

Thursday, three fire engines were dispatched to the site. The official said the fire started from the second floor. **ENS**

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blaze, but the fire spread quickly to the rest of the building.

The supervisor of the factory, Dhananjay Kumar Chaubey, also reached the spot.

Police said while firefighters were trying to douse the flames on the third floor, there was an explosion on the second floor.

The roof crumbled, trapping five persons under the debris.

Police said the persons were identified as fire station officer

Police sources said the factory owner and other workers have been questioned. The factory was set up in 1988 and presently employs around 40 workers, police sources said.

Meanwhile, factory workers said it took fire tenders some time to reach the spot. K K Jain, another factory owner, said: "The fire engines were delayed due to poor management of vehicle parking in the lane."

"Vijender was a dedicated fireman and used to give his hundred percent every time he was on duty. Ours was a 24-hour shift so we used to talk a lot. I still cannot believe he is no longer with us," said his colleague Triok Sharma.

Chief Fire Officer, Atul Garg, told *The Indian Express* that Pal's family will be given Rs 25 lakh as compensation from the depart-

Fireman Vijender Pal joined the Delhi Fire Services in 1996. **Express**

ment's fund. "As he died while on duty, the Delhi government may give Rs 1 crore to his family — which is a part of their scheme," Garg said.

21 years attended. He was transferred from Nagpur station. "He passed away during evening on Wednesday on the roof of a building. The police were burying him in the office

Capital's largest archaeological park to get a new name — Indraprastha

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MONTHS AFTER a proposal was floated to rename the Teen Murti Marg as Teen Murti Haifa Marg, after a city in Israel, comes another renaming in the capital. The Dinpanah Archaeological Park, the largest such park in the heart of Delhi, will soon be known as Indraprastha Archaeological Park.

In late 2014, the DDA had proposed that Delhi's fourth archaeological park be named after Dinpanah — the historical city set up by Mughal emperor Humayun. While the other three parks in the city — Mehrauli, Sultangarhi and Tughlakabad — were already notified in the Delhi Master Plan (MPD) 2021, the DDA proposed the inclusion of Dinpanah at a later stage, during the 14th meeting of the Advisory Group on Review of



The Dinpanah park includes the Purana Qila. **Express**

MPD 2021 in August 2014.

Spread over 800 acres, the Dinpanah Archaeological Park comprises the Purana Qila area, with nearly 100 monuments and a lush green forest. The DDA aimed to bring together various stakeholders such as the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), the National Monument Authority, the Central Public Works Department, the Ministry

of Environment, Delhi Urban Heritage Foundation and the Aga Khan Trust for Culture to carry out the planned development of the area and enhance visitor experience. Dinpanah, in fact, is bigger than the other three archaeological parks.

The nomenclature had raised the ire of certain sections.

Neera Mishra, Chairperson-Trustee of Delhi-based Draupadi Heritage Trust, an organisation that promotes arts and culture, had sent letters to the ASI, Ministry of Culture, and to Urban Development Minister Venkaiah Naidu, registering her objections as an "Indian citizen and conservationist" to the area being named as Dinpanah, contending that archaeology is not just built heritage, but also remains/signs of the "lost built heritage". She requested the government to consider the area's links to the Mahabharata era rather than the Mughal empire,

which came much later.

Consequently, the ASI had sent a letter to the DDA vice-chairman, on August 11, 2015, a copy of which is with *The Indian Express*, saying, "This has reference to naming of the archaeological park in the Purana Qila area, it is informed that the area had archaeological evidence going back to 1,000BC, and witnessed several cultural and dynastic strains. The Ministry of Culture and ASI have examined the issue and opined that it would be in the fitness of things to name this as Indraprastha Archaeological Park."

Though the DDA has not notified the name change till date, it is likely to do so soon. Both Manju Paul, Director (Planning), DDA, and Manisha Gupta, Senior Architect, DDA, confirmed to *The Indian Express* that the renaming is in the offing. However, they refused to offer any time frame for the notification to be issued for the same.

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AMONG UNPAID WAGES, TWO WORKERS SET THEMSELVES ON FIRE IN EAST CHAMPARAN

Jantar Mantar, sugar mill workers from Motihari

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The country was busy celebrating the centenary of the country's earliest tax-satyaagraha in April. Two mill workers in a small town in Bihar were staging a protest — demanding the payment of wages for the last 134 days. They set themselves on fire to demand their death. Later, sugar mill workers from Motihari have as-

sembled at Jantar Mantar to demand a CBI inquiry into the deaths of their fellow workers, Naresh Srivastava and Suraj Baittha.

"We had spread the word and informed all authorities about their protest yet no one helped us save Naresh and Suraj when they set themselves on fire on April 10," said Vinod Singh, joint secretary of the Mazdoor Sangh Union. Instead, the group of 25 workers Thursday alleged, police forces came to the spot after the incident and fired at protesters, lathi-charged them and lobbed tear gas shells at them.

"The sugar mill company

owes us a total of Rs 75 crore since it shut down in 2002. The owner is from one of the wealthiest industrial families in the country. That is why we have not been able to take out our wages. No one is investigating the harassment we have been through after Naresh and Suraj set themselves on fire," said 70-year-old Ram Chander Panit, rolling up his sleeves to show where a bullet had hit him.

Social activist and chairman of the Bonded Labour Liberation Front, Swarni Agnivesh, meanwhile, alleged that he had written to the ruling dispensation in Bihar, the BJP and several other political

leaders, but in vain. "We have contacted many politicians and all of them promised help but nothing has been done so far. We demand a CBI inquiry into the deaths of the two workers," he said.

The protesters said they travelled to Delhi, thwarting attempts by police and administration to keep them from taking trains to the capital. "Baittha's wife, Mayo Devi, and many workers were not allowed to board the train on Wednesday. Devi and her son will join us on Friday. We, who are here today, made it to Delhi after a lot of trouble, even hiding from police," Manohar Manav, one of

the social workers accompanying the mill workers, said.

Srivastava's wife, Purnima Devi, alleged the police, politicians and the mill owner were working hand-in-glove to oppress workers and thwart a fair probe into her husband's death. "When my husband's body was being driven down to Motihari from a Patna hospital, where he had been admitted, I demanded that they drop us outside the mill, where all the workers had planned to gather to cremate my husband. But police lied to me and drove us to a ghat, where he was hurriedly cremated on April 12," she said.

The workers said how the sugar mill was shut down opened it was high. Wage gratuity of Rs 75 crore has not been paid. Many more facilities for the workers but the factory has not been opened. The meter was in Special li