MINUTES OF THE 11TH MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND MONITORING BOARD

VENUE   :   **BOARD ROOM**
                          GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE (DTBU)
                          GANDHIGRAM

DATE   :   **05.08.2024**

TIME   :   **10.00 A.M.**

Mode   :   **ONLINE & OFFLINE (BLENDED MODE)**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 11TH PLNNING AND MONITORING BOARD ON 05.08.2024 AT 10.00 AM AT BOARD ROOM, GRI THROUGH BLENDED MODE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Prof. M. Panchanatham,   ... Chairperson
   Vice-Chancellor,
   Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU),
   Gandhigram.

2. Dr. L. Rathakrishnan,   ... Member
   Professor & Dean,
   School of Management Studies,
   Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU),
   Gandhigram.

3. Dr. G.Muralidharan   ... Member
   Professor,
   Department of Physics,
   Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU),
   Gandhigram.

4. Dr. M.William Baskaran   ... Member
   Professor,
   Department of Gandhian Thoughtand Peace Science.
   Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU),
   Gandhigram.

5. Dr. M.G.Sethuraman   ... Member
   Professor & Dean, School of Sciences,
   Department of Chemistry,
   Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU),
   Gandhigram.

6. Dr. M.R.Rajan   ... Member
   Professor & Head,
   Department of Biology,
   Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU),
   Gandhigram.

7. Dr. G. Mahadevan   ... Member
   Associate Professor,
   Department of Mathematics,
   Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU),
   Gandhigram.

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8. Dr. M. Hilaria Soundari   ... Member
    Associate Professor,
    Centre for Applied Research.
    Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU),
    Gandhigram.

9. Dr. L. Rathakrishnan,   ... Ex-Officio Secretary
    Registrar i/c,
    Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU),
    Gandhigram.

MEMBERS PRESENT THROUGH ONLINE:

10. Prof. P. Sriram   ... Member
    Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
    Chair Professor
    Department of Aerospace Engineering
    Indian Institute of Technology, Madras,
    Chennai.

11. Dr. K.Thirumaran   ... Member
    Professor and Head,
    Department of Architecture,
    National Institute of Technology,
    Tiruchirappalli.

The following member could not attend the meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board :

1. Prof. Kannan M Moudgalaya, Department of Chemical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay.

The meeting started at 10.00 a.m. with one minute silent prayer.

The Chairperson welcomed all the members to the 11th meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board. He thanked the members for being present for this meeting. He requested the members to come out with their suggestions for the development and growth of the Institute.

1. Item No.79/PMB.2024.VIII

To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Tenth (10th) Planning and Monitoring Board held on 02.09.2020.

The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and resolved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Tenth (10th) Planning and Monitoring Board held on 02.09.2020.

2. Item No.80/PMB.2024.VIII

To consider and approve the action taken on the minutes of the meeting of the Tenth (10th) Planning and Monitoring Board held on 02.09.2020.

The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and resolved to approve the action taken on the minutes of the 10ᵗʰ meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board held on 02.09.2020. The committee suggested that some items under process in the action taken report will be carried forward to the next meeting.

3. **Item No.81/PMB.2024.VIII**

To consider and approve the Repair and Renovation work in the New Examination Hall ground floor.

The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and resolved to approve the Repair and Renovation work in the New Examination Hall ground floor.

4. **Item No.82/PMB.2024.VIII**

To consider and approve the repair and renovation work of GRI Quarters - No.177 and No. 197.

The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and resolved to approve the repair and renovation work of GRI Quarters - No.177 and No.197. The committee informed to get budget requirement for this work.

5. **Item No.83/PMB.2024.VIII**

To consider and approve the white washing/colour washing, repair and renovation in the present Controller of Examination building.

The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and resolved to approve the white washing/colour washing, repair and renovation in the present Controller of Examinations building within two to three months time.

6. **Item No.84/PMB.2024.VIII**

To consider and approve to speed-up the construction and completion of the First Floor of the New Examination Building by the utilization of Examination Section.

The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and resolved to approve to speed-up the construction and completion of the First Floor of the New Examination Building. The Planning and Monitoring Board informed the authorities to direct the Estate Officer to monitor the construction work and to provide monthly report on the progress and quality of construction until the completion of the first floor of the new Examination building. Then the report received from the Estate Officer is submitted for consideration and approval of the University authorities.

7. **Item No.85 to 89, 94 to 97/PMB.2024.VIII**

To consider and approve the request of the following for infrastructure augmentation.

Item No. 85. The Dean, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences.
Item No. 86. The Head, Department of Rural Health and Sanitation

Item No. 87. The Head, Department of Home Science
Item No. 88. The Director, Centre for Applied Geology
Item No. 89. The Head, Department of Applied Research
Item No. 94. The Head, Department of Economics
Item No. 95. The Head, Department of Rural Industries and Management
Item No. 96. The Director i/c, Centre for Geoinformatics
Item No. 97. The Head, Department of Cooperation

The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested that the requests from various departments will be merged and a master plan will be made with financial requirements on the basis of UGC guidelines for Institutional Development Plan for Higher educational Institutions and send the master plan proposal to the Ministry for one time grant for the development activities of the Gandhigram Rural Institute. In this regard, a committee is to be constitute with competent persons to consolidate all the requests from the departments and prepare the master plan budget proposal along with guidelines to get one time grant from the Ministry.

