

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

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

DATE : 08.03.2024

TIME : 11.00 A.M.

Mode : ONLINE & OFFLINE (BLENDED MODE)



**THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE
(Deemed to be University)
GANDHIGRAM - 624 302, DINDIGUL DISTRICT
TAMIL NADU**

**THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE
(Deemed to be University)
GANDHIGRAM
MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY SECOND MEETING (162nd) OF THE BOARD OF
MANAGEMENT HELD ON 08.03.2024 AT 11.00 AM AT BOARD ROOM, GRI THROUGH
BLENDED MODE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Prof. Kamakoti | ... Chairperson |
| 2. Dr.G.Baskaran | ... Member |
| 3. Dr.Raja Marimuthu | ... Member |
| 4. Dr.K.Prasanna Sai | ... Member |
| 5. Dr.M.Soundarapandian | ... Member |
| 6. Smt. N. Suganthi | ... Member |
| 7. Dr.L.Rathakrishnan | ... Ex-Officio Secretary |

MEMBERS PRESENT THROUGH ONLINE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 8. Shri.M.Nagarajan | ... Member |
| 9. Prof.Vishnukant S.Chatpalli | ... Member |
| 10. Prof.N.Venkatesh Prajna | ... Member |
| 11. Prof.Shireesh Balwant Kandare | ... Member |
| 12. Prof.(Retd.) Susmita Pande | ... Member |

The meeting started at 11.15 p.m. with one minute of silent prayer. The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to the members of the Board of Management and thanked them for attending the meeting amidst their busy schedule.

The Vice-Chancellor briefly explained about the ensuing 37th Convocation which is scheduled to be held on 09.03.2024.

The items of agenda were taken up for discussion.

1. Item No.2068/BOM.2024.III

To consider the list of passed out students during the academic years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 for the award of Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates and the medalists / Cash awardees.

Resolved to approve the award of Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates and also approved the list of medalists/cash awardees for the students for the years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23.

2. Item No.2069/BOM.2024.III

To consider and approve to authorize Prof.V.Kamakoti, Director, IIT-M, Chennai and Vice-Chancellor (Additional charge) of GRI to sign Degrees and Diplomas as the Vice-Chancellor to be issued to the students till he holds the position of the Vice-Chancellor (Additional charge).

Resolved to authorize Prof.V.Kamakoti, Director, IIT-M, Chennai to sign Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates as the Vice-Chancellor (Additional charge) of GRI till he holds the post of Vice-Chancellor (Additional charge).

3. Item No.2070/BOM.2024.III

Filing of Form No. CSR -1 in the portal of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India for getting CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) fund.

Resolved to approve Filing of Form CSR -1 in the portal of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India for getting CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) fund.

4. Item No.2071/BOM.2024.III

Implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 as envisaged by the Ministry of Education Guidelines to be implemented in GRI from the academic year 2024-25 onwards.

After detailed deliberations resolved to give principal approval to implement NEP 2020 at GRI with the following suggestions:

- 1. To redesign of the curriculum**
- 2. Enough preparation has to be done both in terms of content and delivery and mode of assessment**
- 3. Should take guidance from other universities who have implemented NEP 2020**
- 4. Should adhere proper preparation, planning and implementation**
- 5. Should have Technical components in all subject and practical**
- 6. Draft guidelines to be prepared and circulated to BoM members for approval**

The BoM decided to utilize expert knowledge of Prof.Vishnukant Chatpalli and Sri.Nagarajan, IAS in NEP 2020 Committee of GRI.

5. Item No.2072/BOM.2024.III

To consider and approve for opening a new FCRA Account at State Bank of India, New Delhi Main Branch and endorse the resolution template and other details of BOM members as per notification issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI, dated 10.11.2020 in line with the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Act 2020.

Resolved to approve for opening a new FCRA Account at State Bank of India, New Delhi Main Branch and endorsed the resolution template and other details of BOM members as per notification issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI, dated 10.11.2020 in line with the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Act 2020.

Further, BoM decided to collect the KYC of all Board of Management members through email in order to opening of FCRA Account at SBI, Delhi.

6. Item No.2073/BOM.2024.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee constituted for looking into the issue of AG Audit Para on "Remuneration to the Internal Examiners / Faculty" held on 09.02.2024 at GRI.

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee constituted for looking into the issue of AG Audit Para on "Remuneration to the Internal Examiners / Faculty" held on 09.02.2024 at GRI.

Further, resolved that the remuneration need not pay the faculty members for their own courses henceforth. Ph.D thesis alone is eligible to pay the remuneration.

7. Item No.2074/BOM.2024.III

To consider and approve the recommendations of the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee for promotion of Dr.S.Chidambaram, Assistant Professor of Tamil Stage 1 to Stage 2 under CAS of UGC Regulations, 2010 and 2013 (2nd Amendment) and final decision on the disciplinary proceedings already initiated.

Resolved to approve the recommendations of the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee for promotion of Dr.S.Chidambaram, Assistant Professor of Tamil from Stage 1 to Stage 2 w.e.f. 11.01.2017 under CAS of UGC Regulations, 2010 and 2013 (2nd Amendment) held on 09.10.2023.

