

# IIM-C director, governing board on collision course

## Trouble On Campus At Joka Biz School

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**Kolkata:** The Board of governors of Indian Institute of Management-Calcutta, the country's premier B-school, has reportedly passed a resolution against institute director **Anju Seth**, sources on the campus said.

The resolution was passed after faculty members and the director were asked to leave the

### IIM-C faculty raises concerns over management, writes to Centre

**'Decline In Academic Environment'**  
EXCERPTS FROM LETTER  
The faculty members of Indian Institute of Management Calcutta have written a letter to the Centre for Management Education, New Delhi, expressing their concerns over the decline in academic environment at the institute. The letter, dated December 6, 2020, was signed by the faculty members and the chairmen of the board of governors. The letter mentions that the institute has been facing a decline in academic standards since the appointment of Anju Seth as the director. The faculty members have expressed their concerns over the lack of transparency in the management of the institute and the lack of communication between the faculty and the management. They have also mentioned that the institute has been facing a decline in the quality of its faculty and the lack of investment in research and development. The letter concludes by stating that the faculty members are deeply concerned about the future of the institute and are seeking the Centre's intervention to address the issues.

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meeting, the sources said, adding that the resolution may lead to an inquiry into the director's conduct. Faculty members said they had heard about the resolution but were not present when it was passed.

TOI's calls and messages to the director went unanswered.

The director and the chairman of board of governors have apparently had strong disagree-

ments over several issues for a considerable period of time. Seth had apparently written to the ministry of education alleging that her functioning had been restricted by the chairman of the board, Shrikrishna Kulkarni, and this was negatively affecting her. She has reportedly mentioned how the chairman was interfering in her administrative activities.

Trouble has been brewing on the campus for quite some time with a large number of faculty members complaining that they were not given "freedom" and "space" to work as academicians.

Several faculty members told TOI that they had seen this coming. Though unwilling to be quoted, a senior faculty member said, "Most of us have stopped interacting with the director.

It's suffocating to work here." A large section of faculty members had drafted a letter against the director and sent it to the education ministry in December.

"So many faculty members have resigned and no efforts were made to hold them back. They have all spoken about harassment after resigning. No one took note of that. Look at the large number of vacancies," a senior faculty member pointed out.

The board of governors, in its resolution, has apparently taken serious objection to the fact that Seth chose to write directly to the ministry instead of placing her problems before the board. The fact that she did not have harmonious relationship with the faculty was also highlighted in the meeting.

