

THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND MONITORING BOARD HELD
ON 25.03.2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1.	Dr.A. Joseph Dorairaj Vice-chancellor i/c, GRI, Gandhigram	Chairperson
2.	Dr.R. Seerangarajan Head, Department of Rural Industries and Management GRI, Gandhigram	Member
3.	Dr.M.A. Sudhir Professor, Department of Applied Research Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram	Member
4.	Dr.N.S. Nagarajan Professor, Department of Chemistry Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram	Member
5.	Dr.G. Palanithurai Professor, Department of Political Science & Development Administration Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram	Member
6.	Dr.S. Ramesh Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram	Member
7.	Dr.A. Easwaran Associate Professor Department of Extension Education Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram	Member
8.	Prof.Jagrup Singh Sekhon Department of Political Science Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar – 143 005, Punjab	Member
9.	Dr.G. Muralidharan Registrar i/c Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram	Non-member Secretary
10.	Shri R. Balasubramanian Special Officer (Finance) GRI, Gandhigram	Special Invitee

The following could not attend the meeting:

1. Dr. Abdul Jaleel Khan M. Pathan
2. Dr.P. Durgaprasad

The meeting commenced at 11.00 am with a silent prayer.

The Chairperson welcomed all the members and thanked them for attending the meeting amidst their busy schedule. He requested the members to suggest ways and means of taking the institute to higher planes, especially on the academic front, with the experience they have gained over the years. He also requested the members to put forth their ideas to improve the infrastructure facilities for the students as well as for the staff members in the Institute.

Following are the suggestions / decisions arrived at in the meeting:

1. Item No.1/PMB. 2014.III

To consider and suggest suitable steps for the growth of the institute through various academic initiatives

The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and resolved to suggest the following steps for the growth of the institute through various academic initiatives:

1. **Launching of new courses: It was suggested that new courses are to be identified keeping in view the infrastructure available, relevance of the course to GRI and the various stakeholders and the need for such a course. Any course proposed should be evaluated by an expert committee before taking it to other statutory bodies for approval.**

It was also suggested that GRI can consider joint programmes with institutions like TISS and IRMA.

2. **More departments to apply for SAP : The members agreed on this. Letters will be sent to various departments encouraging them to apply for SAP.**
3. **Creating the post of Dean, Academics to look into CBCS, Curriculum and Research: It was suggested by the members that we can go in for two more Deans (Non-statutory) - Dean (Academic) and Dean (Research). This matter may be placed in the appropriate bodies for approval.**
4. **A few more chairs to be created (Corporate Houses may be approached to institute Chairs): Approved in principle.**
5. **A few more journals to be launched (Right now the Institute has only two journals: *Journal of Extension and Research* and *Gandhigram Literary Review*) Department of Political Science and Development Administration to launch one?**

The Department of Political Science and Development Administration has been advised to go ahead and launch a Journal in 2014-15. It was also suggested that adequate steps should be taken to sustain journals.

6. A few staff to be encouraged to apply for patents: **Since it involves IPR, the IPR Cell is to be revived. Teachers are to be educated about patent filing.**
7. Academic Section and Coordinator, CBCS to explore possibilities of enabling a few faculty to seek award of D.Litt. Procedures to be spelt out.

It was suggested to evolve norms for the award of degrees like D.Litt and D.Sc. The norms operative in different universities are to be obtained in this regard.

8. More endowments to be instituted and lectures to be delivered from each endowment by eminent academicians.

The Board agreed on this issue. The existing endowments are to be made operative.

2. Item No. 2/ PMB.2014. III

To consider and suggest steps to strengthen the Institute Funds

The Special Officer (Finance) presented the budget for the year 2013-14 and presented the salient points. **The Board suggested that Institute fund a/c is to be strengthened through research projects.**

3. Item No.3/PMB .2014.III

To consider and suggest steps to be taken to create new infrastructure facilities

The Board agreed that there is a need for a separate office for the Controller of Examinations. But the Board suggested that hostel facilities should be improved on a priority basis.

The meeting came to an end at 1.00 pm with thanks to the Chair.

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