At the same time, the planning and Monitoring Board considered and resolved to approve the small needy items for the departments for the NAAC accreditation work as one by one as per the decision of the Authorities.

8. **Item No.90/PMB.2024.VIII**

The perspective plan of the Institute for the next 10 years

1. Upgrading of GRI – DTBU in to a Central University.
2. Starting 15 new academic programmes in next 5 to 10 years.
3. Starting Distance Education programmes for revenue generation.
4. Signing MoU's with Rural/National/International/NGO's/Industries/Corporates/Instiutional and other organizations.
5. Enhancing number of global top 2% Scientist from GRI.
6. Establishing World Class Infrastructure facilities.
7. Establishing Solar Power Station to reduce electricity bill as well as to support nearby villages and to the Government of Tamilnadu.
8. Establish 50 bedded hospitals for GRI community servicing villages.
9. New hostels with facilities for International students.
10. Additional Guest House for parents and staff.
11. Construction of Alumni Association Building.
12. Construction of Wall Fencing.
13. Centre for CSR Resources.
14. Community Hall.
15. Open Theatre.
16. Children's park.
17. Staff Recreation Club.
18. Departmental Store.
19. Beauty Parlour.
20. Centre for Translation Studies.
21. Centre for Public Image Building.
22. Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems.
23. Staff Association Building.

24. Sports Complex.
25. Incubation Centre.
26. Digitalization of Records.
27. 100% E-governance.
28. Cultural complex with Rural Arts.
29. Up-gradation of Gandhi Museum.
30. Museum for Village Industry including khadi and Handlooms.
31. Campus Wi-Fi.
32. Up-gradation of University Library.
33. Few more Centres/Cells based on the domain strength of Faculty members to be established.
34. Lift facility for Administrative Building and Tamil Department.
35. Building of additional hostels for Boys and Girls.
36. Construction of an Air-conditioned modern auditorium with 1000 seated capacity and digital Screening.
37. Construction of at least two interview halls with ICT, Wi-Fi and Video Conferencing facilities.
38. Construction of Flyover/ Foot over bridge above the four lane enabling students to cross the road.
39. Construction of Passenger shelters on both sides of four lane in the bus stops in front of GRI entrance.
40. Re-creation of the erstwhile Arch at the beginning of GRI Approach road on four lane showcasing both GRI (DTBU) and Gandhigram Trust with Gandhi, Amma & Mama photos.

The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and resolved to approve the perspective plan of the Institute with small corrections.

9. **Item No.91/PMB.2024.VIII**

Teaching, Learning and Evaluation

1. Preparation of The GRI Academic Calendar well in advance and distributed to all the students, staff, and faculty on the first day of the academic year.
2. Preparation of VPP Activities orientation to the department coordinator by the extension department.
3. Plant trees with support of students to make a Green Campus, Shramadhan hour per week must be utilized for tree plantation and watering by every student, scholar, staff, and faculty (Each Tree one) in collaboration with State Agriculture Department and Gandhigram/Chettiyapatti Panchayat.
4. Digitalize all sections in the administrative block, including a tracking facility to encourage a paperless, eco-friendly environment.
5. Introduction of biometric attendance for faculties, staff, and students from 2024-25.
6. GRI – JRF should be given to all scholars from the beginning of the joining date with ₹10,000 per month for the first two years. Based on the performance, it may be enhanced to SRF with ₹15,000 per month to attract more Ph.D Scholars.
7. Encourage all research scholars with incentives for their quality research quality publications by the highest citation of their articles and Q1 journals in Disciplines.
8. Buying online subscriptions for all important journals to enhance the research activity in both arts (Peer-reviewed and UCC core listed journals) and science (IEEE, Elsevier, Springer, Wiley, etc.) discipline.

