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Saturday's board meeting came two months after 75% of faculty members had written a letter to the Union education ministry against Seth, citing "grave concerns about the current state of affairs" that led to a "decline in overall academic and research environment". The letter had termed the director's style of functioning as "arbitrary, discriminatory, and, having a very narrow vision" and also alleged "violations of due processes and es-

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established norms".

On her part, the director had written to the ministry last month that she was unable to function properly because of interference from the board and that was preventing her from recruiting faculty. This turned into a flashpoint and a special meeting was convened by the board on Saturday, where the resolution was passed against her.

"We are yet to see the minutes of the meeting but from what we have gathered about the board meeting, the director will not be able to appoint or take any disciplinary action against any employee now. There

was no recruitment for two years and she had been saying that lack of faculty representation on the board was the main issue. That though is incorrect. The tenure of the faculty representatives got over only a month ago," said a faculty member.

"The board resolution is that two vital powers will be taken away from her. But we will have to wait for the minutes to confirm this. She has been taking disciplinary action against top faculty members at the drop of a hat," said another faculty member.

Calls and messages to the director went unanswered.

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

It's frustrating 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.

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They have all spoken about harassment after resigning. No one took note of the. Lack of the large number of vacancies, a senior faculty member