



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: January 20, 2026

(1) CWP-19217-2018 (O&M)

SANDEEP KUMAR AND OTHERS

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE UNIVERSITY OF PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS AND
ANOTHER

...Respondents

(2) CWP-18793-2018 (O&M)

PRADEEP KUMAR AND OTHERS

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE UNIVERSITY OF PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS AND
ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Davinder Kaliraman, Advocate for
Mr. Jitender Nara, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Nilesh Bhardwaj, Advocate with
Ms. Vanshika Daaria, Advocate
for the respondents/University.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

Both the petitions are being decided together, as common issues based upon similar facts arise for consideration herein. These petitions have been filed *inter alia* seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents not to relieve/terminate the petitioners' services as contractual Assistant Professors in their respective University Departments till regular selection is made against the posts they are working.

2. Learned counsel for the University, on instructions from Mr. Amit Dhull, Legal Assistant, submits that as on date, out of the five petitioners in CWP-19217-2018, only petitioner no.3 is working and the rest have left the University. And out of the four petitioners in CWP-18793-2018, only petitioner no.4 has left and the remaining are working. He further submits that the University has decided not to replace them with other contractual employees, subject to their satisfactory work and conduct, till regular appointments are made against the posts they are working.

3. In view of the statement made, learned counsel for the petitioner(s) has no objection to the petitions being disposed of in terms thereof.

4. Ordered accordingly.

5. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of the connected case.

January 20, 2026

Jaspreet Kaur

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*