



Message from the Vice Chancellor

Dear Alumni,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the inaugural issue of Alumni e-Newsletter, an initiative designed to celebrate and share the achievements, events, and innovations within our vibrant community at Gandhigram Rural Institute.

As an institution committed to excellence in academics, research and extension activities, we believe in the power of communication to bring us closer together and to highlight the collective efforts that contribute to our shared success.

I encourage all readers to engage with this newsletter—share your feedback, suggest ideas, and contribute to future editions. Together, we can make this a dynamic and enriching source of connection and pride for all.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the editorial team and everyone involved in making this initiative a reality.

Warm Regards,

Dr.N.Panchanham, Vice Chancellor,
Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.



Message from the Registrar

Dear Alumni,

It is with immense joy that I extend my warm greetings to you through this inaugural issue of our Alumni e-Newsletter. This initiative is a significant step toward fostering stronger connections between our alumni and Gandhigram Rural Institute, while also celebrating the remarkable milestones achieved by our community.

As an institution rooted in the principles of rural development and academic excellence, we take great pride in your achievements and the impact you continue to make in your respective fields.

I encourage each of you to actively engage with this newsletter—share your stories, ideas, and feedback. Your involvement will not only inspire others but also strengthen the bond we share as part of this extended GRI family. A heartfelt thanks to the editorial team for their hard work and dedication in bringing this initiative to life. Let us continue to work together to make this newsletter a source of pride and connection for everyone associated with Gandhigram Rural Institute.

Warm Regards,

Dr. L. Rathakrishnan,
Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.



Message from the President(AAGRI)

Dear Alumni,

I am proud to inform that the Alumni Cell and the Alumni Association of The Gandhigram Rural Institute, Deemed to be university, is releasing Newsletter of its own to share the activities and achievements of Alumni's in various fields like, Academia, Administration, Business, Farming and Social Service activities. This Newsletter not only integrates unity of Alumni, but also provides visibility to our Alumni's contribution to general public.

It is the right time, to remember our GRI, founders **Dr. G. Ramachandran Mama** and **Dr. T. S. Soundaram Amma**, for their selfless hard work in establishing GRI. So, I sincerely salute our founders. I further thank the present **honorable Vice-Chancellor Dr. N. Panchanatham sir**, for considering and providing appropriate place for Alumni Association of GRI.

I sincerely appreciate **Dr. M. Mary Shanthi Rani, Coordinator Alumni Cell and Alumni Cell Members**, for their contributions in organizing the Alumni meets in the past. I seek Co-operation of our Alumni's to promote our Institute's name and fame in the Academic World.

Warm Regards,

Dr. K. Raja Alias Pranmalai, President,
Alumni Association of GRI(AAGRI), Gandhigram.



Message from the Co-ordinator

Dear Alumni,

This newsletter marks a significant milestone in our journey toward fostering stronger connections, promoting knowledge exchange, and celebrating the accomplishments of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Through its pages, you will find updates on recent developments, and insights into the exciting endeavors that define the spirit of our institute.

This publication serves as a platform to recognize your contributions and to inform and inspire everyone in our community.

Thank you for being part of this exciting new chapter in our communication journey. We look forward to seeing how this newsletter evolves and continues to reflect the heart and soul of our institute.

I thank our respected authorities, Deans and Head of the Departments for their motivation and support. I gratefully acknowledge the efforts of the members of the Working Committee of the Alumni Cell and the members of the Alumni Association for their unwavering support.

Warm Regards,

Dr M. Mary Shanthi Rani,
Chief Editor & Co-ordinator, Alumni Cell, GRI.



GRI ALUMNI AWARD FUNCTION – 2024



ALUMNI AWARD FUNCTION

The GRI Alumni Awards Function 2024 was held on October 2, 2024, at the Silver Jubilee Hall, Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University).

During the event, 64 alumni were honored with Distinguished Alumni Awards for their exceptional professional achievements, including Dr. N. Narayanasamy, former Registrar, and Dr. B. Subburaj, former Vice-Chancellor (i/c) of GRI. Dr.L.Rathakrishnan, Registrar (i/c) welcomed the gathering and highlighted the best practices of Gandhigram Rural Institute.