9. Provide premium access o AI tools such as Grammarly, Quilbot, etc., for all faculties and research scholars.
10. Provide new computers/equipment to the labs/research centers with advanced configuration/software by replacing the existing ones.
11. Send a request for special research grant from the Ministry of Education. Every faculty should provide minimum support of an annual research grant ₹2.00 lakh per year to promote research and innovation.
12. Creating IT enabled with enhanced WiFi-enabled classrooms for all students of all programs with convenient seating facilities. Air conditioning seminar halls, laboratories, and fully furnished classrooms to create an ambivalent classroom atmosphere.
13. Renovation of laboratories and seminar halls with mega-size digital screens and state-of-the-art instruments/facilities for PG and Research students.
14. To provide new/modern furniture for classrooms/offices/sections.
15. Create hostel facilities for international students separately.
16. The existing hostels may be renovated by including mosquito nets for windows, a separate area for indoor games, and a fitness center.
17. Improve the hostel facility with a multi-cuisine mess facility to accommodate more students from other states.
18. Running a mess with refreshments at the faculty guest house for faculty members and guests from outside.
19. Install a satellite map at the institute's entrance to display the departments/centers/sections/hostel locations, etc.
20. Construct new modern classroom complexes for the student community.
21. Create an eco-park to create awareness of climate change.
22. Create funds for the faculty/student for an exchange programme with national/international educational entities.
23. Create separate fruits/fresh juice shops inside the campus to avoid canned products.
24. Create stationery shops inside the campus at affordable prices.
25. Fixing display board in front of the university entrance.
26. Create a vehicle shed for each school/department/section.
27. To reuse the wastewater from hostels for agricultural purposes.
28. Renovate the bakery and paper units to function well and connect them to create innovation, incubation, and entrepreneurship centers to develop internal resources of funds.
29. Improve the university website to make it more attractive and user-friendly, and upgrade email services to provide more storage capacity. Develop an app for easy access to notifications, circulars, fee payments, timetables, attendance details, etc for students and faculties.

The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and resolved to approve the above aspects of Teaching, Learning and evaluation. The members of the Board informed to get budget requirement for approval of GRI fellowship for Ph. D. scholars.

The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and informed that before vacation, every Department has to plan for education and research activities for the next academic year. Fifteen days timewill be given to get the plans with allocation of funds and the same will be compiled in the Deans meeting. Independent dates should be scheduled for small workshops / Seminars and Conferences from the Departments.

10. **Item No.92/PMB.2024.VIII**

To consider and approve the Annual Quality Assurance Report for the years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23& 2023-24.

The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and resolved to approve the Annual Quality Assurance Report for the years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23& 2023-24.

11. **Item No.93/PMB.2024.VIII**

To consider and approve the Academic Audit Report – 2022 (2016-17 to 2020-21)

The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and resolved to approve the Academic Audit Report- 2022 (2016-17 to 2020-21).

12. **Item No.98/PMB.2024.VIII**

To consider and approve the Perspective Plan and Strategic Plan of GRI received from the Director, IQAC, GRI.

The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and resolved to approve the Perspective Plan and Strategic Plan of GRI received from the Director, IQAC, GRI.

13. **Item No.99/PMB.2024.VIII - Any Other Matters**

The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and resolved to approve and decided the following

1. A master plan of campus is to be prepared.
2. A master plan for Academic programmes is to be prepared.
3. A specific format is to be prepared for feasibility study to start academic programmes.
4. To appoint Temporary teachers and Non-Teaching staff including technical staff only against the vacant sanctioned posts. (Teaching Staff vacant-90 Nos., Non-Teaching Staff vacant-161 Nos. as on 01.07.2024.)
5. Routine work is to be avoided as an agenda to the Planning and Monitoring Board.
6. Appreciate GRI for going for NAAC accreditation.
7. The Estate Officer has to monitor all construction activities and present monthly report to the authorities.
8. Land occupied by private persons is to be cleared.
9. All requirements of infrastructure facilities needed to be prepared in line with institutional development plan of UGC.
10. Guided to plan to celebrate Golden Jubilee Function of GRI.
11. Guided to request one time grant for deemed to be University for the Golden Jubilee year infrastructure facilities.
12. A special request should be made in the society meeting for one time grant with prior intimation to the society members.
13. Conversion of non-cultivable land to cultivable land to the extent possible.
14. School wise development plan and monitoring system needs to be prepared.
15. Annual Academic activities plan for every department is to be prepared by the departments and sent to the authorities.

16. Fund generation by every department is to be initiated.
17. Space allocation committee should be very active.
18. Quality based performance indicators for staff is to be prepared for every department.
19. Deans needed to be empowered more appropriately.
20. VPP should be strengthened by giving orientation, training and monitoring.
21. ATM built in smart id card prepared through Canara Bank sponsored.
22. Biometric should be introduced.
23. NAAC compliance report of previous NAAC Committee is to be checked and verified.
24. The examination reform committee and the report may be submitted to the committee.
25. The proposals for Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and other activities have to be submitted by departments for one year in advance.
26. to improve Hostel facilities for students.
27. to send request to railway authorities to get train stop for Gandhigram station to facilitate the transport facilities for the students and staff of GRI.
28. to send a request to TNRTC for bus stop at Gandhigram.
29. to prepare a separate budget proposal for the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Gandhigram Rural Institute during 2026, to get more funds from the Ministry.
30. to send a request for High mask lamp for the Gandhigram Bus stop.
31. to conduct Board of Studies once in three years.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked all the respected members both on line and offline for a fruitful interaction.

The Registrar i/c proposed vote of thanks.

The meeting came to a close at 12.30 p.m. with thanks to the Chair.

Dr.L.Rathakrishnan   **Prof.N.Panchanatham**
Registrar i/c.   **Vice-Chancellor**

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