

# Four EDI educators leave in 5 months

Sources claim changes in working hours and teaching methods by new director reason for resignations

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The change in leadership at the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI) seems to have brought additional challenges for the institute and its members. A year after Sunil Shukla took charge as director, from the 2015 academic year and made some changes in the system, four faculty members have left the institute in a span of five months, said sources. The latest faculty member exit took place in February.

Sources close to the developments have claimed that the chain of resignations started in October when Sha-



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Sunil Shukla took charge in 2015

kabh Mittal submitted his resignation. Later, faculty members Rajiv Joshi, Vivek Bhatt and Rohit Mishra also put in their papers and were relieved the over last few months.

Those in know of the situation have stated that one of the reasons for faculty members resigning is difference of opinion with the new leadership.

"The new director strictly informed faculty members about working hours and started imposing his ideas upon the academicians. Several times such impositions were done without discussions with faculty members. The difference in opinions reportedly started from this point," claimed a source privy to the development.

Sources on campus stated this imposition is likely to have triggered dissatisfaction among the faculty. However, when contacted by *Mirror*, those who quit the institute said they have chosen to move ahead for a better career growth. "I have implemented a slightly changed approach — from minds-on approach to hands-on approach. This means, teachers have to not only teach in classrooms

but they also have to implement experiences from field trips into the classroom teaching. EDI is not a traditional college but an entrepreneurship development institute with an aim to train gen next of entrepreneurs. We have to go beyond the traditional method of teaching," said director Sunil Shukla.

Prof Joshi who has joined an institute in Nagpur said, "I don't think the theory floating on campus is true. I had no work dissatisfaction at EDI and I have left for better work opportunity."

Another faculty member Shalabh Mittal said, "This theory might have come to fore from those who were not happy when Prof Shukla was appointed director," said Mittal.