Dr. M. Mary Shanthi Rani, Coordinator of the Alumni Cell, provided a brief overview of the Cell's activities. Special Addresses were delivered by Dr.G. Pankajam, former Vice-Chancellor & Alumna of GRI, and Dr. L. Subramanian, I.A.S, a GRI alumnus. Dr. N. Markandan, former Vice-Chancellor of GRI, Dr.S. Manivel, Dean of Students' Welfare, and Dr.K.Raja Piranmalai, President of the Alumni Association of Gandhigram Rural Institute, offered their felicitation.

A highlight of the event was a captivating folk song orchestra performance by Mrs. Rajalakshmi Senthilganesan, an accomplished alumna of GRI. The ceremony concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. C.Raja Mohan, Deputy Coordinator of the Alumni Cell.



Dr. N. Panchanatham in his Presidential Address, highlighted the vital role of alumni in fulfilling the institute's mission. The Chief Guest Dr. M. Selvam, Vice-Chancellor of Bharathidasan University, emphasized the pivotal role of teachers in shaping students' future and encouraged alumni to maintain meaningful connections with their alma mater.

Releasing of The Alumni Awards Souvenir and the Newsletter



Dr. K Kala, Vice - Chancellor, Mother Teresa Women's University released Alumni Awards Souvenir and Alumni Newsletter at GRI -DTBU, Gandhigram on 19.12.2024

GRI ALUMNI MEET – 2024

The alumni meet at Gandhigram Rural Institute (GRI) was a meticulously organized event that underscored the vital role of alumni in institutional development and compliance with NAAC accreditation requirements. The day began with a warm welcome and a prayer, setting a cordial atmosphere. Dr. L. Rathakrishnan, Registrar (i/c), delivered the welcome address, expressing gratitude for the Alumni continued engagement and emphasizing their importance in shaping the institute's future. Dr. M. Mary Shanthi Rani, Coordinator of the Alumni Cell, provided an overview of alumni initiatives and sensitized participants to NAAC data requirements, encouraging them to actively support data collection efforts.

Dr. N. Panchanatham, Vice-Chancellor, highlighted in his presidential address the transformative impact of alumni contributions on GRI's growth and stressed the importance of their involvement in achieving NAAC accreditation. Felicitations from Dr.S. Manivel, Dean of Students' Welfare, and Dr. K. Raja Piranmalai, President of the Alumni Association, reinforced the appeal for support in gathering crucial data on placements and higher education progression.



Distinguished alumni, including Dr. S. Arumugam and Dr. M. Seethalakshmi, shared heartfelt reflections on how their experiences at GRI shaped their lives, inspiring the attendees to strengthen their bond with the institution. The vote of thanks by Dr. C. Rajamohan, Deputy Coordinator of the Alumni Cell, acknowledged the efforts of all contributors.

The event concluded with the National Anthem and a networking lunch that allowed alumni and faculty to reconnect. In the afternoon, alumni gathered in their respective departments for interactive meetings focused on field-specific discussions and NAAC data collection. These sessions fostered meaningful professional exchanges and collaborations, reinforcing the Alumni commitment to supporting GRI's mission and accreditation objectives.

School of Agriculture



Report on the Alumni Contribution Ceremony

On 20th November 2024, a heartwarming ceremony was held at the Silver Jubilee Hall of Gandhigram Rural Institute (GRI) to honour the generous contribution of Smart Podium and a Digital Voice Recorder by the esteemed alumni. The event was graced by the honorable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. N. Panchanatham, who presided over the proceedings. In his keynote speech, Prof. N. Panchanatham praised the alumni for their generous initiative.

The official handover of the Smart Podium and a Digital Voice Recorder was the highlight of the event in the presence of the Vice-Chancellor and other dignitaries. The donation was made possible by four distinguished alumni of the institute: Dr. A. Sakeer Husain, Registrar, Kerala Agricultural University (KAU); Dr. M. Senthilkumar, Director, Central Coffee Research Institute (CCRI), Dr. P. Venkatesan (Principal scientist, NAARM, Hyderabad) and Dr. M. Surendran (Professor & Head, Mancombu Rice Research Station, KAU, Kerala).



