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Enclosed is the news clipping of 'The Statesman' an English daily dated 25th August, 2018, the news item is captioned "**Engg student found dead; 'extreme ragging' blamed**".

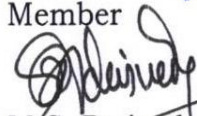
District Magistrate, Hooghly is directed to look into the matter and to furnish a report to the Commission by 5th October, 2018.



(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)
Chairperson



(Napanarajit Mukherjee)
Member



(M.S. Dwivedy)
Member

Engg student found dead; 'extreme ragging' blamed

Parents of the deceased student have lodged an FIR against some inmates of college hostel

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An electrical engineering student was found hanging in his college hostel room last night. The parents suspect that their son was the victim of severe ragging.

It has been alleged that the boy was brutally thrashed allegedly by his drunken college hostel room-mates, which resulted in his death, and then his body was hanged from the room ceiling. The parents have lodged a FIR against few students suspected to be involved in the incident.

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lege hostel room on Thursday evening.

The police have retrieved the body and sent it for post-mortem but no arrest have been made yet.

Mr Siddarth Pramanik, the maternal uncle of Suman Karmakar said: "Suman had told his parents of his poor experience in the college hostel room a few weeks back. He told his mother that he was being troubled by some of his hos-

tel mates, whom he identified as Sagar Rauth, Arindom and others. They forced him to smoke ganja and drink alcohol with them to which he strongly objected."

"On some occasions when he refused to join with them in drinking they turned violent and thrashed him brutally. Suman recently informed us that he will soon leave the hostel and start staying elsewhere as a paying guest and asked his parents and relatives not to worry about him any more," said his relative.

On Thursday afternoon Suman spoke normally with his mother over the phone, his relatives said. "He asked his mother to arrange Rs 5 lakhs since he aimed to go for Be-tech course, and then take up a job and then go for M-tech also. It was a great shock for all of us when we were

informed on Thursday evening that a very serious accident have taken place with Suman. We later came to know Suman was found in a hanging position from the ceiling at 8:30 p.m and the police reached the spot and retrieved the body by 9:30 p.m. The college and the hostel authorities were quite aware of the drug habits of some of the college hostel inmates and the ongoing ragging of Suman by his hostel room-mates, yet the college and hostel authorities did nothing to stop the supply of drugs in the college campus, nor did they take any steps to stop ragging within the college campus and college hostel room. It is very clear that Suman did not hang himself, since he spoke normally when he communicated with his mother over the phone on Thursday afternoon," Mr Pra-

manik said.

"We are sure that Suman was thrashed to death by his addicted hostel room-mates and then hanged from the ceiling. His hostel room-mates are making up stories of the failure of a love affair which left Suman in deep depression causing him to take such a step, but we know Suman was not at all involved in any love affair since he gave priority to his studies first."

Mr. Pramanik said, "I suspect a deep seated conspiracy behind the unnatural death of Suman. Even the hostel authorities tried to hush up the matter, by clearing away all possible clues pointing towards the murder of Suman by his hostel room-mates, An FIR have been lodged against some suspects. We want justice and severe punishment against the guilty."