARO: A contract labourer was killed in an accident at the Steel Melting Shop-II of Bokaro Steel Limited (BSL) on Saturday. He has been identified as **Virender Yadav** (33) of Subhash Enterprise.

This was the second such incident at BSL within a span of three days or 72 hours to be precise. Earlier, three persons, including two BSL employees, sustained burn injuries when acid fell on them while being unloaded from a lorry on Thursday. Also, three contract labourers at BSL were killed in various accidents this month. With Yadav's death, the body count has risen to four.

Yadav is a resident of the Labourer Hut Colony. Repair and maintenance work were on at SMS-II. **He was working on a platform about 17 metre from the ground. Somehow, he lost balance and fell after his safety belt broke.** Soon, other workers raised an alarm. Later, Yadav was rushed to Bokaro General Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. He received a grievous injury in the head.

WORKER FALLS TO DEATH IN BOKARO POWER PLANT BOILER

Ranchi, April 20 (IANS) A contract labourer was killed and another injured when they fell in a boiler of the Bokaro Thermal Power Plant in Jharkhand Tuesday, police said. According to police, the two labourers fell in the boiler of plant B of the power plant situated in Bermo block of Bokaro, some 160 km from state capital Ranchi.

The boiler contained burning coal used for power production. Mohammad Saddam died while being taken to hospital. Jay Prakash, whose condition is serious, has been referred to a hospital in Ranchi for treatment.

The incident sparked protests by workers who demonstrated outside the thermal power plant accusing the management of overlooking safety norms

GIRL TRAPPED, KILLED IN DHARAVI BUILDING LIFT

A faulty lift in a slum rehab building at Dharavi killed a seven-year-old girl on Sunday morning. Nivea Nadar was trapped between two floors in the lift of a seven-storeyed Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) building as she prepared to

leave for church with her family for Sunday mass. Nivea, the youngest of Nelson Nadar's (48) four children, was excited about going to Mahim Church with her family for Sunday morning mass. As her mother got dressed, Nivea ran outside the flat and opened the lift's swing door. She was accidentally trapped in the gap between the swing and the collapsible grill door.

For over an hour, fire brigade and police officials tried to rescue her, but she had died by the time she was extricated. She lived with her parents and three older siblings in a fifth-floor flat in the four-year-old Kamraj Housing Society, which is opposite Dharavi police station.

Nelson, who owns a printing press at Sion, said Nivea studied in Class 1 at the Our Lady School at Sion. On Sunday morning, just as opened the lift door and was about to step in, someone pressed the lift button on the fourth floor.

"Her leg was stuck in the gap between the swing and the collapsible doors, and while she was being dragged down, the lift was again called by a sixth-floor resident. In the process, the upper part of her body was trapped on the lift roof while the lower part was left hanging on the fifth floor," said Nelson.

"It is the society's responsibility to maintain the lift and it's their fault that I lost my daughter," he said. Police registered it as accidental death.

"We've detained the sixth-floor resident who called the lift during the time of the incident," said Police Inspector Prakash Sawant of Dharavi police station.

Expertspeak : The delay time relay must have not been working in the SRA building where Nivea (7) got trapped and died, according to experts. "Every lift takes some time to start when the button is pressed. In this case the system must have failed," said Mohammed Afzal, RTI activist who has filed PILs on faults in city lifts.

According to experts the managing committee of a society and the licensed lift maintenance contractor is responsible for faults in lifts. "There should be criminal liability on them in case of an accident like this," he said.

In seven years there have been 35 major and fatal accidents in city lifts, which either occur due to faulty landing gate or electro-mechanical lock.

"The lift inspectors from the PWD should inspect them once in every six months. But there are more than 78,000 lifts in the state and just 16 inspectors," added Afzal.

BIODIESEL PLANT EXPLOSION EXPLAINED

Fifty miles north of Boise, Idaho on Friday, a fire broke out and caused an explosion at the Blue Sky Biodiesel facility. One man, Blaise Black, died and two were injured in the accident. The plant was not yet operational, and the explosion happened while Blue Sky employee Black was welding on top of a biodiesel storage tank. In the end, the entire building was engulfed in flame. Black's father and another man were burned and suffered smoke inhalation. The AP story on the event says that the Blue Sky facility was being converted from an old fruit warehouse and that the smoke from the fire was not believed to be dangerous to the community.



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Last week we reported an explosion at the Blue Sky Biodiesel facility that killed one worker and injured two others. Investigators from the Payette County Sheriff's Office have now released a report on the cause of the explosion that killed 25 year old Blaise Black.

According to the report, the explosion of the steel holding tank had been caused by flammable gases leaking from the glycerin and methanol liquid mix within the tank. The gases escaped from a vent area uncapped at the top of the tank. Black, who was to install a vent tube on the area, inadvertently ignited the vapors when he lit his cutting torch. The coroner determined that Black had died instantly in the resulting explosion