Each of them contributed Rs. 10,000 to a total of Rs. 40,000. Their thoughtful contribution exemplifies their dedication to supporting the institute's academic development. The Smart Podium and a Digital Voice Recorder was officially received by Dr. R. Priyanka and Dr. S. Rajaguru on behalf of School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences, symbolizing its integration into the academic framework.

The ceremony concluded with an inspiring address by Dr. M. Sundaramari, Dean of the School of Agriculture, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to the alumni for their generous gesture.

He emphasized the importance of such initiatives in nurturing a culture of innovation and excellence at GRI and reiterated the institution's commitment to providing quality education.

The event showed the strong connection between the alumni and Gandhigram Rural Institute, promoting generosity and teamwork for the institute's growth.



Sociology



Department Alumni Meet Report

On September 6, 2024, the Department of Sociology at Gandhigram Rural Institute (DtU) conducted an Alumni Meet to facilitate the reunion of former students and to offer them an opportunity to reconnect with the institution, faculty, and current students.

The event was designed to cultivate meaningful interactions, fortify the connection between the department and its alumni, and offer a glimpse into the department's progression and accomplishments. The event commenced with a cordial welcome from Dr. R. Kumaran, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department.

He expressed his gratitude to the alumni for their presence and contributions to the department over the years and also introduced the current faculty members of the department. A succinct summary of the event and its objectives was provided.

Alumni from a variety of cohorts were invited to discuss their professional duties, current responsibilities, and post-graduation experiences. This segment offered current students invaluable insights and encouraged them to strive for excellence in their academic and professional endeavours.

A networking session was a component of the event, during which alumni engaged with students to exchange information and offer advice on career advancement.

Numerous alumni expressed enthusiasm for mentoring students and offering internships or employment opportunities at their current organisations.

The Alumni Meet was a resounding success, garnering favourable feedback from both current students and alumni of the department.



Numerous alumni expressed their gratitude for the chance to re-establish connections with their colleagues and professors, and they committed to providing assistance to the department in a variety of capacities. In an effort to fortify the department's network, certain alumni proposed that similar events be conducted annually.

The Alumni Meet was a testament to the Department of Sociology's robust relationship with its alumni.

In addition to strengthening the dedication to a collaborative future for the department and its students, the event also offered the opportunity to relive memories. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, which recognised the Alumni dedication, enthusiasm, and support for the department's vision.

The Alumni were expressed gratitude for their attendance at the event and for their willingness to contribute to the department's expansion.



Event News

The sociology department was visited by Mr. T. Ramesh, a social activist and alumnus, on 02.10.2024 in order to interact with the students.

He shared his personal experiences and insights into the challenges of promoting intercaste marriages as a dedicated advocate for a casteless society.

The session delved into the profound ideas of Periyar, a prominent social reformer, and examined his perspectives on the abolition of caste.



On the same day, in the morning Mr. Ramesh, a lawyer, social worker and alumnus of Gandhigram Rural Institute, Was presented with the renowned Alumni Award that same day.

His tireless pursuit of social change, including the legalisation of intercaste marriage and the establishment of a caste-free society, was recognised with this award. He has inspired a lot of people, and that includes students and staff.



Report on Engaging Alumni in Invited Lecture

The Department of Sociology at Gandhigram Rural Institute hosted an invited training session on resume writing and LinkedIn profile creation on October 29, 2024.

Mr. A. Edison Babu, Project Coordinator at the Agaram Foundation and a Sociology department alumnus (2017-2021), acted as a resource person for this occasion.

He shared insights on what recruiters look for in resumes, such as keyword optimisation, formatting tips, and how to effectively highlight relevant experience and achievements.

He also showed students how to build a strong LinkedIn profile, covering topics such as crafting a compelling headline, writing a professional summary, and selecting the right skills to showcase in their LinkedIn profile.

Finally, Mr. Edison Babu provided insights and ideas for interacting with industry information and growing a professional network on the platform.

Involving alumni in this fashion not only increases students' professional presence, but it also builds long-term relationships between students and alumni, resulting in a supportive community inside the department.

Alumni Meet – September 6, 2024

On September 6, 2024, the Department of Sociology at Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU) conducted an Alumni Meet to facilitate the reunion of former students and provide them with an opportunity to reconnect with the institution, faculty, and current students.

The event was designed to foster meaningful interactions, strengthen the connection between the department and its alumni, and showcase the department's progress and accomplishments.

