

Containers stacked on shipping vessel fall on 2 trucks at JNPA terminal amid heavy rain; one worker killed, another injured

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Navi Mumbai: One worker was killed while his colleague sustained grievous injuries after four of the eight empty containers stacked on a shipping vessel anchored at the Nhava Sheva Freeport Terminal (NSFT) of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) fell off an anchored vessel at the container berth during heavy rain and gusty winds

around 3.30 am in the Uran taluka on Monday.

The four empty containers landed on two trucks at the terminal, including a truck for collecting hazardous waste. The containers fell on the two workers while they were atop one truck for the assigned work of removing waste oil from the anchored ships and filling it into the truck. The incident occurred when the workers were engaged in loading and unloading of containers on various vessels using rail-mounted quay cranes, among other daily activities at the terminal. While the four containers from an anchored vessel where no activity was going on and unfortunately, the two workers were trapped under one of the four fallen containers due to gusty winds amid heavy rains, informed Suraj Patil, senior inspector of Nhava Sheva police station.

Suraj Patil, senior inspector of Nhava Sheva, said the deceased worker was identified as Amit Kumar Kishor Prasad, 19, who hailed from Bihar, and the injured worker as Naeem, 30, whose full name was not known, who was from Gaziabad.

The incident caused panic among workers. While Prasad was declared brought dead at the Indira Gandhi Rural Govt Hospital in Uran as he got directly crushed under one container, Naeem was admitted to Medicover Hospital in Kharghar. An accidental death report has been registered in the incident.

A JNPA spokesperson said, "In the incident of containers toppling at the NSFT on July 6, causing death of one worker and injury to other worker, JNPA is extending all necessary support to those affected. A detailed investigation, including a comprehensive root-cause analysis, has been initiated. All terminals at JNPA are strictly following the prescribed operational procedures and established safety protocols. No deviation from these procedures is being observed, and all requisite safety measures are being implemented consistently across all terminals."