

IIM-C forms search panel for selection of new director

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Kolkata: Search for a new director for Indian Institute of Management Calcutta has started.

The board of governors has formed a search committee to select the candidate and an advertisement has been put up on the site. Applications will have to come in by April 10. The current director, Anju Seth, will be 65 in February 2022 and retire. The selection for the new director will be over before that.

The search for the new director was not expected to begin before June. But breaking an old tradition of setting up the search committee nine months before the end of the present director's term, the board, headed by chairman Shrikishna Kulkarni, formed the panel and published the ad on the IIMC website on Tuesday,

IIM-C board weighs probe options against director

Kolkata The board of governors of IIM-Calcutta, which has been on a collision course with director Anju Seth over her style of functioning, is reportedly seeking legal opinion on whether it can set up an inquiry against her.

According to sources, the board had passed a resolution against Seth on Saturday. Though it is yet to be officially confirmed, the board is apparently planning to curtail the director's power to appoint or take disciplinary action.

Sources said the resolution on Saturday seeks a probe into the manner in which Seth

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around a year earlier.

The present director and the board have been in disagreement and the board has reportedly taken steps against the director. Certain decisions were taken at a recent meeting of the board. The details have, however, been kept under the wraps. Seth apparently wrote to the ministry, complaining about her inability to function properly due to the board's interference. The chairman reportedly took exception to this.

The search committee comprises the chairman of the board and three others, two of whom are board members and one person is a distinguished educationist from outside the board. The board has written to chairmen of other IIMs, too, to encourage candidates from there to apply for the position.

The ad invites applications from academics with a PhD or equivalent qualification, having at least 15 years of teaching or research experience, who have worked as a full professor in a reputable institute for at least seven years. Those with industry experience of at least 15 years at a senior level are also eligible. The ad stresses on "strong academic leadership" so that the person can be a "significant contributor to policy making at the national level". Overseas citizen(s) of India are also eligible to apply.