The event commenced with a warm welcome by Dr. R. Kumaran, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department, who expressed his gratitude to the alumni for their presence and contributions to the department over the years.

He also introduced the current faculty members and provided a concise overview of the event's objectives.

Alumni from various cohorts were invited to share their professional experiences, current responsibilities, and post-graduation journeys.

This segment offered invaluable insights to current students, inspiring them to strive for academic and professional excellence. A networking session followed, where alumni engaged with students to exchange information and offer career advice. Many alumni expressed their enthusiasm for mentoring students and providing internship or employment opportunities at their respective organizations.

The Alumni Meet was a resounding success, receiving positive feedback from both current students and alumni. Many alumni expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to reconnect with peers and professors and committed to supporting the department in various capacities.

Some alumni proposed that similar events be held annually to strengthen the department's network further.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the Alumni dedication, enthusiasm, and support for the department's vision.

The Alumni Meet served as a testament to the Department of Sociology's strong relationship with its alumni and reaffirmed its commitment to a collaborative future for the department and its students.

Alumni Visit – October 2, 2024

On October 2, 2024, Mr. T. Ramesh, a social activist and alumnus, visited the Department of Sociology to interact with students. During the session, he shared personal experiences and insights into the challenges of promoting intercaste marriages, reflecting his commitment to advocating for a casteless society.

He also explored the profound ideas of Periyar, a prominent social reformer, and discussed his perspectives on abolishing caste.

Earlier that day, Mr. Ramesh, who is also a lawyer and social worker, was honored with the prestigious Alumni Award.

This recognition highlighted his tireless pursuit of social change, including the legalization of intercaste marriages and the establishment of a caste-free society.

His inspiring contributions have had a significant impact on students, faculty, and the broader community.

Report on Alumni-Driven Invited Lecture – October 29, 2024

On October 29, 2024, the Department of Sociology at Gandhigram Rural Institute hosted an invited training session on résumé writing and LinkedIn profile creation.

The session was conducted by Mr. A. Edison Babu, a Project Coordinator at the Agaram Foundation and an alumnus of the Sociology department (2017–2021).

Mr. Edison Babu provided valuable insights into what recruiters look for in résumés, including keyword optimization, formatting tips, and effectively showcasing relevant experience and achievements.

He also guided students on building a strong LinkedIn profile, covering topics such as crafting a compelling headline, writing a professional summary, and selecting the right skills to feature.

Additionally, he shared ideas on how to engage with industry-specific information and grow a professional network on the platform.

The involvement of alumni in such initiatives not only enhances students' professional skills but also fosters stronger relationships between students and alumni, creating a supportive community within the department.

Computer Science & Applications



International Workshop by Mr.S.Jayachandran, MCA batch 2001-2004

The "International Workshop on CRM & Salesforce Technology" was conducted on 15th & 16th of July 2024, to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of Salesforce, a leading customer relationship management (CRM) platform. Mr.S.Jayachandran, MCA batch 2001-2004, Salesforce Architecture Consultant, TECHNYBELL LLC, USA acted as a resource person

The workshop aimed to enhance the participants' ability to utilize Salesforce effectively to drive sales, improve customer engagement, and streamline business operations. The session catered to both beginners and experienced users, offering insights into Salesforce's various features and functionalities.



The workshop was divided into four main sessions, each focusing on a specific aspect of Salesforce. The "CRM & Salesforce Technology" workshop successfully equipped participants with the knowledge and skills needed to maximize the potential of Salesforce in their organizations.

By understanding Salesforce's full capabilities, participants are now better positioned

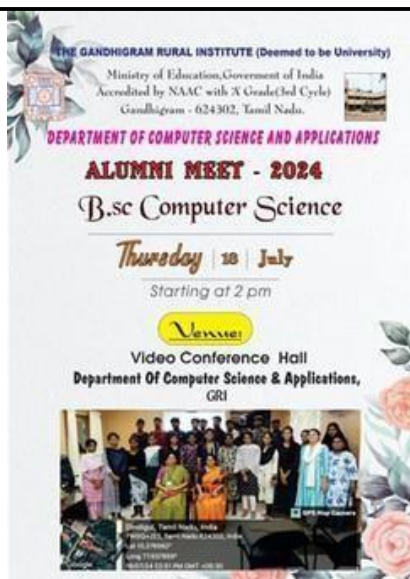
Farmers from nearby villages were invited to the workshop.