8. Item No.2075/BOM.2024.III

To consider and approve the Draft Cadre Recruitment Rules for the Non Teaching staffs framed by the Committee in accordance with the Model Cadre Recruitment Rules for Non-Faculty vide UGC letter Ref. F.No. 8-2/2023(DU) dated 05th December 2023.

Board of Management provisionally approved the Draft Cadre Recruitment Rules (CRR) for the Non Teaching Staffs framed by the Committee in accordance with the Model Cadre Recruitment for Non-Faculty vide UGC letter Ref. F.No.8-2/2023(DU) dated 5th December 2023.

Further BoM resolved to circulate the draft CRR among the stake holders and get their comments/feedback from them. If any additional change in the draft RR Board has to be approved.

The final CRR has to be placed before the Board of Management for its approval.

9. Item No.2076/BOM.2024.III

To consider and approve the appointment of Dean, Students' Welfare, Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram by the Vice-Chancellor (Additional charge) for a period of three years w.e.f. 01.05.2024.

The Board authorize the Vice-Chancellor (Additional charge) to send a circular to all Professors for getting express of interest to serve as Dean, Students' Welfare.

After receipt of the expression of interest (EoI) from the Professors and it will be circulated among all Professors and Associate Professors to give their three choices with a comment in a confidential cover. The entire process will be done at the office of the Vice-Chancellor, IITM, Chennai.

10. Item No.2077/BOM.2024.III

To consider the draft MoA prepared by the Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU) as per UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023.

Resolved to approve the draft MoA as per UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023. If any changes made by UGC the same will be circulated to BoM members for their approval.

11. Item No.2078/BOM.2024.III

To consider and approve Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) degree certificate format and contents for awarding the said degree to a candidate during the 37th Convocation of the Institute.

Resolved to approve the format for award of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) degree with content for awarding the degree to a candidate.

12. Item No.2079/BOM.2024.III

To consider and direct on the request for releasing of salary to the former Registrar Dr.V.P.R.Sivakumar.

The Board resolved as follows:

1. Based on the judgement order that three extensions of tenure of Dr.V.P.R.Sivakumar, Registrar, GRI (09.10.2022 to 08.04.2023, 09.04.2023 to 08.07.2023 and 09.07.2023 to 08.10.2023) are as per se illegal. An order should be issued stating that Dr.V.P.R.Sivakumar is deemed to be relieved from the services on the afternoon of 08.10.2022 on completion of 5 years tenurial period.
2. The service gratuity and leave encashment should be worked out for a period of five years from 09.10.2017 to 08.10.2022.
3. The salary paid after 20.07.2023 should be recovered.
4. If any leave taken beyond 08.10.2022 should also be adjusted against his leave account and recovered or adjusted the amount payable to the individual.
5. Salary paid after 20.07.2023 shall be adjusted from the service gratuity and leave encashment payable to him. If any balance available will be refunded to the individual or any difference amount should be recovered from the individual.

In future advertisement, it should be ensured that the advertisement should be as per UGC guidelines.

Further, the Vice-Chancellor (Additional charge) has directed on the request of releasing salary to the former Registrar, Dr.V.P.R.Sivakumar the decision of the board need to be communicated and he must be given an opportunity to appeal in case he has some points to make. The response from him needs to be discussed in the next Board meeting before final action is taken.

13. Item No.2080/BOM.2024.III

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the 61st Finance Committee held on 24.02.2024 at IIT Madras, Chennai in Hybrid mode.

Resolved to confirm the minutes of the 61st meeting of the Finance Committee of the Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), held on 24.02.2024 at IITM, Chennai through Hybrid mode.

14. Item No.2081/BOM.2024.III

To consider and nominate two member from the Board of Management and one Expert (who is not employee of this Institute) in the constitution of Selection Committee for the posts of Registrar, Controller of Examinations and Finance Officer.

Resolved to nominate the following two Members of the Board of Management and One Expert for constitution of Selection Committee for the post of Registrar, Finance Officer and Controller of Examinations.

1.	Two nominees of the Board of Management	1. Dr.M.RajaMarimuthu Senior Faculty, Professor in Orthopaedics Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research , Chennai RMG House, New No.8, Old No.215 PeriyarPathai, Choolaimedu, Chennai - 600 094. 2. Dr.K.PrasannaSai Management Consultant Sai Advisory Services No.5A, Anna Main Road Kodambakkam, Chennai - 600 024.
2.	One Expert, not being an employee of the Institute, to be appointed by the BoM	Prof. P. Sriram Department of Aerospace Engineering Indian Institute of Technology-Madras Chennai - 600 036.

The members of Board of Management collectively wished for the successful conduct of 37th Convocation of the Institute with the Chairman, ISRO, Bengaluru as Chief Guest which would augment to the prestige and glory of the Institute. The Vice-Chancellor extended a warm invitation to all the members of the Board of Management to attend the 37th Convocation in person, on 09.03.2024.

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

**Dr.L.Rathakrishnan
Registrar (in-charge)**

**Prof.V.Kamakoti
Vice-Chancellor (Additional charge)**

**Gandhigram
08.03.2024**