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## 3 workers die while cleaning manhole in Bengaluru



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### Passer-by informs police of incident; sewerage board official says he is shocked

Three workers, including a supervisor, attached to a Hyderabad-based company, chosen on contract by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), died allegedly due to asphyxiation after they entered a manhole for repairs in Kaggadasapura Main Road near C.V. Raman Nagar around 12.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

BWSSB officials said the contractor carried out the repair work without informing them.

### 'Not aware'

"We are shocked; there was no need for them to carry it out at night. We will file a case against the contractor and suitable compensation will be given to the victims' families" said a senior BWSSB official.

The sanitation workers' union staged a protest demanding action against contractors and BWSSB officials.

K.J. George, Minister for Bengaluru Development and Town Planning, Mayor G. Padmavathi and Minister for Social Welfare H. Anjaneya visited the mortuary. A solatium of ₹10 lakh was announced for the families of the victims.

### 'Families informed'

personnel recovered the bodies from the manhole about an hour later and they were taken to Bowring and Bay Hospital for post-mortem. "Their families have been informed," said a police officer.

A case has been registered under Section 304 of the IPC (punishment for culpable homicide). "The FIR was registered against BWSSB and the contractor," said a police officer.

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