They made their queries about farm management and asked for an application that could keep track of cultivation.

Students from MCA-II went for the field visit to take a look at their farm and industries that helped the students to develop an application regarding their queries.

Alumni meet of 2024 passed out Students

A meeting was organized with our 2024 passed out students on 18th July 2024 and discussed about our objectives.



20 years Reunion of M.Sc-IT batch 2002-2004



The Alumni Meet for students from M.Sc (IT) Batch 2002-2004 was held on 16/08/2024 at the Video Conference Hall in the Dept of Computer Science and Applications.



The main purpose of this alumni meet is to reunite with their old friends and to reconnect with the institution and its community. They donated 10 sets of class room furniture worth of Rs 50,000 and few components for IoT & Robotics Lab.





Skill Development by Mr.B.Srinivasan M.Sc-IT batch 2003-2005

Mr.B.Srinivasan, M.Sc IT (Batch 2003-2005) interacted with I.B.Sc CS students on 16.09.2024 about the skill development and behavioural management.



ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES



The Alumni 2024 inauguration was graced by the Vice Chancellor along with the

The Alumni Meet 2024

The Alumni Meet 2024 was organized on 6th September, 2024, at Multipurpose Auditorium and Alumni Award Function was conducted on 2nd October, 2024, at Silver Jubilee Hall by the Alumni Cell of The Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Dindigul. The alumni meet aspired to: acknowledge the achievements made by the former students, track their present position as a concern even after graduation, spark their nostalgic memories, and provide a platform for interaction between alumni, faculty, students, and the college administration.



Topic of Discussion: The Demand for Multidisciplinary Approach in Literary Research

Events at the School of English and Foreign Languages

After the general session, the alumni were cordially welcomed to the SEFL with open arms. All the alumni members were honoured with a customized welcome card as a symbol of gratitude. The eagerly anticipated event of "the joining departmental session" happened in the Department of English and Communicative Studies, School of English and Foreign Languages at 2.00 pm.



Discussion: Alumni's contribution to the welfare of the institution

Brief on Alumni contribution to the welfare of the institution:

The Alumni of SEFL have donated to the institution in miscellaneous non-financial forms. The alumnae have guided the current batch of I MA ECS and II MA ECS students concerning job opportunities open in different fields. To pave the way for juniors, alumni have gathered details of the students for employee referrals in case of any vacancy available in their organization. As a benefaction, they communicated the ensuing details: professional setting, working culture, high-paying career opportunities, and the real-world applications of their education. They guaranteed the students that they would have constant communication with the students and mentor them through the myriad challenges they undergo during their occupational journey.



ALUMNI MEET 2024: the ultimate moments of joy and nostalgia in SEFL

RURAL HEALTH & SANITATION



Former students of PGDSI course and notable alumni participated in Alumni meet on 15-07-2024. They discussed about employment opportunities PGDSI completed students as on 15-07-2024.

Notable Alumni were included in Board of studies of Department of Rural Health and Sanitation. They participated in the Board of Studies meeting held on 25-04-2024. They give their feed back about course and employment opportunities of PGDSI students.



GUEST LECTURE

Notable Alumni of Department of Rural Health and Sanitation were included for giving Guest Lectures in Department of Rural Health and Sanitation premises, Their expertise in their field were explained by them. For example solid waste management, Vector control Management Diseases-vector borne diseases, IEC activities on solid waste management.

Guest Lecture program is routine programme for every academic year of PGDSI course.

Topics covered include:

- Integrated solid waste management. Disease prevention and vector control strategies.
- Effective IEC (Information, Education, and Communication) activities for public health.

The department hosted an alumni engagement event for former students of the Postgraduate Diploma in Sanitation and Infrastructure (PGDSI) course. The gathering served as a platform to discuss employment opportunities for PGDSI graduates as of 15-07-2024.



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS



Alumni Meeting Report – B.A. Economics (2021–2024 Batch)

The Department of Economics at The Gandhigram Rural Institute organized an alumni meeting for the B.A. Economics students of the 2021–2024 batch. The event was held in the department's seminar hall, with ten alumni, all faculty members, and research scholars in attendance. Dr. S. Rajendran, Head of the Department, presided over the meeting.

