

THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE
(Deemed to be University)
GANDHIGRAM

**MINUTES OF THE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THIRD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
HELD ON 17.05.2021 AT 3.30 PM THROUGH ONLINE MODE**

MEMBERS PRESENT THROUGH ONLINE:

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| 1. Dr. S. Madheswaran | ... | Chairperson |
| 2. Dr. P. Anandakumar | ... | Member |
| 3. Dr. M. William Baskaran | ... | Member |
| 4. Dr. T.T. Ranganathan | ... | Member |
| 5. Dr. R. Venkataravi | ... | Member |
| 6. Smt.Kavita Narayan | ... | Member |
| 7. Dr. K. Prasanna Sai | ... | Member |
| 8. Capt. Rajesh Unni | ... | Member |
| 9. Dr.V.P.R.Sivakumar | ... | Secretary |

The meeting started at 3.30 pm with one minute silent prayer.

1. **Item No. 1972 /BOM.2021.V.**

- a) To confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Fifty First meeting of the Board of Management held on 12.09.2019 at Courtyard by Marriot, Madurai.
- b) To confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Fifty second meeting of the Board of Management held on 12.09.2019 at Courtyard by Marriot, Madurai.
- c) To confirm the resolution of the Board of Management vide Item No.1959/BOM.2019.XI, passed by circulation.
- d) To confirm the resolutions of the Board of Management vide Item No.1960/BOM.2019.XII and Item No.1961/BOM.2019.XII, Item No.1962/BOM.2019.XII, Item No.1963/BOM.2019.XII and Item No.1964/BOM.2019.XII, passed by circulation.
- e) To confirm the resolutions of the Board of Management vide Item No.1965/BOM.2020.III and Item No. 1966/BOM.2020.III, passed by circulation.
- f) To confirm the resolution of the Board of Management vide Item No.1967/BOM.2020.VI, passed by circulation.
- g) To confirm the resolutions of the Board of Management vide Item No.1968/BOM.2020.IX and Item No. 1969/BOM.2020.IX, passed by circulation.
- h) To confirm the resolution of the Board of Management vide Item No.1970/BOM.2020.X passed by circulation.
- i) To confirm the resolution of the Board of Management vide Item No.1971/BOM.2021.III passed by circulation.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to confirm the Minutes / Resolutions of the following:

- a) **The minutes of the Hundred and Fifty First meeting of the Board of Management held on 12.09.2019 at Courtyard by Marriot, Madurai.**

- b) The minutes of the Hundred and Fifty second meeting of the Board of Management held on 12.09.2019 at Courtyard by Marriot, Madurai.
- c) The resolution of the Board of Management vide Item No.1959/BOM.2019.XI, passed by circulation.
- d) The resolutions of the Board of Management vide Item No.1960/BOM.2019.XII and Item No.1961/BOM.2019.XII, Item No.1962/BOM.2019.XII, Item No.1963/BOM.2019.XII and Item No.1964/BOM.2019.XII, passed by circulation.
- e) The resolutions of the Board of Management vide Item No.1965/BOM.2020.III and Item No. 1966/BOM.2020.III, passed by circulation.
- f) The resolution of the Board of Management vide Item No.1967/BOM.2020.VI, passed by circulation.
- g) The resolutions of the Board of Management vide Item No.1968/BOM.2020.IX and Item No. 1969/BOM.2020.IX, passed by circulation.
- h) The resolution of the Board of Management vide Item No.1970/BOM.2020.X passed by circulation.
- i) The resolution of the Board of Management vide Item No.1971/BOM.2021.III passed by circulation.

2. Item No. 1973 /BOM.2021.V.Action taken Report

- (a) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Fifty First meeting of the Board of Management held on 12.09.2019.
- (b) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Fifty Second meeting of the Board of Management held on 12.09.2019 at Courtyard by Marriot, Madurai.
- (c) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolution of the Board of Management vide Item No.1959/BoM/2019.XI passed by circulation.
- (d) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions of the Board of Management vide Item No.1960/BOM.2019.XII and Item No.1961/BOM.2019.XII, Item No.1962/BOM.2019.XII, Item No.1963/BOM.2019.XII and Item No.1964/BOM.2019.XII passed by circulation.
- (e) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions of the Board of Management vide Item No.1965/BOM.2020.III and Item No. 1966/BOM.2020.III, passed by circulation.
- (f) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions of the Board of Management vide Item No.1967/BOM.2020.VI , passed by circulation.
- (g) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions of the Board of Management vide Item No.1968/BOM.2020.IX and Item No.1969/BOM.2020.IX, passed by circulation.
- (h) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolutions of the Board of Management vide Item No.1970/BOM.2020.X , passed by circulation.
- (i) To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the resolution of the Board of Management vide Item No.1971/BOM.2021.III.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the Report of the Registrar on the Action Taken on the Minutes of the following:

- (a) **The Hundred and Fifty First meeting of the Board of Management held on 12.09.2019.**

- (b) The Hundred and Fifty Second meeting of the Board of Management held on 12.09.2019 at Courtyard by Marriot, Madurai.

