

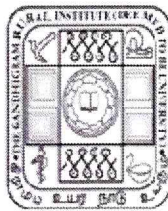
**MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY FOURTH MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

VENUE : BOARD ROOM
GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE (DTBU)
GANDHIGRAM

DATE : 30.12.2024

TIME : 10.30 A.M.

Mode : ONLINE & OFFLINE (HYBRIDMODE)



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OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 30.12.2024 AT 10.30 AM
IN THE BOARD ROOM, GRI THROUGH BLENDED MODE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| 1. Prof. N.Panchanatham | ... Chairperson |
| 2. Dr.O.Muthiah | ... Member |
| 3. Dr.K.Velumani | ... Member |
| 4. Dr.G.Muralidharan | ... Member |
| 5. Dr.K.Manikandan | ... Member |
| 6. Dr.L.Rathakrishnan | ... Ex-Officio Secretary |

MEMBERS PRESENT THROUGH ONLINE:

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| 7. Dr.Raja Marimuthu | ... Member |
| 8. Shri.M.Nagarajan | ... Member |
| 9. Prof.Vishnukant S.Chatpalli | ... Member |
| 10. Prof.N.Venkatesh Prajna | ... Member |
| 11. Prof.(Retd.) Susmita Pande | ... Member |
| 12. Dr.K.Prasanna Sai | ... Member |

The following members could not attend the meeting.

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| 1. Shri.P.K.Banerjee | ... Member |
| 2. Prof.Shireesh Balwant Kandare. | ... Member |

The meeting started at 10.30 a.m. with one minute silent prayer. The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to the members & new members namely Dr.K.Velumani, Dr.G.Muralidharan and Dr.K.Manikandan of the Board of Management and thanked them for attending the meeting with their busy schedule. On behalf of the Gandhigram Rural Institute and on behalf of our four thousand students, Teaching and Non-Teaching community, the chairperson once again welcomed the honorable members of the Board of Management for the meeting and conveyed his New Year 2025 greetings to all.

The Vice-Chancellor presented the following achievements from August 2024 to December 2024 of GRI:

1. GRI has implemented the National Educational Policy in 2024. Of the two Universities implemented NEP in Tamil Nadu, GRI is the one.
2. During this academic year 2024-2025, five faculty members from GRI in the field of Chemistry, Agriculture, Physics and Mathematics got ranked among the top 2% research scientists in the world ranked by Stanford University Rankings.

3. All the staff members of the Institute under the leadership of Dr. M.G. Sethuraman and Dr. G. Muralidharan, have submitted 58000 pages of Self Study Report (SSR) to NAAC office in the last week of October 2024.
4. Government of India has ranked GRI as number one Institution for the extension activities carried out under Unnath Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) in the country.
5. Rural Electrification Council (REC) has sanctioned Rs.8.44 crores for establishment of a ground-mounted, grid-connected 1MW solar photovoltaic power plant at GRI. GRI is spending Rs.10 lakhs per month for E.B consumption and Rs.1.2 crores of our Electricity bill will become zero in upcoming years. With this, Existing Electrical Energy is converted into Solar Energy.
6. Due to the repeated efforts of concerned staff members, Ministry of Education has been kind enough to permit the Institute to spend the unspent balance amount Rs.3.5 crores for building of the Teachers Training Complex through CPWD under MMMTC.
7. Bharathia Basha Samithi (CBBS) granted Rs.6.30 lakhs for conducting the Agasthiar's Jeyanthi celebration and National conference on "Sage Agasthiar's Contribution to the Language, Literature and National Unity" on 19th December 2024, under the leadership of Prof.O. Muthiah, Dean, School of Tamil, Indian Literature and rural Arts and One thousand members were participated with huge deliberations, paper presentations, speeches, contributions of Agasthiya.
8. Apart from teaching staff promotion, 11 Non-teaching staffs have been promoted in the past few months.
9. Alumni awards were given to great alumni for every department.
10. Best researchers were awarded and encouraged.
11. Few centres have been created recently. It included Coordinating Centre for Visiting Experts & Professor of Practice, Centre for Leadership Development, Centre for Diaspora Studies, and Centre for Sustainable Development Goals.
12. Audit team has visited and appreciated for submission of required documents in time.
13. VPP programme was conducted and all III semester (UG & PG) students were participated.
14. Teachers (10 Nos.) visited abroad for signing MOA and also for research paper presentation in various conferences.
15. Our teachers have signed 168 MoUs and all are Functional MoUs of GRI.
16. One of our NSS student has been selected to participate in the Republic Day parade to be held on 26th January, 2025 at New Delhi.
17. As per MOA, Meetings of Academic Council, Planning and Monitoring Board, Finance Committee, Board of Management have been conducted periodically.
18. Faculty members have conducted more national and international Seminars, Workshops and Conferences. (150 nos.).
19. The Department of Chemistry has received Rs.2.2 crores and Department of Physics has received Rs.44 lakhs under FIST grant of UGC.
20. The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) of GRI has been selected for the National award for implementing hundred percent of all Government schemes to the farmers of adopted villages in Dindigul District.
21. Fifty two students of GRI have participated in the South Zone Inter-University Fest held at SRM University, Chennai.
22. Roads of GRI re-laid for proper connectivity.