The discussions during the meeting focused on the following key areas:

1. **Further Studies**
2. **Future Course of Action**
3. **Curriculum of the B.A. Economics Programme**

Key Highlights:

- **Higher Studies:** Six alumni have either enrolled in or plan to pursue higher studies.
- **Competitive Exams:** Four alumni have joined coaching classes to prepare for competitive exams such as TNPSC, Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS), and the Police Sub-Inspector exams.
- **Curriculum Feedback:** Some alumni suggested that the Statistics paper in the B.A. Economics programme be divided into two separate courses to enhance its comprehensibility and focus.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. S. Nehru, expressing gratitude to the alumni for their participation and valuable suggestions.



DEPARTMENT OF HOME SCIENCE



Alumni Meet Report (Aug-Sep 2024)

On August 28, 2024, **R. Karthick**, an alumnus of the Home Science department (M.Sc. HSEC, 2020 batch), visited The Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed to be University. He met with the final-year UG and PG students during the forenoon session, where he provided guidance on preparing for bank exams and shared valuable insights about employment opportunities for Home Science graduates in the banking sector.

Similarly, on August 27, 2024, **Ms. G. Rajalakshmi**, an alumna of the Home Science department (M.Sc. FSN, 2020 batch) and currently working as a dietitian at SRM Medical College & Hospital, Trichy, engaged with the final-year UG and PG students during the afternoon session. She shared her two years of professional experience in the hospital and encouraged students to enhance their knowledge and skills to secure better placement opportunities.



DEPARTMENT OF HINDI

Report on the Alumni Meet – 20.07.2024

The program was organized by **Dr. M. Saleem Baig**, Professor and Head, Department of Hindi, GRI, Gandhigram. It began with a welcome address by Dr. Saleem Baig, who greeted all the alumni and reminisced about their college days, highlighting their energy and enthusiasm during that time.

Following this, **Dr. Khandare Chandu Laxman** addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of Hindi for career development. **Dr. K. Subramani** also spoke, sharing his observations about how students grew from their initial days in college to leaving with knowledge and wisdom.

Around nine alumni attended the meet, most of whom are now engaged in teaching professions. They shared their experiences, discussed how the Hindi language helped shape their careers, and reflected on their time at GRI. They expressed gratitude for their education and how it prepared them for their current roles. They also discussed strategies to find Hindi-related job opportunities.

Report on the Alumni Meet – 06.09.2024

The Alumni Meet on **06.09.2024** commenced in the Multi-Purpose Auditorium with an inspiring speech by **Dr. N. Panchanatham**, Vice-Chancellor of GRI, Gandhigram. **Dr. L. Rathakrishnan**, Registrar, GRI, Gandhigram, delivered an equally motivating speech, fondly recalling his own college days.

Several students took the stage to share their experiences and showcase their talents. The event continued until the afternoon when the session shifted to the Hindi Seminar Hall. In the afternoon session, **Dr. M. Saleem Baig**, Professor and Head, Department of Hindi, warmly welcomed the alumni and delivered an engaging speech, reflecting on the students' learning journey during their time at GRI. **Dr. Khandare Chandu Laxman** shared his insights on the significance of the Hindi language, while **Dr. K. Subramani** shared anecdotes and reflections on the transformation of students during their academic tenure.

The event concluded with a discussion session involving faculty members and alumni, fostering a meaningful exchange of ideas and experiences.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ALUMNI EDU-TALK SERIES - 16

The Alumini Edutalk series 16 started with the prayer song on 20.07.2024 in Seminar Hall, Department of Education, GRI (DTBU). Dr. N. Devaki, Alumini Coordinator welcomed the gathering. Dr. A. JAHITHA BEGUM, Head, Department of Education gave facilitation address. Dr. P. Ponnusamy explained the importance of Alumini Meet.



Mrs. R. Bommuthai, M.Sc., B.Ed., P.G., Assistant in Physics at Devangam Boys Higher Secondary School, delivered a special lecture on the topic "**Kural Inithu.**" She quoted numerous verses from the Tirukkural that include the word "Inithu" and explained their meanings through short stories.

