

Protest and lose job: Gadvasu undertaking for staff members

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LUDHIANA: Contractual employees of Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU), who are sitting on a hunger strike over the death of their colleague during duty hours, have come out against the move where the university has decided to take an undertaking asking them not to participate in any protest against the university, otherwise which their services will be terminated.

The contractual staff said one of the members would sit on fast unto death on August 22 if the authorities do not fulfill their demands including compensation for the family of the worker who died on June 26 during duty hours.

The members have also been protesting against the alleged transfer of two of the office bearers of the union after they led an agitation against the university. Some other demands of the union included EPF, ESI facility and reinstating of secretary of the union Gurdeep Singh, whose services were terminated a few months back.

Secretary Gurdeep Singh said they received a letter on Wednesday wherein the authorities are asking for an undertaking wherein a point has been added which says if any employee takes part in any protest against the university, then his or her services shall be terminated.

President Jagmohan Singh (record keeper) and general secretary Daljit Singh (supervisor) who have been transferred to Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tarn Taran and university's regional research centre at Talwara, respectively, said the university is now suppressing the voice of the employees.

The members said that they have informed the district administration about the issue.