



सत्यमेव जयते

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SAFETY ALERT: 37

Dhanbad, dated 20.02.2026

SUBJECT: Fatal accident occurred due to (cause) **FALL OF SIDES** at Satya Krishna Granite Mine (Opencast Mine) of M/s Satya Krishna Granites.

- Name of Mine : **SATYA KRISHNA GRANITE MINE**
- Name of Owner : M/s Satya Krishna Granites
(Owner: Shri M. Venkateshwara Rao)
- District : Bapatla
- State : Andhra Pradesh
- Mineral : Granite
- Date and time of accident : 03.08.2025 & 10:30Hrs
- Place of accident : At the bottom of the quarry
- Killed :

SN	NAME	DESIGNATION	AGE	EXPERIENCE
1	Danda Badatya	Driller	48	Not Available
2	Banamali Behera	Driller	30	Not Available
3	Tukuna Dalai	Driller	37	Not Available
4	Bhaskar Bishoyi	Driller	40	Not Available
5	Santosh Gouda	Driller	36	Not Available
6	Musa Jena	Driller	43	Not Available

- Seriously Injured :

SN	NAME	DESIGNATION	AGE	EXPERIENCE
1	Shiba Gouda	Driller	41	Not Available
2	Alok Naik	Driller	39	Not Available

- Brief Cause : While a group of 14 persons were engaged for drilling & chiseling a granite block on the floor of a lowermost bench of 8 m height at a distance of about 21 m on the western side from the toe of overlying 55 m high bench in an opencast granite mine, a block of granite from the side of high bench with the average size of 14 m x 4.5 m x 0.87 m (about 55m³) got separated from a height of about 23 m & fell on the floor of the bench and broken into pieces; further these pieces fell over the persons working at the lowermost bench, inflicting fatal injuries to six persons and serious bodily injuries to two persons while others escaped with minor injuries.

9. Sketch showing the accident :



10. Best Practices :

1. Maintain permissible bench height, width and overall slope angle to prevent side fall.
2. Carry out periodic geotechnical assessment of high benches, especially benches exceeding safe heights.
3. Avoid formation of very high composite benches, stable benches wherever feasible.
4. Ensure thorough scaling of loose, overhanging and cracked rock from bench faces before allowing work below.
5. Conduct scaling: After blasting, After heavy rains and After prolonged inactivity
6. Use mechanized scaling equipment; prohibit manual scaling from unsafe positions.
7. Prohibit deployment of manpower at lower benches within the rockfall zone of upper benches.
8. Clearly demarcate and barricade no-entry zones with warning signage.
9. Follow top-down working principle, Do not carry out drilling, chiseling, or block extraction at lower benches when unstable high benches exist above.
10. Ensure that upper bench operations and stabilization are completed before work is taken up below.

***Safety Alert**, a tool utilized by DGMS, informs the mining industry about potential safety issues and offers recommendations to prevent such incident.