During her speech, she also shared the inspiring journey behind her achievement of the Certificate of World Record – 2023 for her contribution to the "**133 Writers, 1330 Tirukkural Story Explanation & Creation of a 7-Foot Tirukkural Story Book World Record**". Despite balancing her family, school responsibilities, and personal commitments, she persevered with great effort to earn this recognition. She elaborated on the hard work involved and encouraged students to make the most of their college years in a meaningful way.

Mrs. Bommuthai emphasized the importance of patience in all aspects of life. She advised students to adjust to one another, stating that "patience" is the key to maintaining harmony. She urged them to practice patience not only in college but also in their interactions with friends and family. According to her, patience plays a crucial role in achieving success in academics, social endeavors, and personal life.

The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. S. Jerslin, Alumni Joint Secretary.





Alumni Meet 2024 (Batches 2019-2024)

A Grand Alumni meet by The Gandhigram Rural Institute Deemed to be University was held on 6th September in Multipurpose Auditorium. After that Alumni meet was held on 6th September 2024 in the Department of Education. Various experiences of the students were collected from the students in the form of video. Lots of Alumni had shared their experiences about our department. The alumni students shared their initial difficulties in pronouncing words in languages properly and with the guidance of the teachers in Education Department helps in the betterment of communication skills and personality development. They share their experience on the continuous behaviour changes during their studies in the department which make them to learn and teach the other students as a guide.



ALUMNI AWARD FUNCTION

The Alumni Meet and Best Alumni Award 2024 function was an eagerly awaited event that brought together graduates from the batches of 2019-2024. It provided a wonderful opportunity for alumni to reconnect, reminisce, and strengthen their ties with the institution. The event promised not only nostalgia and networking but also a glimpse into the recent developments at GRI. The event officially commenced with a welcome speech by the organizing committee, setting the tone for the day.





Glad to register that Alumni meet held on 28/12/2024 was a great success. Students of B.Ed. First batch 2003-2004 contributed, Electronic podium and Eco-friendly chairs worth of Rs.50,000/-



DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

M.Sc., MICROBIOLOGY (Academic Year 2023-2024)

MINUTES OF THE 1st ALUMNI MEETING HELD ON 05.07.2024



The 1st meeting of the Alumni started at 02.30pm on 05.07.2024 in the Biology Seminar Hall of the Department. Dr. M.R. RAJAN, Professor and Head welcomed the gathering and informed the students that the alumni meet is conducted not only to meet your old friends but also have good rapport with the Staffs of the Department. 24 Students of M.Sc., Microbiology Students have attended the meeting. Dr. P.U. Mahalingam, Professor explained the purpose of conducting the alumni meet. He requested the students to send the student progression periodically and through this regular Alumni meet we can share our knowledge & expertise with the current students. He also requested the Alumni to have rapport with the Department. Alumni are also been requested to contribute in terms of money or infrastructure facilities or small requirements of the Department. Dr. R. Ramasubbu informed that the Alumni should have the association with the Department. Alumni have also been interacted with the Staff members and given their positive feedback about the Department. The Meeting ended at 04.00 pm with the Vote of thanks by the HOD of Biology.





M.Sc., ZOOLOGY (ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024)

MINUTES OF THE 2nd ALUMNI MEETING HELD ON 09.07.2024

The 2nd alumni meet was started at 02.30pm on 09.07.2024 in the Seminar Hall of the Department. Dr. M.R. RAJAN, Professor and Head welcomed the gathering and informed the students that the alumni meet is conducted not only to meet your old friends but also have good rapport with the Staffs of the Department. 15 Students of M.Sc., Zoology have attended the meeting. Staff of the Department informed that the purpose of conducting the Alumni meet is to strengthen the alumni network and it is a good chance to meet your friends and teachers, knowledge transfer, to update the Alumni progression, achievements, competitive exam preparation and job opportunities in higher education. Collaboration with other Universities, institutes, BGO's, MOU with these organizations and our ultimate aim is to get A++ from NAAC. The meeting ended by 04.00pm with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. M.R. Rajan, Professor & Head, Department of Biology, GRI (DTBU), Gandhigram.

