

Ranka 'removed' from IIT-Indore committee

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A faulty member of Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya (DAVV), Archana Ranka was "withdrawn" as member of the committee against sexual harassment of Indian Institute of Technology Indore after an objection lodged by NSUI on her membership.

Her name was found missing from the list of the committee members on Wednesday. On Tuesday when the list was uploaded on IIT-Indore website her name was among 11 members in the committee. She was the only external expert in the committee.

On the row of the committee members list Ranka's name featured on Tuesday but on Wednesday it was written there that the member is "Not from IIT-In-

dore" and that "Details of the external member will be displayed soon".

Earlier in the day, NSUI lodged a protest with IIT-Indore administration when they learnt that Ranka was appointed as external expert in the committee. NSUI leader Vikas Nandwana informed the IIT authorities that she was removed as head of School of Law by the university last year after it was established that she had allegedly violated academic norms and promoted law students to advanced semester even when they were not qualified for the same.

On learning about this, IIT Indore decided to remove Ranka from the committee. "We have started process to remove her from the committee. In a day or two, new member will replace her," IIT-Indore media in charge Nir-mala Menon said.