

IIT-I chief Mathur leaves; Jain is new officiating director

MATHUR'S second term ended on Dec 31, 2019



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IIT (Indian Institute of Technology), Indore, director Pradeep Mathur, who was hoping for another extension, had to finally bid adieu to the institute as his term ended on December 31, 2019. It was a new change for IIT Indore as someone else took charge on Wednesday.

Professor Neelesh Kumar Jain was appointed as Director (Officiating) of IIT Indore, till the new director is appointed by Union Ministry of Human Resource Development. Talking to Free Press, Prof Deepak B Phatak, chairman, board of governors,

IIT TO BRING IN MORE TRANSPARENCY

Prof Neelesh Kumar Jain was selected and approved by the ministry for the position of Director (Officiating). He will have all powers of a director and will be in-charge until a new director is appointed. We will bring more transparency to institute. The practice of nepotism will be discouraged. We will take institute to newer heights in collaboration with the new director."



PROF DEEPAK B PHATAK
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF IIT INDORE

IIT Indore said that MHRD has made Jain director (officiating) till a full-fledged director is appointed.

Jain joined IIT Indore as Associate Professor in Jan 2010 and became Professor in Dec 2013. He did his MTech (1995) and PhD (2003) from IIT-K with specialization in Manufacturing Science and BE in Mechanical Engineering from SGSITS Indore in 1993.

Notice inviting applicants for the position had made it loud and clear that applicant with an engineering background would

be preferred and most likely appointed. Mathur comes from a science background and has been holding the post since the inception of the institute in 2009.

Mathur was hired as institute director despite coming from a science background for the prime institute providing technical education.

He was hired in 2009. After his five-year term expired in 2014, he got a five-year extension. Mathur was often caught up in several controversies during his term.