



Fire officers inspect the McDonald's restaurant at Gopalan Arcade mall in Rajarajeshwari Nagar on Mysuru Road after fire broke out in its kitchen on Monday. (Left) A woman guard and a shopper have covered their faces as protection from the smoke. DH PHOTOS

Fire in Gopalan Arcade mall guts shops, choked shoppers panic

Flames started in McDonald's kitchen; salesman injured

BENGALURU: Morning shoppers rushed out in panic as fire broke out in the kitchen of a fast food restaurant at the Gopalan Arcade shopping mall on Mysuru Road and spread to two upper floors on Monday.

The flames engulfed an electronic appliance store as well as an apparel showroom, destroying goods worth lakhs of rupees and wounding a salesman.

Firemen used aerial ladders to reach the upper floors, break the windowpanes and douse the flames.

Short circuit

The fire, suspected to have been caused by short circuit, started around 10.30 am in the kitchen of McDonald's restaurant on the ground floor of the

Mall was issued notice last month

Gopalan Arcade Mall was one of the premier shopping malls in the City to have been issued notice in the first week of January by the Fire and Emergency Services Department for violating the National Building Code of India guidelines. "The deadline was extended and it will expire in about a week's time. We will initiate action against the managements of those malls which fail to comply with. We will recommend the Bescom to disconnect power supply such malls," said Director General of the Fire and Emergency Services, M N Reddi.

The department's audit report had indicated that the drive ways of the malls were encroached upon for storage or parking purposes, violating the guidelines and thereby obstructing the free movement of emergency vehicles during emergency.

A large number of paper boxes stored in the restaurant caught fire and led to its rapid spread to neighbouring stores and the upper floors. Eatables were destroyed. The smoke and flames soon spread all over, police said.

Within minutes, the fire caught Pai International Electronics store on the first floor and Brand Factory outlet on the second floor.

Chaos prevailed for a while as the mall management dis-

connected the power supply. Covered in a thick cloud of smoke and with no power, the mall plunged into darkness.

Nearly 150 staff members and more than 200 shoppers panicked and ran out, police said.

Four fire tenders rushed

The staff of individual stores tried to douse the fire with water, but in vain. They called the fire control room around 10.50 am. Soon, 30 firemen arrived

in four fire tenders. Using aerial ladders, they reached the Pai International Electronics store by breaking its windowpanes and doused the fire.

Not only were electronic appliances gutted in the fire, Mohammad, a salesman at the store, was also wounded when he stepped on broken glass while trying to douse the fire with a water pipe, said his colleague Suresh. He was taken to hospital and his condition is stable.

Readymade garments in the Brand Factory store were gutted, too. The Gopalan Cinemas multiplex had just started screening the morning shows. The staff were alerted immediately and the screening was stopped. The viewers were ushered out safely. The fire was controlled by noon.

No major casualty happened as the mall management had ensured fire safety measures, said Chief Fire Force Officer (East), Basavanna.

The mall's general manager, Rajendra, said the situation was back to normal by evening as the staff cleaned all the floors and cleared the burnt stuff.

DH News Service

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Mall faces threat of power cut after fire breaks out in eatery

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: The fire and emergency services department has decided to ask Bescom to disconnect power supply to a west Bengaluru mall where a fire broke out on Monday morning.

Gopalan Arcade Mall in RR Nagar, Mysuru Road was among the 19 malls which had been issued notices by the department to implement fire-safety measures. Last week, BBMP extended the 15-day deadline by another 15 days for the malls to fall in line.

Monday's fire broke out at 10.45am in the chimney of a global eatery chain's outlet. While the outlet is located on the ground floor, the chimney is on the first floor. Flames leapt out of the chimney, prompting the mall authorities to make a call to the fire control room.

Smoke billowing out of the chimney found its way into an adjacent multi-brand retail showroom, triggering panic in the mall. Four fire tenders from RR Nagar and Byatarayanapura fire stations were rushed to spot and the blaze was doused by 12pm. But the showroom was filled with smoke till evening. Though no casualties were reported, the eatery was partially gutted.

Preliminary investigation revealed that mall had failed to abide by the safety norms. "The fire was caused by a short-circuit. The kitchen was swamped with highly inflammable objects," fire personnel said.

Vaibhav Kumar, an eyewitness said the staffers did their best to

BBMP DRAGS FEET OVER ERRANT HIGHRISES

The fire and emergency services department sent an alert to BBMP last December saying that 52 multistorey buildings, including commercial structures like malls, hadn't implemented fire-safety norms even after the mandatory 90-day deadline given to them. The department had sought withdrawal of occupation certificates provided to these buildings by BBMP. But no action was taken. The issue figured in the BBMP council meeting last week.

Mayor Manjunath Reddy said he will take immediate action and occupational certificates of violators will be withdrawn. He said he has instructed officials to prepare a detailed report.