23. The Endowment Funds newly created in the Department of Economics (Rs.5 lakhs), Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (Rs.5 lakhs), Department of Chemistry (Rs.7 lakhs) and Department of Tamil (Rs.5 lakhs).
24. Alumni meetings are conducted in GRI periodically.

The Vice-Chancellor further stated that all these achievements have happened because of the support and guidance of the members of the Board of Management.

Honourable members of the Board of Management, Prof.Vishnukant S.Chatpalli, Prof.N.Venkatesh Prajna, and Prof.Susmita Pande (Retd.) congratulated the Vice-Chancellor for the academic success of GRI.

The items of agenda were taken up for discussion, as follows:

1. Item No.2114/BOM.2024.XII

- a) To confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Sixty Third meeting of the Board of Management held on 09.08.2024 through Offline /Online.
- b) To confirm the resolution of the Board of Management vide Item No.2113/BOM.2024.XI, passed by circulation.
- a) Resolved to confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Sixty Third meeting of the Board of Management held on 09.08.2024 through Blended mode.**
- b) Resolved to confirm the resolution of the Board of Management vide item No.2113/BOM.2024.XI, passed by circulation.**

2. Item No. 2115/BOM.2024.XII – Action taken Report

- a) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Sixty Third meeting of the Board of Management held on 09.08.2024 through Offline / Online.
- b) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolution of the Board of Management Item No. 2113/BOM.2024.XI, passed by circulation.
- a) Resolved to approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Sixty Third meeting of the Board of Management held on 09.08.2024 through Blended mode with the following remarks:**

1) Item No.2101/BOM.2024.VIII:

The grant of CAS to retired employees was discussed. The Board has recommended to take up this matter with the help of a Committee where in the fact that the Institute did not have a full time Vice-Chancellor for more than five years (from end of May 2019 to First week of June 2024 barring a three month period) has to be emphasized. It was also remarked that the fault of the Institute shall not deny promotions to the individuals.

2) Item No.2105 & 2106/BOM.2024.VIII:

The Members of Board of Management informed to fix the time frame for the Preparation of Vacancy position and also for Roster for the teaching and non-teaching staff.

3) Item No.2109/BOM.2024.VIII:

In the case of Dr.V.P.R.Sivakumar regarding permission to withdraw from the NPS, the Vice-Chancellor remarked that the matter is being examined by a Committee and that based on the report, a decision will be taken.

4) Item No.2110/BOM.2024.VIII

Regarding the fixing of responsibility in the case of Delhi Centre, the Vice-Chancellor remarked that the matter is being examined by a Committee and awaiting for report.

- b) Resolved to approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolution of the Board of Management Item No.2113/BOM.2024.XI passed by circulation.

3. Item No.2116/BOM.2024.XII

To nominate one member to the Finance Committee of the Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Gandhigram.

The above item was discussed in detail and the Board of Management resolved to nominate unanimously Prof. Dr.R.Chandrasekaran, Director, Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai as member to the Finance Committee of Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram for a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of the order.

4. Item No.2117/BOM.2024.XII

To consider the appointment of the Dean, School of Social Sciences, GRI (DTBU), Gandhigram.

