Who's landlord? IIT-I & DAVV slugfest over tenancy rights

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Indore: Disputes between landlord and tenants are common. But here two institutes of national repute including Indian Institute of Technology, Indore (IIT-I) and Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya (DAVV) have engaged in a slugfest.

IIT-Indore administration, after vacating temporary campus at IET, DAVV, sent the keys through courier and accused DAVV administration of being non-cooperative in a letter to MHRD. DAVV administration refused to accept keys without repair, thus raking up an ugly fight.

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is likely to visit us on Friday. But, if there were any issues, IIT-Indore admin should have talked to me. We want a smooth relationship with the institute. Indulging into petty issues doesn't suit an institute of such repute."

Media coordinator, IIT-I, Nirmala Menon said, "We will discuss the issues with the DAVV administration. We also want cordial relationships with DAVV."

In letter to the MHRD, the IIT Indore alleged that administrative officer of IET Paresh Atre did not lead the of-

ficial process of handing over the keys of M Block happen smoothly due to mala-fide intentions. This compliant came close on the heels of IET's letter to IIT Indore wherein the former had asked the latter to repair the damages been made on its M Block.

In the letter, the IET had also alleged that IIT Indore had paid lesser rent for 414 sqm of space and adequate charges were not paid for the parking stand. The IET had refused to take back possession of M Block until IIT Indore addressed the issue. To this, IIT Indore reportedly sent keys of M Block to the IET through courier service.

IIT Indore was established in 2009. It ran provisionally from M and E blocks of IET building. E block was vacated by IIT Indore in 2014 and M block on September 30.