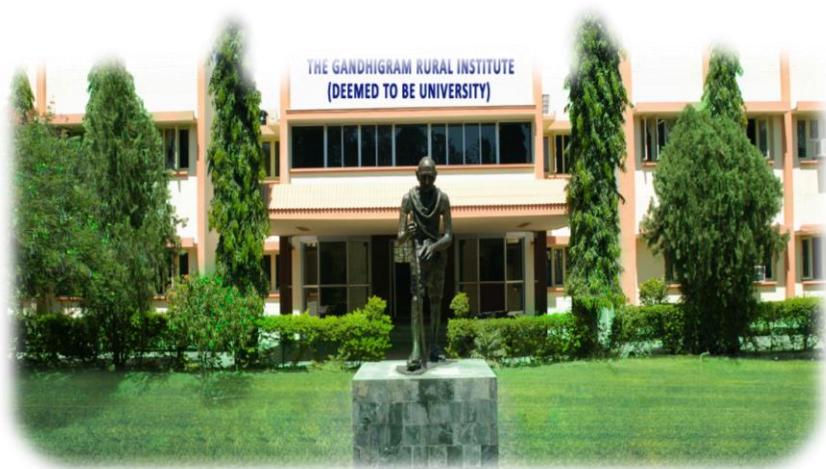


MANDATORY DISCLOSURE



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Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya), Govt. of India

Accredited with 'A++' Grade by NAAC (4th Cycle)

Gandhigram – 624 302, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu



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Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya), Government of India.

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MANDATORY DISCLOSURE DETAILS

a) About HEI	
About us: Overview	
Name of the Institution	The Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya), Govt. of India
Address of the Institution	Gandhigram - 624 302 Dindigul District
City & Pin Code	Gandhigram & 624 302
State	Tamil Nadu
Longitude & Latitude	77.93529607443051 & 10.279333755885935
Phone Number with STD Code	(0451) 2452371 to 2452375
Office Hours of the Institution	9:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Academic Hours of the Institution	9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
e-mail	vc@ruraluniv.ac.in registrar@ruraluniv.ac.in
Website	www.ruraluniv.ac.in
Nearest Railway Station	Ambathurai Station (3 k.m.) Dindigul Junction (13 k.m.)
Nearest Airport	Madurai Airport (70 k.m.)
Type of Institution	University: Fully funded by Ministry of Education – Deemed to be University
Chancellor of the Institution	Dr.KM. Annamalai
Vice-Chancellor of the Institution	Prof. N. PANCHANATHAM email: vc@ruraluniv.ac.in
Registrar of the Institution	Prof. M. SUNDARAMARI email: registrar@ruraluniv.ac.in

Genesis of the Institution

“Nai Talim,” the transformative educational philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi that integrates cognitive and affective development with a strong emphasis on skill formation and holistic growth, serves as the philosophical foundation of the Gandhigram Rural Institute (GRI). Established in 1956 by Dr. G. Ramachandran and Dr. T. S. Soundaram - two devoted disciples of Mahatma Gandhi. The Institute was created with the central objective of promoting rural development through education and training. Over the years, GRI has revolutionized rural higher education by blending Gandhiji’s Nai Talim with the educational ideals of the Dr. Radhakrishnan Education Commission (1948-49), the recommendations of Dr. K. Shrimali, Denmark’s Folks Hoschkole system of N. F. S. Grundtvig (1844), the Land-Grant University Model of the USA (1862), and Rabindranath Tagore’s Sriniketan experiment (1922).

The major objectives of GRI are to provide instruction and training that promote a classless and casteless society; to encourage research, advancement, and dissemination of knowledge; and to function as a centre for extension and outreach work supporting integrated and sustainable rural development. GRI’s pioneering curricular model integrating teaching, research, and extension earned it the status of a Deemed to be University in 1976. Subsequently, the Institute received Five Star status from NAAC in 2002 and was re-accredited with an ‘A’ Grade in both 2010 and 2016. Recently, GRI has been accredited with an A++ Grade with a CGPA of 3.58 in the Fourth Cycle. In the NIRF ranking ladder, the Institute consistently figures among notable universities: it was ranked in the band 151–200 in NIRF 2022; rank band 101–150 in 2021; 91st in 2020; 75th in 2019; 79th in 2018; and 91st in 2017.

GRI offers a wide spectrum of academic programmes from Certificate courses to Ph.D. degrees across its various academic units. These programmes follow the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and Outcome Based Education (OBE), ensuring academic flexibility. The National Education Policy (NEP 2020) has been implemented for all undergraduate programmes from the academic year 2024-25, offering multiple-entry and multiple-exit options. The Institute is a registered

member of the National Academic Depository (NAD). More than 6,697 students have created Academic Bank Credit (ABC) IDs, and over 9,248 degree certificates have been uploaded to the repository. The curricula emphasize experiential learning, with provision for internships, industrial and field visits, and project work. To strengthen skill development, GRI offers Certificate courses and D.Voc. and B.Voc. programmes under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Kaushal Kendra, giving substantial importance to hands-on training.

