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Techie dies while using phone plugged to charger

Handset, socket remain intact

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BENGALURU: A 31-year-old techie was found dead under mysterious circumstances at his flat in a private apartment building at Bilekahalli on Friday night.

The doctors suspect that he was electrocuted while charging his mobile phone when in use. The police are waiting for the post-mortem report to ascertain the exact cause of death.

The deceased is Shailendra Raghuvamshi, a native of Bhopal. He was working as a software engineer in a private company. Raghuvamshi had come to the city nine months ago and was living with his wife and sister-in-law.

Earphones on

Around 11.30 pm, after he returned from work, Raghuvamshi noticed that there was no charge in his mobile phone battery. He went to his bedroom and plugged in the phone for charging. Simultaneously, Raghuvamshi plugged in the earphones and started watching a video on

the phone, police said.

His wife and sister-in-law who were in the drawing room called out for Raghuvamshi, but there was no response. They assumed that he was busy at work. After a few minutes, they again called him, but there was no response. They went to the bedroom and found him lying on the floor.

Hospitalised

They tried to wake him up, but in vain. They shifted him to a nearby hospital where doctors said Raghuvamshi's condition was serious and referred him to another hospital. They shifted him to Sagar Hospital near Tilak Nagar, where he was declared brought dead, police said.

A senior police officer said, "Doctors suspect that he was electrocuted. On checking with his family, they said that he was charging his mobile phone and at the same time, he was watching a video with earphones on. So, there are chances that he suffered an electric shock and died. But the mobile phone was not damaged and so, the cause of

death is not clear. The body has been sent for post-mortem and the report is awaited."

Socket checked

"The mobile phone, earphones and the charger have been recovered from his house and sent to the forensic sciences laboratory. Raghuvamshi was using a Samsung phone. The electrical socket was also checked and there was no damage to it," the officer said.

A case of unnatural death has been registered at the Mico Layout police station and investigation is on.

DH News Service

Azure Power wins 50 MW solar project auction

BENGALURU, DHNS: Azure Power, a leading solar power producer in India, has announced that it won a 50 MW solar power project under the National Solar Mission (NSM) phase II batch III, which was recently put up for auction by Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI).

The company, which is based in New Delhi, secured 50 MW of the total 100 MW capacity auctioned and will supply power to SECI for 25 years. The project will be built in the Ananthapuramu Solar Park, which is being developed by the Solar Park Implementation Agency (SPIA), Andhra Pradesh Solar Power Corporation (APSPCL).

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Power target: Panel punches holes in Centre's claims

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Punching holes in the Centre's claims that it has overachieved the capacity addition target in the power sector for the 12th Plan period by adding around 88,928.2MW as against the target of 88,537MW till October 31, 2016, a high level Parliamentary panel has noted that the overall target is being achieved due to 'overachievement' of targets assigned to the private sector for the entire Plan period.

In its report, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy, which, incidentally, is led

by BJP MP Virendra Kumar, has noted that the share of capacity addition assigned to the state-owned entities was a meagre 26,182MW, out of which it was able to achieve only 14,692MW, a poor 56 per cent till March 31, 2016.

The panel has made its observations on the basis to the capacity addition figures provided to it by the power ministry for the period till March 31, 2016.

It presented its report to Parliament on December 15, which was the penultimate day of the Winter Session.

The ministry in its year ending review for 2016 has claimed that during

the 12th Plan period, the capacity addition of about 88,928.2MW was achieved against the actual target of 88,537MW from conventional sources, till October 31, 2016.

The Parliamentary panel has struck down the Centre's claim that though the Centrally-owned entities may have fallen short of the targets for the 12th Plan period (2012-2017), the overall target of 88,537MW is going to be achieved, by observing that it "is not acceptable".

The Centre made this claim before the committee on the basis of the figures available till March 2016.

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Harnessing solar energy should become a practice at least in places where consumption of electricity is on the higher side. The HAL Airport has taken up this praiseworthy task (Solar plant at HAL Airport - DC, Dec. 24). This should be made mandatory for government and private high rise buildings. Tapping solar energy is inevitable in the wake of poor output by hydel projects owing to deficient rainfall, short supply of quality coal to thermal stations, and activists up in arms against using nuclear source.

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