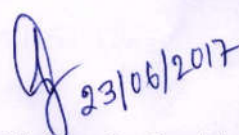



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Enclosed is the news clipping of 'The Statesman' an English daily dated 23rd June, 2017, the news item is captioned "**Student drowns in Suri, Villagers blame illegal sand mining**".

The Superintendent of Police, Birbhum is directed to furnish a detailed report by 18th August, 2017.


(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)
Chairperson


(M.S. Dwivedy)
Member

Encl: News Item Dt. 23.06.17

Ld. Registrar to keep NHRC posted about cognizance taken on the subject by WBHRC and uploaded in the website.

Student drowns in Suri, villagers blame illegal sand mining

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
BIRBHUM, 22 JUNE

Twenty-four hours after school student Monojit Mondal went missing, villagers found him lying dead in an illegal sand pit on the bank of the Mayurakshi river here this morning.

The student had gone for a bath in the river yesterday without informing his family and since then he had been missing.

Today, local fishermen and villagers spotted his body and informed Suri police. The body has been sent at Suri Sadar Hospital for post mortem.

Veteran anchal pradhan of Trinamul Congress, Benu Roy Pradhan, who went to the site

after getting informations was manhandled and locked in a nearby room by the villagers, who were angry at him for arriving late.

Later, a police team led by IC of Suri Police Station reached the site and rescued him.

The villagers agitated in front of police alleging that the student was a victim of the rampant illegal sand mining which has been going on at the river. Due to the illegal mining the riverbank has become a virtual death trap, they alleged.

Mr Neelkanth Sudhir Kumar, SP of Birbhum assured them that steps will be taken against the illegal sand mafia operating in the area, sources said.