Alongside its academic contributions, GRI employs both scientific and social science research paradigms to address rural issues. Rural development forms a core component of all its programmes, enabling students to meet the personnel requirements of government and non-governmental organizations engaged in rural development initiatives. The Institute has more than 4,000 students and 250 teaching staff, including 85 permanent faculty. It also has 240 non-teaching staff, with 58 permanent technical or non-teaching personnel. GRI maintains excellent gender equity and inclusivity, with nearly 85% of its students coming from rural backgrounds. All academic, research, and outreach activities are aligned with the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In the past five years, GRI has organized numerous national, international, and state-level workshops, seminars, and conferences. Faculty members have published 3,043 research articles in reputed and refereed journals. The Institute's h-index is 110 in Scopus and 102 in Web of Science. GRI consistently features in the SCIMAGO Institutions Ranking, and four of its faculty members regularly appear in Elsevier's list of the top 2% of world scientists. As recognition for its significant work in rural outreach, GRI has been designated a National Level Monitor (NLM) by the Ministry of Rural Development and the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India, to evaluate the implementation of various rural development, drinking water, and sanitation programmes. GRI has successfully conducted four programmes under the Global Initiative for Academic Networks (GIAN) of the Ministry of Education.

Funded projects constitute an important part of GRI's research

environment. During the financial year 2024-25, more than 101 project proposals were submitted to various funding agencies and are under consideration; 19 research projects are currently in progress. Five departments have received funding under UGC-SAP, and four have been recognized under DST-FIST (Levels I & II). The Institute has signed more than 238 national and international MoUs for collaborative research. A major achievement includes the mobilization of Rs.8.44 crore from the REC Foundation (a Maharatna company under the Ministry of Power) for establishing a 1.0 MW grid-connected solar power plant at GRI. Additionally, the Institute maintains strong industry linkages with TCS, Yamaha Motors, TAFE, and TVS Motors for skill training and student placements.

GRI has received multiple national and international accolades for its excellence in education, research, and extension. These include the Best UBA-Regional Coordinating Institute Award (2024), Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) 3-Star Status (2023) by MoE, IREDA-NIWE Award for Best Institution of Higher Learning in Wind Energy (2020), ICAR Best KVK Activity Award for Farmers' Training (First Place, 2020), EduDestination Award from Rethink India, the Tamil Nadu Green Award (2017), the NIQR-TVN KIDAO Award from the National Institution for Quality and Reliability, Chennai, and the Best Green & Clean Campus Award by Environment Solutions, Chennai. GRI was also one of the four institutions selected in 2015 for the prestigious Indo-US 21st Century Knowledge Initiative Award. Faculty members have been recipients of awards such as TANSA and the UGC Mid-Career Award for their academic and research contributions.

Extension forms an integral part of all academic programmes. Over the past five years, GRI has excelled in community outreach, particularly through technology-driven rural empowerment initiatives. Under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), GRI serves as a Regional Coordinating Institute, guiding 159 institutions across Southern India. Grounded in Gandhian ideology and philosophy, the Gandhigram Rural Institute continues to advance with a strong commitment to rural upliftment, reinforcing its vision to work for the overall development of rural India.

Act and Statutes or MoA	View Details
Institutional Development Plan	View Details
Accreditation / Ranking Status (NAAC, NBA, NIRF)	NAAC: Accredited A++ Grade with a CGPA of 3.58 View Details NIRF: View Details

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
NIRF Rank	91 st	79 th	75 th	91 st	(Rank Band 101-150)	(Rank Band 151-200)

Recognition / Approval	12b: View Details
Annual Reports	View Details
Annual Accounts including Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Accounts, Receipts and Payments Account along with Audit Report	View Details
Sponsoring Body Details	Fully funded by Ministry of Education, Govt. of India

b) Administrations (Profiles with photographs and contact details)

Chancellor	View Details
Vice-Chancellor	View Details
Registrar	View Details
Finance Officer	View Details
Controller of Examinations	View Details
Chief Vigilance Officer	View Details
Ombudsperson	View Details
Governance System (GRI Society)	View Details
Board of Management	View Details
Planning and Monitoring Board	View Details
Finance Committee	View Details
Academic Council	View Details
Internal Complaints Committee	View Details
Academic Leadership (Dean / HoD of Schools / Departments / Centres)	Deans: View Details HoDs: View Details

c) Academics	
Details of Academic Programmes	View Details
Academic Calendar	View Details
Statutes / Ordinances pertaining to Academics / Examinations	<p>Academic Council: View Details</p> <p>Planning and Monitoring Board: View Details</p> <p>Board of Management: View Details</p> <p>Examinations: View Details</p>
Schools / Departments / Centres	View Details
Department / School / Centre wise faculty / staff details with photographs	View Details
Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)	View Details
Library	View Details
Academic Collaborations	View Details
d) Admissions & Fee	
Prospectus (including fee structure for various programmes)	View Details
Admission Process and guidelines	View Details
Fee Refund Policy	View Details
e) Research	
Research and Development Cell (including Research and Consultancy Projects, Foreign Collaboration, Industry Collaborations)	View Details
Incubation Centre / Start-ups / Entrepreneurship Cell	<p>Centre for Entrepreneurship Development: View Details</p>
Central Facilities	View Details

f) Student Life	
Sports Facilities	View Details
NCC / NSS Details	NSS: View Details YRC: View Details
Hostel Details	View Details
Placement Cell and its Activities	View Details
Details of Student Grievance Redressal Committee and Ombudsperson	View Details
Health Facilities	View Details
Internal Complaints Committee	View Details
Anti-Ragging Cell	View Details
Equal Opportunity Cell	View Details
Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups Cell	Reservation Cell: View Details Minority Cell: View Details OBC Cell: View Details HEPSN: View Details
Facilities for Differently Abled	View Details
g) Alumni	
Alumni Association with Details	View Details
h) Information Corner	
RTI: Details of Central Public Information Officer and Appellate Authority	View Details
Circulars and Notices	View Details
Announcements	View Details
Newsletters	View Details
News, Recent Events & Achievements	View Details
Job Openings	View Details
Reservation Roster	View Details
Study in India	Under Process – to be enabled in the Website
Admission procedure and facilities provided to International Students	View Details

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