

THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE (Deemed to be University), GANDHIGRAM
MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND MONITORING BOARD
HELD ON 16.03.2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

S.No	Name of the Member	Membership
1.	Dr. S . Natarajan Vice-Chancellor Gandhigram Rural Institute (DU), Gandhigram.	Chairperson
2.	Dr. K.S. Nakkeeran Prof. & Head Dept. of Political Science & Devt. Admn. Gandhigram Rural Institute (DU) Gandhigram	Member
3.	Dr. B. Subburaj Professor Department of Cooperation Gandhigram Rural Institute (DU) Gandhigram	Member
4.	Dr. K. Somasundaram Professor Department of Computer Science & Applications Gandhigram Rural Institute (DU) Gandhigram	Member
5.	Dr. M. Sundaravadivelu Professor Department of Chemistry Gandhigram Rural Institute (DU) Gandhigram	Member
6.	Shri S. Ravindran Associate Professor Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension Gandhigram Rural Institute (DU) Gandhigram	Member
7.	Mrs. A. Jansirani Associate Professor Centre for Rural Health Gandhigram Rural Institute (DU) Gandhigram	Member
8	Shri S. Sathyam, I.A.S. (Retd.) Former Secretary to Government of India F.205, Ananya's Naana Naani Houses (Phase 3) Dhaliyur, Thondamuthur (PO) Coimbatore 641 109.	Member

9	Dr. P. Kanagasabapathy Visiting Professor, Amirtha Institute 403, Surya Apartments Bharathi Colony, Peelamedu Coimbatore 641 004.	Member
10	Dr. P. Chinnathurai Director Centre for Agriculture & Rural Development Studies (CARDS) Tamilnadu Agricultural University (TNAU) Coimbatore – 641 003.	Member
11	Prof.V.P.R.Sivakumar Registrar Gandhigram Rural Institute (DU) Gandhigram.	Secretary
12	Dr.P.Balasubramaniam Director, International Programmes Gandhigram Rural Institute (DU) Gandhigram	Special Invitee
13	Dr. L. Raja Co-ordinator, Unnath Bharat Abhiyan Centre for Lifelong Learning Gandhigram Rural Institute(DU) Gandhigram.	Special Invitee

The meeting started at 10.15 a.m. with one minute silent prayer.

Dr.G.Baskaran, Dean, School of English and Foreign Languages, GRI, Member, could not attend the meeting due to his pre-occupation.

The following Special Invitees could not attend the meeting :

Dr.P.Shanmugavadivu, Director, IQAC, GRI

Dr.S.Ramaswamy, Director, Research and Development, GRI

Dr.S.Abraham John, Coordinator, Intellectual Property Cell, GRI

The Chairperson welcomed all the members and thanked them for attending the meeting amidst their busy schedule. He introduced the members to the august body.

The Chairperson presented the activities of the Institute from 28.09.2017 to 15.03.2018.

Awards :

The Planning and Monitoring Board noted with appreciation the awards received by the following staff members:

1. Dr.S.Abraham John, Professor of Chemistry – Best Scientist Award –sponsored by Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education
2. Dr.G.Palanithurai, Professor of Political Science - Dr.Ram Reddy National Award sponsored by All India Political Science Association
3. Dr.S.Meenakshi, Professor of Chemistry - Best Faculty Researcher Award sponsored by Indian Chitin and Chitosan Society
4. Mr.S.Sd.Elanchezhian, Research Scholar, Dept. of Chemistry - Best Student Researcher Award sponsored by Indian Chitin and Chitosan Society
5. PEARL Foundation Excellence Education Award to -
 - a. Dr.S.Natarajan, Vice-Chancellor – Life Time Achievement Award
 - b. Dr.M.R.Rajan, Professor & Head, Dept. of Biology – Best Professor Award in Zoology
 - c. Dr.S.Manivel, Professor & Head, Dept. of Cooperation – Best Professor Award in Cooperation
 - d. Dr.Sivakumar, Guest Faculty, Dept. of Biology – Best Thesis Award

Model Village Development :

The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to award the Best Performer in the growth and development of the Model Village under the umbrella of GRI.

Research Patents :

The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to share the royalty received with the initial researcher and this encouragement would result in many patented research by the researchers. The Members suggested inclusion of this clause in the Research Policy of the Institute.

Ph.D. Course work :

It was informed that only students who want to acquire knowledge out of their research would seek admission and the result of the research is expected to be outstanding.

Compendium of Ph.D. Theses :

The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to prepare disciplinewise compendium of Ph.D. Thesis and submit the same in the next meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board. The members suggested to prepare a compendium that will contain three sections, viz., Compendium of Findings, Compendium of External Evaluation and Compendium of Recommendations. It was stated that this will avoid repetition of earlier research and also prevent plagiarism.