Item No.1958/BOM.2019.IX – Any other matter

Sl. no. ix. :

i) The Board of Management resolved that the court case file regarding the Registrar's appointment shall be handed over to the Office of the Vice-Chancellor. The litigation matter has to be handled by the Legal Cell under the Vice-Chancellor's direction.

ii) The Board of Management resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a separate Committee to probe into the appointment matter of the Registrar and reported in the next meeting of the Board of Management.

Note: Chairman, Board of Management sought a legal opinion in this regard. The legal opinion states that the Registrar's appointment case (W.P.(MD) No.19634 of 2019) is pending in front of Hon'ble Division Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai Bench which is sub-judice before the Court of Law.

Therefore, serial No.(ii) above will be revisited and discussed further in the next meeting of BoM.

- (c) The resolution of the Board of Management vide Item No.1959/BoM/2019.XI passed by circulation.
- (d) The resolutions of the Board of Management vide Item No.1960/BOM.2019.XII and Item No.1961/BOM.2019.XII, Item No.1962/BOM.2019.XII, Item No.1963/BOM.2019.XII and Item No.1964/BOM.2019.XII passed by circulation.
- (e) The resolutions of the Board of Management vide Item No.1965/BOM.2020.III and Item No. 1966/BOM.2020.III, passed by circulation.
- (f) The resolutions of the Board of Management vide Item No.1967/BOM.2020.VI , passed by circulation.
- (g) The resolutions of the Board of Management vide Item No.1968/BOM.2020.IX and Item No.1969/BOM.2020.IX, passed by circulation.
- (h) The resolutions of the Board of Management vide Item No.1970/BOM.2020.X , passed by circulation.
- (i) The resolution of the Board of Management vide Item No.1971/BOM.2021.III.

3. **Item No.1974 /BOM. 2021.V**

To consider and approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee for promotion of Assistant Professors to Associate Professor (Stage 3 to 4) and Associate Professor to Professor (Stage 4 to 5) and Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee for Promotion of Assistant Professor (Stage 1 to 2) under CAS of UGC.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the Selection Committee for promotion of Assistant Professors to Associate Professor (Stage 3 to 4) and Associate Professor to Professor (Stage 4 to 5) under CAS of UGC from 5th to 7th February, 2020 and Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee for promotion of Assistant Professor (Stage 1 to 2) under CAS of UGC held on 27.01.2020 for implementation as per the date of promotion recommended.

S. No	Name & Designation of the Staff	School / Dept. / Centre	Recommendations of the Selection Committee / Screening – cum – Evaluation Committee	Date of promotion recommended
Assistant Professor (Stage 1) to Assistant Professor (Stage 2)				
1.	Dr.Khandare Chandu Laxman Assistant Professor	Hindi	Suitable for Promotion	26.01.2016
Assistant Professor (Stage 3) to Associate Professor (Stage 4)				
1.	Dr.G.Mahadevan Assistant Professor	Mathematics	Suitable for Promotion	04.03.2017
2.	Dr.K.K.Satheesh Kumar Assistant Professor	Chemistry	Suitable for Promotion	27.09.2018
3.	Dr.S.Kavitha Maithily Assistant Professor	Home Science	Suitable for Promotion	10.02.2018
4.	Dr.K.Manikandan Assistant Professor	Economics	Not Suitable for Promotion	-----
5.	Dr. Sonkhogin Haokip Assistant Professor	Political Science	Suitable for Promotion	11.08.2019
6.	Dr.K.Marimuthu Assistant Professor	Physics	Suitable for Promotion	18.11.2017
7.	Dr.V.Kirubakaran Assistant Professor	Rural Energy	Suitable for Promotion	01.02.2018
8.	Dr.M.Mary Shanthy Rani Assistant Professor	Computer Sc.& Appn.	Suitable for Promotion	10.02.2018
9.	Mrs.N.Suganthi Assistant Professor	English	Suitable for Promotion	13.07.2015
10.	Dr.M.Hilaria Soundari Assistant Professor	Applied Research	Suitable for Promotion	11.11.2017
11.	Dr.S.Radhakrishnan Assistant Professor (Retd.)	Gandhian Studies	Suitable for Promotion	15.11.2017
Associate Professor (Stage 4) Professor (Stage 5)				
1.	Dr.S.S.Vijayanchali Associate Professor	Home Science	Suitable for Promotion	06.05.2018
2.	Dr.P.Kalavathi Associate Professor	Computer Sc. & Appn.	Suitable for Promotion	04.12.2017
3.	Dr.M.Tamizhchelvan Deputy Librarian	Dr.G.R.Library	Suitable for Promotion	10.08.2017
4.	Dr.C.Sugumar Deputy Director of Phy.Edu	Physical Education	Suitable for Promotion	26.06.2017
5.	Dr Grace Nirmala Deputy Director of Phy.Edu	Physical Education	Suitable for Promotion	11.08.2012

