

2 workers fall into manhole while cleaning sewer, die

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MUMBAI: Two contractual municipal workers died while clearing a sewage pipeline in Kandivli east on Monday afternoon. Two accidental death cases have been recorded at Samta Nagar police station.

Another labourer who sustained injuries in the incident has been admitted to hospital.

The incident took place around 3 pm near Cambridge School at Thakur Complex. "The workers — Mehboob Kumari (40) and Kari Narsimha (30) — were trying to clear a water-logged sewage pipe when they fell into a manhole," said senior inspector Dilip Yadav.

The fire brigade was summoned and the workers were pulled out after some time. They were taken to a public hospital where doctors pronounced them dead around 5 pm.

Police officials said Kumari and Narsimha were from Telangana. In Mumbai, they lived in Kandarpada slums in Dahisar west. Both had been hired by a private contractor.

A local said that work on the pipeline had been going on for the last few days. The labourers found some congestion in it on Monday. They opened a manhole nearby to examine the problem. "One of the labourers used a rope to go inside. The other stepped in as there was no response from the first labourer for some time," the resident.