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ठाण्याच्या बागळे इस्टेटमधील ब्लेड वनविष्णार्या विद्युत मेटॅलिकस
(पनामा) कंपनीला सोमवारी पहाटे भीषण आग लागली.
सायंकाळपर्यंत ही आग पूर्णपणे विझली नव्हती. या आगीत
कोटयवधीचे नुकसान झाल्याचा अंदाज आहे. या कंपनीत कामगार व
व्यवस्थापन यांच्यात संघर्ष सुरू आहे. छाया : दीपक जोशी

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Blade firm up in flames, ten godowns gutted

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Thane: A mystery fire destroyed Vidyut Metallics, a company manufacturing Supermax blades, early on Monday and reduced to ruin all 10 godowns, production units and machinery valued at crores of rupees.

At the time of the fire, 70 workers were on the premises for their night shift but were evacuated safely before the blaze spread, chief fire officer Vijay Vaidya said.

The factory is located on a prime locality at Wagle industrial estate. The company has for long been involved in a dispute with its labour union, which had opposed the management's move to relocate the unit to Himachal Pradesh.

According to Vaidya, only a police probe would unravel the mystery. "It's a strange case as the blaze started at six different spots almost simultaneously at around 2 am. An investigation by the police will help determine the real reason for the fire," Vaidya told TOI.

Repeated attempts to contact the top management of Vidyut Metallics failed to elicit any response. HR manager Subhash Choudhary insisted on knowing the designation of this correspondent when asked for an official



REDUCED TO ASHES: Production units and machinery valued at crores of rupees were destroyed at the Wagle industrial estate. All the workers were evacuated

statement and subsequently claimed that Choudhary was in a meeting.

Vaidya said the fire ripped through godowns and boiler units. The flames brought down a three-storeyed structure as the iron girders gave way because of the heat.

More than 50 firefighters battled the blaze as private water tankers were brought throughout the night to douse the flames. Shiv Sena MLA Eknath Shinde, mayor Ashok Vaiti and Congress corporator Manoj Shinde assisted locals and the fire brigade in retrieving boxes of finished

goods and some machinery.

It took the fire brigade personnel more than seven hours to bring the flames under control. "We used foam to extinguish the fire as there were a lot of inflammable things such as corrugated boxes, plastic granules and even two diesel tanks. However, we managed to restrict the fire to the premises," Vaidya added.

As a precautionary measure, the authorities had evacuated residents of the 70-plus hutments, which had come up around the company premises.

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For 16 hours, fire rages at Thane razor packaging unit

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THANE: A twin-blade razor packaging unit of Vidhyut Metallics Pvt Ltd in Wagle Estate was gutted in fire that broke out around 2 am on Monday.

The fire raged on for nearly 16 hours but no casualties were reported. Fire officials said that preliminary reports suggested it was caused due to a short circuit.

"The cause is yet to be ascertained. The fire broke out in the

ground floor of the factory. There were plastics, corrugated boxes due to which the fire spread to the first floor. There was a diesel tank, which we were able to save from the fire."

"Twelve fire tenders from Thane, two each from Navi Mumbai and Bhiwandi and one from Mira-Bhayander were pressed into service. There were no workers at the unit barring security officials. Residents of nearby chawls were evacuated," said deputy fire officer (Thane) Arvind Mandke.

"A report of accidental fire

has been registered at the Wagle Estate police station. We will carry out a separate detailed investigation into this," said Dr Vinaykumar Rathod, assistant commissioner of police (Wagle division of Zone V).

Roshan Nazereth, general manager (human resources) of the company, said, "Our audit team is calculating the loss."

The firm employs nearly 850 workers, mostly women, at the packaging unit. Some workers and fire officials raised doubts on why it took so long to douse the blaze.



