

THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE (Deemed to be University), GANDHIGRAM

MINUTES OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND MONITORING BOARD  
HELD ON 28.03.2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

S.No	Name of the Member	Membership
1.	Dr. S . Natarajan Vice-Chancellor Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram.	Chairperson
2.	Dr. S.Meenakshi Prof. & Head Dept. of Chemistry Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU) Gandhigram	Member
3.	Dr. M. Sundaravadivelu Professor Department of Chemistry Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU) Gandhigram	Member
4.	Dr. B. Subburaj Professor, Department of Cooperation Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU) Gandhigram	Member
5.	Dr.M.R.Kubendran Professor School of English and Foreign Languages Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU) Gandhigram	Member
6.	Dr.R.Venkataravi Associate Professor Centre for Lifelong Learning Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU) Gandhigram	Member
7.	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
8	Dr. M. Chinnathurai Professor Department of Agricultural Economics CARDS, TNAU Coimbatore – 641 003.	Member
9	Prof.V.P.R.Sivakumar Registrar Gandhigram Rural Institute (DU) Gandhigram.	Secretary
10.	Dr.M.Sundaramari Controller of Examinations, GRI	Special Invitee
11.	Dr.M.G.Sethuraman Director (Research and Development), GRI	Special Invitee

12.	Dr.P.Shanmugavadivu Director, IQAC, GRI	Special Invitee
13.	Dr.S.Gurusamy, Dean, School of Social Sciences, GRI.	Special Invitee
14.	Dr.A.Balakrishnan, Professor, & Director, Centre for Applied Research, GRI	Special Invitee

The following Members and Special Invitees could not attend the meeting:

1. Dr.V.Rajarathinam, Dean, School of Tamil and Indian Languages, GRI
2. Mrs. A. Jansirani, Associate Professor, Centre for Rural Health, GRI
3. Dr. P. Kanagasabapathy , Coimbatore
4. Dr.G.Muralidharan, Director (Academic), GRI.
5. Dr.A.Joseph Dorairaj, Dean, School of English and Foreign Languages, GRI
6. Dr.S.Baluchamy, Professor & Director, Centre for Lifelong Learning, GRI

The meeting started at 11.00 a.m. with one minute silent prayer.

The Chairperson welcomed all the members and thanked them for attending the meeting in spite of their busy schedule. He introduced the new members to the Board.

The Chairperson presented the activities of the Institute from 14.09.2018 to 27.03.2019 :

- The 34<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the Institute was held on 10.10.2018 and the Chief Guest was the Hon'ble Vice-President of India.
- Sanction of Rs.9.50 crores by the MHRD for Establishment of School of Education.
- Digital initiatives carried out by the Institute.
- Registration and participation in National Level Programmes like NIRF, ARIIA, IIC, AISHE, LEAD and GIAN.
- Introduction of six new B.Voc. Programmes from November 2018.
- Project grant of Rs.3,04,27,518/- has been received from various funding agencies.
- Year long programmes have been slated for the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi .
- Training and motivational programmes were conducted to the Students .
- Memorandum of Understanding was signed with three organizations.
- GRI faculty members and students got recognition at national and state level and won awrds.
- There was great impact of GAJA Cyclone in Gandhigram and the damages caused were rectified due to proper planning and effective relief measures taken by the Institute.
- For the future needs, the Institute is in need of infrastructure facilities like class-rooms, hostels and laboratories.

Shri S.Sathyam, I.A.S. appreciated the Vice-Chancellor and the members of staff on the steady pace of the Institute in all the fields.

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

1. **Item No.61/PMB.2019.III**

To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Planning and Monitoring Board held on 14.09.2018.

**The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and resolved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Planning and Monitoring Board held on 14.09.2018.**

2. **Item No.62/PMB.2019.III**

To consider and approve the action taken on the minutes of the meeting of the Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Planning and Monitoring Board held on 14.09.2018.