SAFETY STANDARDS

- A highrise should have a minimum setback area of 5 metres around the building so that fire tenders are able to move freely
- Parking lot should not be built on setback area; neither should business establishments come up here
- Eateries using LPG cylinders should have ample space for air and light
- Construction should be done according to plan submitted to BBMP



IN VIOLATION: Firefighters douse the blaze at the eatery in Gopalan Arcade Mall in RR Nagar. Preliminary investigation revealed the mall had failed to abide by safety norms

douse the fire by pouring water and using fire extinguishers but to no avail.

According to neighbouring shopowners, the mall is not equipped with an adequate number of fire extinguishers. "Luckily, fire tenders reached the spot quickly. Otherwise, it could have been a major problem," they said.

MN Reddi, director general of

police (fire and emergency services), had served notices to 19 malls, including Gopalan Arcade, directing them to follow safety rules. He said he will request Bescom to snap power supply to the mall. "A notice was served for encroaching upon the fire vehicle driveway in the setback area. Mall officials did not clear it even 15 days after receiving the notice. It is high time legal ac-

tion is initiated against them. We will request Bescom to disconnect supply till the mall authorities act," he told TOI. Mall authorities were not available for comment.

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Fire breaks out at eatery in Mysuru Road mall

STAFF REPORTER

BENGALURU: An eatery in Gopalan Arcade Mall, R.R. Nagar, Mysuru Road, was gutted after a fire broke out in its kitchen on Monday morning. The fire was reported around 10.45 a.m. and was put out before it could spread to other shops. No one was injured.

Four fire tenders were rushed to the spot from the nearby Byatarayanapura Fire Station and they managed to put out the fire around noon. The fire broke out in the chimney of the kitchen of the McDonald's on the first floor. Seeing the dense smoke coming out of the kitchen, the

workers and customers ran out to safety. Basavanna, chief fire officer, East range, who led the fire tending operation, told *The Hindu* that there was sedimentary segregation of oil in the chimney, which caught fire while a chef was cooking on the stove. "These fires are common and not triggered by short circuit. It took an hour to put it out only because of the oil sedimentation in the chimney. The fire died down after all the oil in the chimney was burnt up," he said.

The fire also gutted the false ceiling of the eatery and damaged a portion of an electronics and home appliances store on the floor above.



Fire and Emergency Services personnel dousing the fire at Gopalan Arcade Mall in Bengaluru on Monday. — PHOTO: BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Duty-free Capital Goods' Imports Banned for Power Projects to Push Make in India

Desi Angle

Govt bans duty-free imports of capital goods for power generation & transmission projects



- Ban under EPCG scheme
- Move to give a boost to local manufacturers facing competition from imports
- In April-Dec 2015, electrical machinery & equipment worth \$4.7 billion was imported
- This was a 4.4% growth over previous yr

Embargo under EPCG scheme to benefit KEC Intl, BHEL, Alstom India

Our Bureau

New Delhi: The government has banned duty-free imports of capital goods for power generation and transmission projects under the Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme, providing a push to their domestic manufacture. This will benefit companies like BHEL, Alstom India and KEC Intl.

Under the Foreign Trade Policy, the EPCG scheme allows import of capital goods for preproduction, production and post-production at zero customs duty.

The incentive was provided to spur investments and exports.

The government on Monday amended this clause to withdraw the benefit, providing a boost to domestic manufacturers that had been facing stiff competition from imports. "Authorization under EPCG scheme shall not be issued for import of any capital goods for generation/transmission of power (including captive plants and power generator sets)," the Directorate General of Foreign Trade said in a notification. "Import of

capital goods is not permitted under EPCG Scheme for generation/transmission of power."

In April-December 2015, India imported electrical machinery and equipment worth \$4.7 billion, a 4.4% growth over previous year.

The EPCG scheme allowed import of capital goods, including spares for pre-production, production and post-production at zero duty subject to an export obligation of six times the duty saved on capital goods imported under the scheme, to be fulfilled in six years.

The scheme had also been under a cloud for abuse. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has found cases of second-hand goods being imported and benefit claimed.

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Technical snags mar YTPS trial run

RAICHUR, DHNS: Technical snags hit the trial run of the Yermarus Thermal Power Station (YTPS) near Raichur on Monday. "All the tests related to ignition were conducted for the whole day. But the tests could not be completed and hence the trial run will again be taken up on Tuesday," said Lakshman Kabade, Chief Engineer, YTPS. He said that the tests were being conducted using light diesel oil and heavy fuel oil.

Two thermal power units each of 800 MW have been set up at Yermarus at a cost of Rs 9,000 crore.

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Tiger activists oppose net plan for power stations

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"Out of the 10 km distance between both the places, about 8 km of area passes through the Kulgi Wildlife Range under the core area of Kali Tiger Reserve. This is in complete violation of the Wildlife Act. As per NTCA, new works like road widening, digging, construction has to be approved by MoEF or NTCA well in advance. But NTCA has clarified that it has not approved any proposal to lay cables between these places," explained a conservationist from Sirsi.

Apart from this, another user agency, too, has started digging up between

Ambikanagar and Bhagavathi - a distance of about 15 km - to lay optical fibre cables without getting any prior approval from the NTCA.