Firemen try to douse the blaze that broke out at a razor packaging unit of Vidhyut Metallics in Thane's Wagle Estate on Monday morning. **PRAFUL GANGURDE**

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■ ३० पाण्याचे टँकर ■ ५५ ते ६० अग्निशमन अधिकारी व कर्मचारी



ठाणे, दि. २६ (प्रतिनिधी) - जगप्रसिद्ध विद्युत मेटॅलिक्स कंपनीच्या वागळे इस्टेट येथील प्लॅन्टला आज पहाटे अचानक भीषण आग लागली. कंपनीतील कामगार लागलीच बाहेर पडल्याने सुदैवाने जीवितहानी टळली. मात्र, आगीत कंपनीचे करोडो रुपयांचे नुकसान झाले आहे. ठाणे अग्निशमन दलाने सुमारे १६ तास झुंज देऊन ही आग आटोक्यात आणली.

सुपरमॅक्स ब्लेडचे उत्पादन करणाऱ्या विद्युत मेटॅलिक्स कंपनीचा वागळे इस्टेट आणि तीन हात नाका येथे प्लॅन्ट सुरू आहे. सोमवारी पहाटे २.१५च्या सुमारास वागळे इस्टेट प्लॅन्टमध्ये एकाच वेळी तीन ते चार ठिकाणी आग लागली. आग पाहून त्या वेळी कंपनीत काम करणारे सुमारे ७० कामगार लागलीच बाहेर पडले. या घटनेचे वृत्त कळताच ठाणे अग्निशमन

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या आगीत सुमारे आठ मोठ्या झाडांचा बुंधा आणि पाने पूर्णपणे जळाली आहेत. झाडाची पाने जळाल्याने ही कोणती झाडे होती, हे समजू शकत नाही.

दलाने घटनास्थळी धाव घेतली.

दाढीचे ब्लेड (रेझर) तयार करणाऱ्या कंपनीत प्लॅस्टिकचा वापर केला जातो. या प्लॅस्टिकमुळेच आग अधिक भडकली आणि कंपनीतील यंत्रसामग्रीसह सर्वच साहित्य जळून खाक झाले. ही आग इतकी भयानक होती की, कंपनीच्या शेडचे लोखंडी अँगल वितळून वाकले. त्यामुळे शेड पूर्णपणे खाली कोसळ-

ली. तसेच आवारातील मोठी झाडेही आगीत जळाली. सुमारे १६ तासांच्या अवधीनंतर ही आग विझविण्यात ठाणे अग्निशमन दलाला यश आले. या आगीचे वाढते स्वरूप पाहून कंपनी लगत असलेल्या झोपडपट्टी रहिवाशांना तात्पुरते स्थलांतरित करण्यात आले.

नवी मुंबई, भिवंडी, भाईंदर अग्निशमन दलाची यासाठी मदत घेण्यात आली. स्थानिक नागरिक आणि लोकप्रतिनिधींनीही आग विझविण्यासाठी सहकार्य केले. कंपनीतील दोन डिझेलच्या टाक्या वाचविण्यात यश आल्याने मोठे संकट टळले. आगीचे कारण अद्याप समजू शकलेले नसून त्याचा तपास सुरू आहे, असे ठाणे अग्निशमन दलाचे मुख्य अधिकारी विजय वैद्य यांनी सांगितले. मात्र, कंपनीचे व्यवस्थापक शंतनू गोस्वामी यांनी काहीही बोलण्यास नकार दिला.

Fire doused, cooling ops on

MUMBAI: MORE than 24 hours after a major fire broke out at the Devidayal Compound near Reay Road on Sunday, the cooling operations are still on. The cause of the fire is still not known, said A N Shinde, deputy chief fire officer.

A fireman was injured during the operation and is admitted to KEM Hospital, said Shinde.