The above item was discussed in detail and information provided by the administration was perused in detail and finally the Board of Management resolved to appoint Dr.K.S.Nakkeeran, Professor, Department of Political Science and Development Administration as the Dean, School of Social Sciences for a period of three years w.e.f. 01.02.2025 on relieving of Dr.K.Velumani, Senior Professor and Dean, School of Social Sciences on attaining the age of 65 years on superannuation.

5. Item No.2118/BOM.2024.XII

To consider and approve the recommendations of the Prospectus-cum-Fee Revision Committee for implementation in the academic year 2025-26.

The Board of Management resolved to defer the item and to place the item in the ensuing meeting after revision of fee for the academic year 2025-26.

6. Item No.2119/BOM.2024.XII

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

The Board of Management resolved to approve the Registrar's Report with following remarks:

- 1. The Board of Management recommended to withdraw the item under Registrar's Report Page No.17. 1, ii, appointing Dr. N. Markandan, Former Vice-Chancellor as Honorary Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor.**
- 2. The Board of Management recommended to withdraw the item under Registrar's Report Page No.29. 6, ii, granting extension of services for Dr. Anjuli Chandra, Assistant Professor cum Assistant Director, in the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy scheme. Further the members of the Board of Management informed that the leave application for continuous period of Dr. Anjuli Chandra and Ms. Janani from the Centre for Women Studies cannot be approved as per Government rules because of their tenurable post and they are temporary employees. Leave on loss of pay is applicable only for permanent employees. The Board of Management resolved to approve that Leave on loss of pay is not available for temporary staff, tenurial staff and project staff. Any application for such leave will not be entertained."**

7. Item No.2120/BOM.2024.XII

To consider and direct the appointment of the Director i/c., Centre for Future Studies, GRI (DTBU), Gandhigram with effect from 1.2.2025.

The above item was discussed in detail by perusing the information provided by the administration and the Board of Management resolved to approve the appointment of Dr.N.Devaki, Associate Professor, Department of Education as the Director i/c., Centre for Future Studies w.e.f. 01.02.2025 until further orders or till the post of Professor in Futurology is filled by Direct Recruitment whichever is earlier.

8. Item No.2121/BOM.2024.XII

To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the 63rd Finance Committee held on 23.12.2024 at GRI in Hybrid Mode.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to confirm the minutes of the 63rd meeting of the Finance Committee of the Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), held on 23.12.2024 at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram in Hybrid mode.

9. Item No.2122/BOM.2024.XII

To consider and approve the draft "GRI Finance and Accounting Manual 2024" based on the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee constituted to scrutinize the draft "Finance and Accounts Manual 2024" of the institute held on 07.10.2024 at 10.30 a.m. in the Board Room, GRI (hybrid mode) and on the resolution of the Finance Committee held on 23.12.2024.

The Board of Management resolved to give fifteen days time to the Board members to go through the "GRI finance and Accounting Manual 2024" for their valuable suggestions and resolved to take up and consider the same in the ensuing meeting of the Board of Management.

10. Item No.2123/BOM.2024.XII

To consider and discuss the reports dt. 28.11.2024 and 16.12.2024 and recommendations made by Committees to take disciplinary action against Dr. A. Renganathan, Health Officer, Department of Rural Health and Sanitation, GRI.

The Board of Management authorized the Vice-Chancellor to take disciplinary action based on the reports/recommendations and observation of the two Committees against Dr.A.Renganathan, in the overall interest of students and staff and also to maintain discipline and peace in GRI Campus.

11. Item No.2124/BOM.2024.XII – Any other matter:


- 1) The Board of Management approved the same Disciplinary Committee constituted for Dr.A,Renganathan to look after the issue of so many letters and remarks received from the employees including retired employees tarnishing the image of GRI and violating the code of conduct. The above issue was also discussed in detail and all the members of the Board of Management unanimously recommended to initiate necessary action after getting the legal opinion.
- 2) The issue of grant of 3 Advance Increment to six teaching staff on their being awarded the Ph.D degree was discussed. The Board of Management recommended early disposal of the request.

The meeting came to an end at 12.45 p.m with thanks to the Chair and members.

Dr. L. Rathakrishnan
Registrar i/c

Dr. N. Panchanatham
Vice-Chancellor

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