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**SAFETY ALERT: 01**

**Dhanbad, dated 12.03.2026**

**Subject:** Fatal accident occurred due to hit by tipper at the Surface Miner face of East Cut Turra Coal Bench in Jayant Opencast Project of M/s Northern Coalfields Limited.

1.	Name of Mine	:	Jayant OCP
2.	Name of Owner	:	M/s Northern Coalfields Limited
	District	:	Singrauli
	State	:	Madhya Pradesh
3.	Mineral	:	Coal
4.	Date and time of accident	:	29/01/2026, 05:45 PM
5.	Place of accident	:	Surface Miner Coal Bench, Turra East
6.	Killed	:	Name: Ganga Ram Rajak Designation: Contractor Employee Age: 38 Years Experience: Not Available.
7.	Seriously Injured	:	Nil
8.	Brief Cause	:	On 29.01.2026 at about 17:45 hrs. during the second shift at the Surface Miner face of East Cut Turra Coal Bench, the accident occurred while a tipper, operated by contractual driver Sheri Akhilesg Bais, was being reversed for loading. During the reversing operation, contractor employee Shri Ganga Ram Rajak inadvertently came in close proximity to the moving tipper and was run over below knee. The accident occurred due to unsafe proximity of a person to a reversing vehicle, resulting in serious bodily injury.
9.	Sketch showing the accident:		
10.	Best Practices	:	1. Mandatory Reverse Warning Systems: All tippers must be equipped with: Functional reverse alarm (audible), Reverse horn, Flashing beacon light, Rear-view camera and Proximity detection sensors (where feasible).

		<p>2. Prepare and strictly implement a site-specific Traffic Management Code &amp; traffic rules. Clearly demarcate: Haul roads, Reversing zones, Pedestrian-free zones and Equipment operating areas.</p> <p>3. No-Pedestrian Zone Around Equipment:- Declare a mandatory exclusion zone (minimum 30 meters) around moving equipment and Prohibit entry of unauthorized persons near loading areas.</p> <p>4. Physical Barricading Install: Reflective barricades, Safety cones, berms and create separate pedestrian walkways where necessary.</p> <p>5. Strict SOP for Loading Operations: Develop and enforce SOP covering: Positioning of tipper, Safe distance from Surface Miner, No person allowed behind vehicle and Communication protocol between operator and driver</p> <p>6. Mandatory use for High Visibility PPE: Reflective jackets, Safety helmets, Safety shoes and Especially critical during evening/low visibility shifts.</p>
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