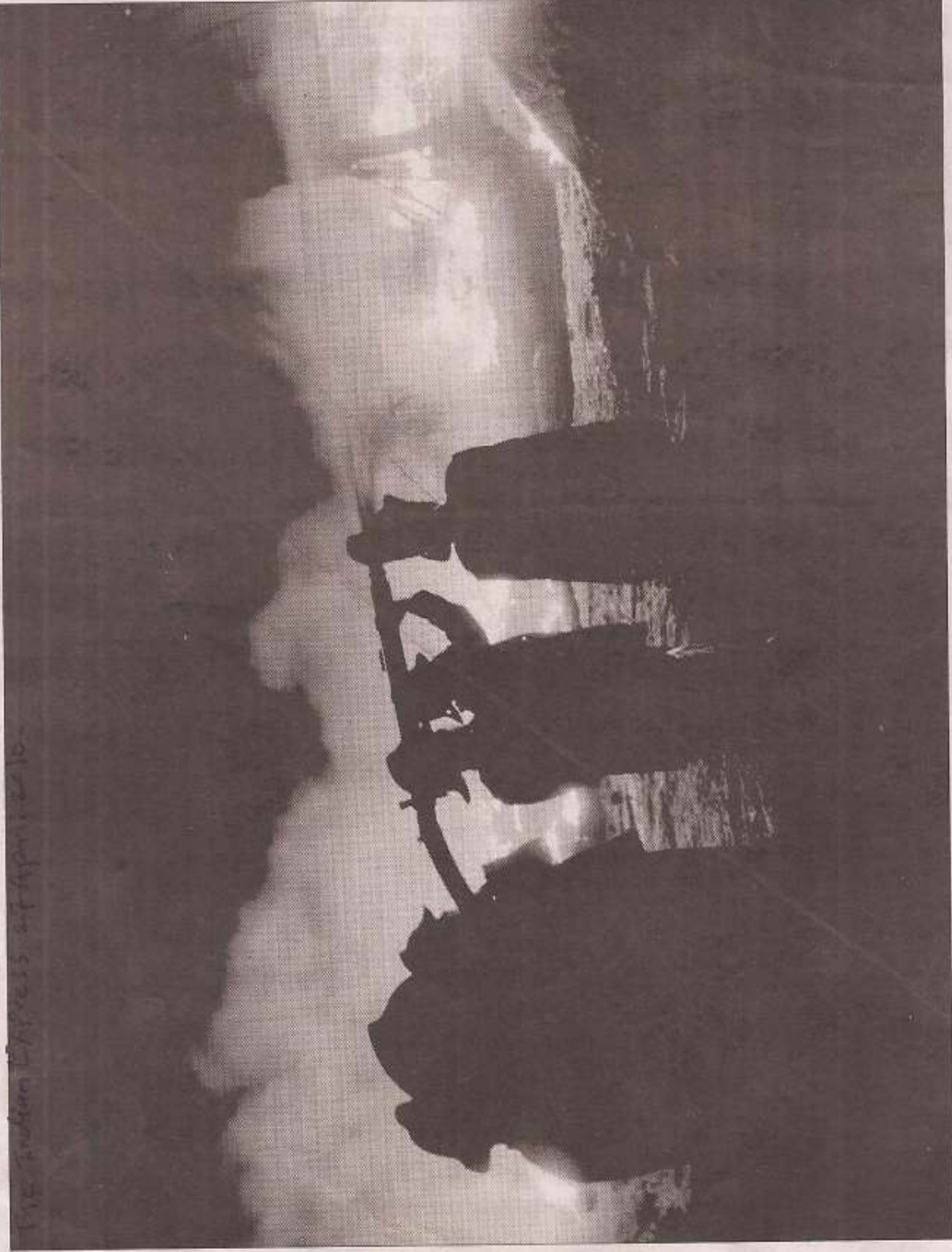
It took around seven hours to bring the fire under control, said a fire official.

About 10,000-12,000 sq ft of area was damaged or burnt in the fire, said Shinde. The loss will run into crores or rupee, said an insurance surveyor.

"There are some inflammable materials in the godowns," said the fire department official. "We will tell the owners and workers to empty the godowns to avert fire mishaps again here." The BMC plans to keep a fire unit on the spot for one more day.

The fire brigade had dispatched 18 fire engines, 12 jumbo tankers and 12 water tankers to douse the fire. Devidayal Compound houses godowns of 25-30 companies, said Shripal Shah, owner of a godown in the Devidayal Compound.

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Firemen carry out cooling operations at Devidayal Compound on Monday