Project submission to ICSSR :

The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to include projects on (i) Agriculture and (ii) Tribal areas for submission to ICSSR. It was informed that ICSSR has been giving priority to these two branches and projects are likely to be allotted under Special Grant of ICSSR.

Projects :

The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to prepare the list of projects sanctioned, status of these projects, progress of the projects and over-all status of the projects. This would enable the Institute to identify the funding agency that has not been approached by the Institute so far.

The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to submit project proposals under Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency (MUDRA), Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.

Management :

The Planning and Monitoring Board stated that the M.B.A. Programme of GRI should not be like M.B.A. of any other Institute. The Management Programme of GRI should have sharper focus on rural based rural management which includes MSME issues relevant to rural development.

The Chairperson requested the Planning and Monitoring Board members to visit the B.Voc. Workshops / Training Centres and other Departments of the Institute during their next visit.

With these remarks, the items of agenda were taken up for discussion.

1. Item No.43/PMB.2018.III

To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Sixth (6th) Planning and Monitoring Board held on 27.09.2017.

The Planning and Monitoring Board resolved to approve the Sixth (6th) Planning and Monitoring Board held on 27.09.2017.

2. Item No.44/PMB.2018.III

To consider and approve the action taken on the minutes of the meeting of the Sixth (6th) Planning and Monitoring Board held on 27.09.2017.

The members appreciated the Vice-Chancellor and the members of staff of GRI for all the efforts put forth by them, in all spheres, for the growth and development of the Institute.

Item No.41/PMB.2017.IX : The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to select two blocks in Dindigul District in consultation with the Director, Centre for Agriculture & Rural Development Studies (CARDS) and to prepare action plan, indicating the strategy, funding, etc. The M.L.A. /

M.P. of those two blocks may be approached for allotting fund for the development of these areas.

3. Item No.45/PMB.2018.III

- (i) Conducting of short-term courses at the level of Certificate and Diploma, benefiting rural mass, from next academic year.

The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to get the endorsement from Sector Skill Council which will help the students to get employment.

- (ii) Revision of syllabus for the existing and new academic programmes by the academic units incorporating at least 20% of MOOC courses as envisaged by MHRD. Adequate care should be taken to propose courses relevant to Mission and Vision of the institute and employability besides entrepreneurial opportunities for students.

The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to prepare e.content for unique courses for uploading in National Portal after review and accreditation.

- (iii) Programmes for skilling of workers in textile sector can be planned and implemented.

The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to develop a joint skilling programme in collaboration with NIFT, Tirupur.

In order to popularize Natural Dyes, the Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to submit project proposals for identification of natural dyes, preservation and propagation of the same.

The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to start Diploma / Certificate Course in Medicinal Plants with three months duration.

- (iv) Except the regular academic programmes, all innovative courses and existing and new Certificate / Diploma / B.Voc. courses should be offered on self supporting mode only.

The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and resolved to approve the suggestion to offer all innovative courses and existing and new Certificate / Diploma / B.Voc. courses on self supporting mode.

- (v) Students' admission strength for each programme shall be fixed by each academic unit and 100% achievement shall be made.

The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to offer only those courses which are viable.

4. **Item No.46/PMB.2018.III**

- (i) Increasing the student admission strength by providing transport facilities for rural sector and international hostel facilities for foreign students.

The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to approach the Ministry of External Affairs towards grant for International Hostel Building in GRI so as to attract admission of more number of foreign students.

- (ii) Strengthening of student amenities with construction of exclusive new buildings such as Bank, Health Centre, Canteen, Gym and Medical Store.

The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to extend the facilities required for the students with the approval of the University Grants Commission.

5. **Item No.47/PMB.2018.III**

- (i) Preparation and implementation of perspective plan on Smart Campus in accordance with 17-by-17 action plan of MHRD.

The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to produce Solar Energy and in case of excess production, the same can be supplied to TANGEDCO.

- (ii) Student Career Counselling Centre needs to be strengthened with regular training / counselling programmes. Tie up with other training / coaching centres has to be planned.

The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to have entrepreneurial tie-up with CODDISIA and National Small Industries Corporation for the training / coaching.

6. **Item No.48/PMB.2018.III**

Construction of new Science Block and installation of sophisticated equipments for academic and research activities.

The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested that GRI can approach other agencies like TATA Trust or any Corporate Sector for construction of buildings or any other development required for the Institute.

7. Item No.49/PMB.2018.III – Any other matter.

The Board noted that GRI is situated close to Sirumalai Hills which is famous for medicinal plants and natural dyes. The Planning and Monitoring Board suggested to start Incubation Centres for Natural Dyes and Medicinal Plants.

The meeting came to a close at 1.30 p.m. with thanks to the Chair.

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16.03.2018**

**Prof.V.P.R.Sivakumar
Registrar**

**Dr. S. Natarajan
Vice-Chancellor**