M.Sc., BOTANY (ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024)

MINUTES OF THE 3rd ALUMNI MEETING HELD ON 10.07.2024

The Third Alumni meet was conducted on 10.07.2024 at 11.30 am in the Biology Seminar Hall, Department of Biology. Dr. M.R. RAJAN, Professor and Head welcomed the gathering and informed the students that the alumni meet is conducted not only to meet your old friends but also have good rapport with the Staffs of the Department. 13 Students of M.Sc., Botany of academic year 2023- 2024 have attended the meeting. Staff Members requested the Alumni to keep updating their progression. Staff Member also said that as per the Vice Chancellor's advice, the Department is planning to conduct alumni meet every week, where in the Alumni of Department get connected and strengthen the Alumni network, to bring all Alumni under single umbrella, giving opportunity to share their views and ideas, directly or indirectly donate to the Department. Alumni are also instructed to respond to the Emails that they receive from the Department or from IQAC Office or from NAAC office. Department of Biology created Google form to collect a set of data's from the Alumni. Hence the Alumni are given instructed to respond immediately as and when required. Also instructed to spread the messages and advertisements to their friends. Department of Biology is also planning to conduct a mega alumni meet where all the Alumni of the Department of Biology get connected, through hybrid Mode, both online and offline. Alumni given their positive feedback about teachers, Department and Institution. The Meeting came to an end by the Vote of thanks of Dr. M.R. Rajan, HOD of Biology at 01.00 pm.



B.Sc., MICROBIOLOGY (ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024)
MINUTES OF THE 4th ALUMNI MEETING HELD ON 11.07.2024



The 4th Alumni Meet was conducted to the B.Sc., Microbiology Students for the Academic year 2023-2024 on 11.07.2024 at 02.30 pm in the Biology Seminar Hall, Department of Biology. The meeting was started by the welcome address by Dr. M.R. Rajan, Professor and Head, Department of Biology. 23 Students of B.Sc., Microbiology Students of Academic year 2023-2024 have attended the meeting. Staff members instructed Alumni to update their progression periodically to the Department. Also explained about the importance of NAAC A++ and if the NAAC A++ status mentioned in their certificate it gives more weightage to their certificates.

Alumni have also been instructed to respond to the Emails that they receive from the Institution. Alumni have also interacted and shared their views about teachers, Department and Institution. Alumni said that the guidelines given by the staff members, industrial and field visits, lab facilities, placement details, Gurukula & Shramadhan system, prayer, instruments handling, freedom to work and study, syllabus and teaching and earn while learn scheme and everything was very useful for them. Alumni also said that we are proud to say the Alumni of The Department of Biology, GRI. The meeting came to an end by the vote of thanks by Dr. M.R. Rajan, Professor and Head Department of Biology, GRI at 04.00pm.



Research Scholars (1998 to Present) Minutes of the 5th Alumni Meeting Held on 03.08.2024

The fifth Alumni Meeting for Ph.D. research scholars (1998 to present) was held on 03.08.2024 at 11:30 AM in the Biology Seminar Hall. The meeting was attended by 23 research scholars. **Dr. M.R. Rajan**, Professor and Head, welcomed the attendees and encouraged contributions to the department, citing the example of a Ph.D. scholar who had donated a refrigerator during their viva.

Staff members emphasized the importance of alumni engagement in achieving NAAC A++ accreditation and outlined plans to connect alumni from 1978 to the present. Proposed activities included skill development programs, collaborations, functional MoUs, and contributions in research, infrastructure, and entrepreneurship.

Alumni shared their views and ideas. One of the alumni, **Dr. B. Sivasankari**, pledged to donate an induction stove for microbiological sterilization purposes. The meeting concluded at 1:30 PM.



Alumni Corner

Our distinguished alumni Dr.S.Meenakshi, Senior Professor of Chemistry, GRI and Dr. K. Marimuthu, Professor of Physics, GRI have been included in the 2023 Top 2% World's Most Influential Scientists list compiled by Stanford University for the exceptional research contributions in their respective fields.. This list ranks researchers based on their contributions in 22 scientific fields and 176 subfields, including research papers and impact.

Notable Achievements:

Dr.S.Meenakshi: Development of methods for removing toxic pollutants like fluoride and chromium from wastewater.



Dr.K.Marimuthu: Research on light emission through rare earth glasses and radiation protection.



Congratulations to our great alumni!

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