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During October 2017, there was an abnormal download of 2711 articles from one of the online journals, against an Institute's average of 375 to 1500 article downloads per day, and consequently the publisher has blocked the NIT-T's IP for a week, causing immense inconvenience to the Institute.

The CSG has then investigated and analysed the firewall logs and found that the said download of 1.95 GB has been done rapidly in a span of about 30 minutes, in all likelihood, using an unauthorized tool.

The event was strongly condemned by the Director and the committee constituted to investigate the event, and has been considered as a serious academic fraud. The student who was responsible in the said 1.95 GB download was penalized heavily in cash towards recovering the subscription blockage for one week.

All the faculty and the students are hereby informed that:

1. The Institute has now stepped up cyber related regulations and the CSG would hereafter get an undertaking from all the students against any possible misuse of the login credentials provided to them for academic purposes.
2. The per-head downloads of subscribed articles (Elsevier, IEEE etc.) will be continuously monitored on a daily basis, and any download above an expected average of 5 MB per head in a day from the faculty/students would require a sequence of prior permissions – from the concerned research supervisor through HoD, Librarian, and the Head of the CSG.


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