Director of Kali Tiger Reserve K Srinivasulu said, "The rule is very clear that no new works can be taken up. Only repair or maintenance works of the existing setup may be taken up. Similarly, the cables too have been laid in the existing place where the agencies have already laid telephone and other communication cables." However, with the matter reaching out to NTCA, the officials in Bengaluru have ordered a field report about the entire incident.

2/2/2016
PRODUCT WATCH

The New Indian Express
LED BULBS FOR ₹99

Online retailer Snapdeal has joined hands with State-run Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) for selling LED bulbs at ₹99 per unit. EESL is implementing the Centre's Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme (DELP). The partnership enables the government to increase its distribution reach for LED bulbs and strengthen the cause of the DELP programme - promote efficient lighting, enhance awareness on using LED to reduce electricity bill, and increase efficiency in domestic energy consumption. Under DELP, the government wants to replace all the 77 crore incandescent bulbs sold in India with LED bulbs. This will result in reduction of 20,000 MW load, energy savings of 105 billion KWh and Green House Gas (GHG) emissions savings of 80 million tonnes every year. The annual saving in electricity bills will be ₹40,000 crore, considering an average tariff of ₹4 per kWh.



Times of India 27/02/16
SHORT CUTS

Now, paper and pencil to generate electricity

A small device made from paper, pencil and a teflon tape can generate enough electricity to operate a remote control. A team from Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne in Switzerland, working with researchers from University of Tokyo, used them to make a tiny device that can generate more than 3 volts of power. The simple, eco-friendly and inexpensive system can produce the same current as two AA batteries - enough to operate a remote control.

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Snapdeal to push for LED bulb scheme

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: You don't have to worry about burning a hole in your wallet for LED (light emitting diode) bulbs. You can now snap one up at Rs 99 with a few clicks of the mouse, with the government joining the retail bandwagon to take its Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme (DELP) to people's doorstep.

Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL), a special purpose vehicle formed by state-run companies under the power ministry, has tied up with Snapdeal, one of the major online marketplaces in the country, for selling these energy-efficient bulbs.

EESL is implementing Modi government's programme to financially assist consumers to replace less efficient CFL or incandescent lights with latest LED bulbs. The scheme is aimed at saving thousands of crores for consumers and reducing demand as well as carbon emission. A tie-up with Snapdeal would help government expand its marketing and distribution reach over 5,000 cities and towns to push use of LED bulbs beyond DELP. EESL has so far distributed nearly 5.6 crore bulbs.

The government wants to replace all 77 crore incandescent bulbs sold in India with LED bulbs.

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Energy dept's internet connectivity plan for power stations up against tiger activists

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The state energy department's plan to provide internet connectivity to its power generating units has run head-on into tiger conservationists who fear that the cable-laying works taken up within the tiger reserves could disturb the habitat of the big cats.

The digging works for laying optical fibre cables to connect Nagihari Power Station with the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) in Ambikanagar (a distance of 10 Km) has been opposed by the tiger conservationists as works along 8 km fall within the Kali Tiger Reserve in Dandeli.

Nagihari is the second hydroelectric power station built across the river Kali in the Western Ghats. The power station consisting six generating units has an installed capacity of about 855 Mw. With the energy department in Karnataka implementing SCADA system (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) linking all generating stations with transmission centres, the linking of Nagihari unit with KPCL exchange for ready telecast of power generation details is being viewed as crucial.

However, the conservationists have complained to the National Tiger



The digging works for laying optical fibre cables has been opposed by the tiger conservationists

Conservatory Authority (NTCA) that this could disturb the tiger habitat; and the NTCA has now called for a detailed project report.

According to eye witnesses, a 2.5-foot-deep trench has been dug along the entire stretch with cable bundles at regular intervals. Documents made available under RTI by the NTCA have revealed that no prior permission was obtained to lay the cables.

Sources in the forest department told Bangalore Mirror that work on laying optical fibre cables between Nagihari power station and the KPCL exchange commenced a month ago.

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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಕಂಪನಿ ನಿಯಮಿತ
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ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಜರಾಗುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅಂತಿಮ ಕರೆ

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Short Tender Notification (Through e-procurement)

BESCOM re-invites tender for supply of various size of 1.1 Kv armoured copper control cables. Enq. No. : BCP-917/15-16 Name of the Material : 2Cx2.5 Sqmm, 2Cx4 Sqmm, 2Cx6 Sqmm, 4Cx6 Sqmm, 10Cx2.5 Sqmm, 14Cx2.5 Sqmm. Quantity (Kms) : 21, 07, 18, 19, 07, 10 respectively. Total : 82 Kms. Approx. Amount Put to Tender in Lakhs : 96.52 Bid documents available from : 02.02.2016 Last date for bid submission : 11.02.2016, 15.00 hrs. Opening of Bid documents : 12.02.2016, 15.15 hrs. All the payments such as tender cost, EMD etc shall be made through e-payment mode. Further, bidders can take assistance with e-procurement help desk at 080-25501216 and 080-25501227 or website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

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