4. **Item No.1975 /BOM. 2021.V**

To nominate two members of the Board of Management against the place of Dr.V.Rajarathinam and Capt. Rajesh Unni for the constitution of Selection Committee for Group 'A' Posts (other than Statutory posts) as per the Cadre Recruitment Rules of GRI.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to nominate the following two Members of the Board of Management for constitution of Selection Committee for Group 'A' Posts (other than Statutory posts) as per the Cadre Recruitment Rules of GRI.

1. **Capt. Rajesh Unni**
2. **Dr. P. Anandakumar**

5. **Item No.1976 /BOM. 2021.V**

To consider the appointment of Dean, Students' Welfare, Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to appoint the Dean, Students' Welfare from among the senior professors as per the Bye Law of the Institute in consultation with the Internal Board Members and reported to the Board of Management .

6. **Item No.1977 /BOM. 2021.V**

To consider the minutes of the 10th meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board of the Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), held on 02.09.2020 at Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the 10th meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board of the Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), held on 02.09.2020 at Gandhigram.

7. **Item No.1978 /BOM. 2021.V**

To consider the minutes of the 57th meeting of the Academic Council of the Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), held on 28.08.2020 at Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the 57th meeting of the Academic Council of the Institute held on 28.08.2020 at Gandhigram.

8. **Item No.1979 /BOM. 2021.V**

To consider the minutes of the 58th meeting of the Finance Committee of the Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), held on 17.09.2020 at Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the 58th meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute held on 17.09.2020 at Gandhigram.

9. **Item No.1980 /BOM. 2021.V**

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor In-Charge for permitting the construction of one class room and laboratory for the Department of Chemistry under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Fund (MPLAD) of Rs. 25.00 lakh allocated by Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Shri. T.K. Rangarajan which will be implemented by the Block Development Officer, Athoor Panchayat Union, Athoor.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor In-Charge permitting the construction of one class room and laboratory for the Department of Chemistry under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Fund (MPLAD).

10. **Item No.1981 /BOM. 2021.V**

To consider the revised MoA prepared by the Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU) as per UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2019 and the directions of the UGC vide its letter No.F.40-7/2009(CPP-I/DU) dated 08.07.2020.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the revised MoA of the Gandhigram Rural Institute prepared as per UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2019 and approved to register with the Registrar of Societies.

11. **Item No.1982 /BOM. 2021.V**

To consider and approve the proposal for mobilizing funds from the alumni, industrialist and the public for repair and remodeling of the Memorial (Samathi) of the Founder Dr.G.Ramachandran at GRI, Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the proposal for mobilizing funds from the alumni, industrialist and the public for repair and remodeling of the Memorial (Samathi) of the Founder Dr.G.Ramachandran at GRI, Gandhigram and w.r.t. permission for contributing funds from the Institute in the event of shortfall of funds, to the extent of 50% of the proposed estimate, subject to strict compliance of rules and regulations.

12. **Item No.1983 /BOM. 2021.V**

To consider and approve the proposal to create Virtual Class Room at one per School / Department / Centre.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the proposal to create Virtual Class Room at one per School / Department / Centre on a priority basis / availability of funds / adhering proper procedure / quality monitoring, subject to approval of the Finance Committee of the Institution and strict compliance of rules and regulations.

13. **Item No.1984 /BOM. 2021.V**

To consider and approve the proposal for establishing Community Outreach Knowledge Support Centre in the Institute owned buildings (Anganwadi / Balwadi) in the adopted village Panchayats under UBA programme.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a committee to study the proposal and reported to the Board of Management, subject to approval of the Finance Committee of the Institution and strict compliance of rules and regulations.

14. **Item No.1985 /BOM. 2021.V**

To consider and approve the proposals for Repairs and Maintenance/ Renovation of Buildings and other civil works as recommended by the Planning and Monitoring Board in its meeting held on 02.09.2020 and as per the direction of the Finance Committee held on 17.09.2020.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the proposal for repairs and Maintenance/ renovation of buildings and other civil works on a priority basis / availability of funds / adhering proper procedure / quality monitoring.

15. **Item No.1986 /BOM. 2021.V**

To consider and approve the implementation of Minimum Wages Act provisions in the payment of wages to the contractual labourers, outsourced employees and NMR workers engaged at GRI, Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the implementation of Minimum Wages Act provisions in the payment of wages to the contractual labourers, outsourced employees and NMR workers engaged at GRI, Gandhigram.

