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Enclosed is the news clipping of 'The Statesman' an English daily dated 25th January, 2017, the news item is captioned "**Administration cracks down on Burdwan cyber cafes**".

The Superintendent of Police, Burdwan is directed to furnish a report to the Commission within four weeks i.e. 23rd February, 2017 enclosing thereto -

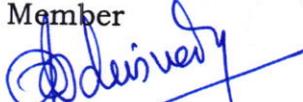
- (a) Particulars of the cyber cafes operating in Burdwan town including the suburbs.



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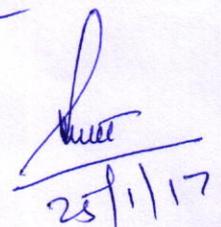
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truck tied from the spot immediately after crushing the youth.

In protest against the incident, Congress workers and leaders of ward number 18 put up a road block at Jagannath Mandir Chowk for over two hours, demanding the arrest of the guilty driver and compensation for the victim's family members.

The agitators also demanded immediate ban on illegal sand lifting from Kanshabati river. The truck which has crushed the youth had come from the nearby Palpara area after loading sand from Kanshabati river. Later, the Kotwali police officials assured the agitators that no sand-loaded truck would be allowed to ply from Jagannath Mandir Chawk area and they would take necessary action against this illegal practice. But the agitators did not highlight the illegal collection of tona-

Administration cracks down on Burdwan cyber cafés

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
Burdwan, 24 January

To combat the unrelenting rumours that already have claimed a life in Kalna town and left hundreds in a state of panic, the district administration today cracked down on a number of cyber cafés in Burdwan which officials suspect are being exploited to spread such rumours.

Today, a civic police volunteer, Kamaluddin Sheikh, of Purbasthali Police Station in Kalna, was taken into custody on charges of spreading hoax messages.

Through his social media account, Sheikh had stated that child lifters are lurking in the Purbasthali area. He asks residents to be vigilant and asked them to handle the issue harshly. He hails from the local Borojpota village. The district police



received a tip-off from the Cyber Cell of the state police and the SDPO, Kalna summoned him last evening. After questioning, he was taken into custody, said Kunal Agarwal, the SP, Burdwan.

Another CPVF man - Susanta Biswas was also arrested by police today on similar charges from Purbasatgachhia area in Kalna. Police also booked three

other youths for their alleged involvement in spreading rumours using social media today.

Priyobrata Roy, SDPO, Kalna said, "These persons were involved in spreading the hoax using either *WhatsApp* or *Facebook* accounts."

The police and the district administration, after primary investigation, ascertained that the miscreants were spreading such

rumours using the cyber cafés.

Today a team of officials headed by Nikhil Nirmal, ADM (General) raided five such cyber cafés in Burdwan town and found that none of the cafés were maintaining logs and registers or recording the identity proof of the users, mandatory for such operations under the provisions of the Information Technology Act.

Two users who were at a café, Chinmoy Mondal and Sukanya Basu, told the administration officials that the operator didn't ask for any such documentation.

The ADM said: "Also, it was most surprising to note that the cafés were not using computers with definite IP addresses, which is a gross irregularity."

Two cyber café operators have been issued show-

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cause notices.

Burdwan has 16 registered cyber cafés and the officials said, "We have told the offender operators that if they fail to comply with the provisions of the IT Act, strict action would be taken against them."

In the wake of the Khagrachar blast in the outskirts of the town in 2014, the district administration had ordered the cyber cafés operating there to adhere to the rules strictly.

Yesterday, the district administration had launched a *WhatsApp* campaign to counter the rumour-mongering across the district.

The state micro, small and medium enterprises minister Swapan Debnath sent several texts using his *WhatsApp* number to raise awareness against the false rumours today.

