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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 561/2026, CM APPL. 2776-2779/2026**

DR. R. DURAIPANDI AND ORS

.....Petitioners

Through: Appearance not given.

versus

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY AND ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Karan Prakash, Ms. Deepshikha Kumar and Mr. Om Bali, Advocates for JNU.

Ms. Archana Kumari, GP for UOI.
Dr. Monika Arora, CGSC with
Mr. Subhrodeep Saha, Mr. Abhinav Verma and Ms. Anamika Thakur, Advocates.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

30.04.2026

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W.P.(C) 561/2026

1. Counter affidavit on behalf of the Respondents is not on record. Counsel for the Respondents states that the same was filed yesterday; however, on account of delay in filing, the Registry may not have accepted the same. Counsel for the Respondents is directed to follow up to ensure that the counter affidavit is taken on record. Subject to just exceptions, the Registry shall accept the same. Counsel for UGC is also permitted to file a counter affidavit within four weeks from today. The Petitioner is permitted to file a rejoinder thereto, if any, within four weeks thereafter.



2. List on 9th September, 2026.

CM APPL. 2776/2026 (for interim relief)

3. At this stage, counsel for the Petitioner presses for orders in the present application. The Petitioner seeks a direction to provisionally grant Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) benefits to Petitioner No. 1 from the respective due dates, along with consequential pay fixation. A further direction is sought to protect the pay, seniority, and pensionary benefits, so that the same are not adversely affected by the impending superannuation of Petitioner No. 1.

4. In the opinion of the Court, in the absence of an adjudication on the main reliefs sought in the writ petition, grant of such relief at the interim stage would amount to allowing the writ petition itself. Therefore, such a request cannot be entertained at this stage. It is, however, made clear that the Court has not examined the merits of the case, and in the event the Petitioner succeeds, appropriate directions shall be issued to safeguard the Petitioner's interests.

5. With the above observations, the application is disposed of.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

APRIL 30, 2026

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