16. **Item No.1987 /BOM. 2021.V**

To consider and suggest directions on the conversion of Centre in to a Department and Department into a School considering the objective and staff structure of the Centre / Department.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the conversion of following Centre into a Department as recommended by the Planning and Monitoring Board vide item no. 72/PMB.2020.IX.

- i. Centre for Gandhian Studies to be restored to Department.*
- ii. Centre for Rural Health to be upgraded to Department.*
- iii. Centre for Studies in Sociology to be restored to Department*
- iv. Centre for Studies in Rural Development to be restored to Department*

Further, the Board of Management considered and resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to constitute an expert committee to suggest measures for re-structuring divisions in School of Agriculture & Animal Sciences and upgrading of Department of Education into School of Education.

17. **Item No.1988 /BOM. 2021.V**

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in-charge in authorizing Dr.M.G.Sethuraman, Controller of Examinations in-charge to sign as Controller of Examinations on the Degree Certificates of candidates.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in-charge in authorizing Dr.M.G.Sethuraman, Controller of Examinations in-charge to sign as Controller of Examinations on the Degree Certificates of candidates.

18. **Item No.1989 /BOM. 2021.V**

To consider and direct on the request of the GRI Staff Welfare Association to consider admission for the staff's children in the academic programmes of GRI under supernumerary seats as in the case of other Public funded Deemed to be Universities /Central Universities.

The Board of Management considered in principal and resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a committee including the JS, MoE (the Member BoM) to evolve the procedure / number of seats / reservation policies etc.

19. **Item No.1990 /BOM. 2021.V**

To consider and nominate one member from Board of Management to the Finance Committee of Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to nominate Dr. K. Prasanna Sai, Member, Board of Management to the Finance Committee of Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

20. **Item No.1991 /BOM. 2021.V**

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor i/c, in appointing Dr.R.Seerangarajan as the Dean, School of Management Studies on the superannuation of Dr.S.Ramaswamy, Professor and Dean, School of Management Studies.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor In-Charge appointing Dr.R.Seerangarajan, Professor as the Dean, School of Management Studies w.e.f. 01.03.2021

21. **Item No.1992/BOM. 2021.V**

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor, in appointing Dr.M.R.Kubendran, Professor, School of English and Foreign Languages as the Dean, School of English and Foreign Languages with effect from 13.04.2021, on completion of the term of Deanship held by Dr.A.Joseph Dorairaj, Professor.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor appointing Dr.M.R.Kubendran, Professor as the Dean, School of English and Foreign Languages.

22. **Item No.1993/BOM. 2021.V**

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Institute in respect of computation of marks for the end semester examinations of the even semester of academic year 2019-2020 for non-final year students based on the UGC guidelines issued, minutes of the Deans, meetings held on 30.11.2020 and 11.12.2020 besides the minutes of the committee constituted to look into the difficulties regarding the awarding of marks along with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor i/c dated 11.12.2020 and 19.01.2021.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Institute in respect of computation of marks for the end semester examinations of the even semester of academic year 2019-2020 for non-final year students based on the UGC guidelines issued, and minutes of the Deans, meetings held on 30.11.2020.

23. **Item No.1994/BOM. 2021.V**

The Board of Management may consider to approve the Ph.D. Regulations 2020 (in line with UGC Regulations) based on the minutes of the meeting held on 30.11.2020.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the Ph.D. Regulations 2020 and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to decide modus operandi to incorporate certain points like setting up of question papers / duration of the exams etc in the Regulations.

24. **Item No.1995/BOM. 2021.V REGISTRAR'S REPORT :**

The Board of Management Noted the Registrar's Report.

(i) Further, the Board of Management considered and resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to have meeting with the JS, MoE in settling the procedural / regulatory / permission issues for GRI Centre etc. and presented in the next meeting.

(ii) With regard to the outsourcing of Security services, one Board Member said that a decision was taken when Prof.Dr.M.R.Kubendran acted as Vice-Chancellor in-charge. The matter is noted. The Vice-Chancellor may take appropriate action.

25. **Item No.1996/BOM. 2021.V – Any other Item :**

(i) The Board of Management may consider and approve to open an FCRA account for the Institute with SBI, New Delhi Main Branch as per the new Regulations.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to permit to open an FCRA account for the Institute with SBI, New Delhi as per the new Regulations. Further, it is resolved that any projects involving FCRA grant in near future needs approval of the Board of Management to ensure surveillance and accountability.

(ii) One of the Hon'ble Members of Board of Management informed that a mail from a staff member requesting to help in restoring her leave credit and Hon'ble Member requested to take administrative decision in this regard.

The Board of Management resolved that such matters need not come to the Board as it is routine administrative matter.

**Dr.V.P.R.Sivakumar
Registrar**

**Gandhigram
17.05.2021**

**Dr. S. Madheswaran
Vice-Chancellor**