**The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and resolved to approve the action taken on the minutes of the meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board held on 14.09.2018.**

**It was informed that the template for the Research Projects shall be presented in the next meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board.**

**The Planning and Monitoring Board considered the Mentor Manual and requested the internal members of the Planning and Monitoring Board to offer their remarks / suggestions on the Mentor Manual for any modifications to be made. The Director, Centre for Lifelong Learning may get the remarks / suggestions of the internal members and submit the same to the authorities of the Institute for approval and for implementation from the academic year 2019-20.**

**The Planning and Monitoring Board considered the formats suggested by the Director, Centre for Extension. It was resolved that the details from each School / Department / Centre may be obtained by the Director, Centre for Extension, so as to compile and consolidate the same and to present the same to the Committee to bring out the past achievements made through the extension programmes of the Institute and also for regular presentation to the Planning and Monitoring Board on the extension activities of the Institute every year.**

**The Director, Centre for Applied Research presented the Compendium on Ph.D. Theses from 2002 to May 2018. The Planning and Monitoring Board appreciated the efforts of the Director and his team in preparing this Compendium and requested to update it periodically. This would help the Institute in taking up case studies on the issues of concern to the society.**

**The Planning and Monitoring Board noted that the Academic Regulations should contain not only M.Phil. and Ph.D. regulations, but also the Choice Based Credit System and the courses offered.**

**The Vice-Chancellor informed that the Academic Audit of the Institute would be conducted by a Committee consisting of external members at the earliest.**

3. Item No.63/PMB.2019.III

To discuss and approve the Key Performance Indicators which has been prepared as per the direction of the Board of Management and the KPI should be linked with reward mechanism which will bring in clarity and accountability.

**The Planning and Monitoring Board considered the table on The Key Performance Indicators which was prepared as per the direction of the Board of Management and resolved to approve the same. The Planning and Monitoring Board noted that this will not be linked to CAS and it is only Reward Indicator of the faculty members.**

4. Item No.64/PMB.2019.III

To consider the PBAS format prepared by IQAC for adoption from the ensuing academic year.

**The Planning and Monitoring Board considered the PBAS format and it was resolved to circulate the same to the Schools / Departments / Centres of GRI so as to obtain the suggestion / opinion of the faculty members. The Planning and Monitoring Board authorized the Vice-Chancellor to finalise the PBAS format as per the UGC Regulations, incorporating minor modifications, wherever required, due to the unique functioning of the Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU).**

5. Item No.65/PMB.2019.III and 6. Item No.66/PMB.2019.III

To consider the proposal to upgrade the Department of Education to School of Education.

To consider the proposal to upgrade the Centre for Rural Health to School of Rural Health and Sanitation.

**The Planning and Monitoring Board considered and after discussion, it was resolved to constitute a Committee to re-visit the re-structuring of Schools / Departments / Centres, keeping in mind the Genesis of the Institute and the Gandhian Ideologies.**

7. Item No.67/PMB.2019.III

To consider the report and recommendations of the Committee on the functioning of (1) Centre for Women Studies (2) Centre for Future Studies and (3) Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy.

**The Vice-Chancellor informed that the UGC has extended the functioning of the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy upto 31.03.2020.**

**Dr.S.Gurusamy, Dean, School of Social Sciences made a presentation on the report of the Committee on the functioning of (1) Centre for Women Studies (2) Centre for Future Studies and (3) Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy.**

**The Planning and Monitoring Board noted the recommendations of the Committee given below and resolved to approve the same:**

**Centre for Women Studies (CWS)**

1. CWS as a Centre of extension activities should catch attention of the public.
2. The Centre should explore possibilities of tapping funds from sources other than conventional ones, including CSR for conducting its programmes.
3. Attention should be given to study the local specific social problems and find out their solutions.
4. More awareness programmes should be conducted in the adjacent villages and educational institutions, especially on gender equity, empowerment of women and gender sensitization.
5. Through concerted and sustained activities, the Centre should become the focal point of the academic and research activities for fulfilling the given mandate.

**Centre for Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSE & IP)**

1. GRI needs to address the issue of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy. The primary space where 'Exclusion' can be studied, understood, and, first transcended, are institutions like GRI which can and must act as a beacon for society.
2. The Centre should be continued considering the importance of the theme which are very relevant in an institution like GRI which stands for maintaining equality and upliftment of marginalized sections.
3. There should be a proper Monitoring / Advisory Committee with experts to guide the Centre which should meet at least twice a year.

**Centre for Future Studies (CFS)**

1. The location of the Centre should be determined by domain – affinity considerations.
2. The Centre should be strengthened by adding Faculty Members having specialization in domains relevant to Futures Studies, viz., Environment, Energy, Technology, Health, Life Sciences, Water, etc.
3. An objective review of the Centre would have to be based on three aspects – conceptualization; operationalization; and implementation.
4. There can be a regular quarterly report to the statutory management bodies.

**General :**

All the three Centres (CWS, CSSE&IP and CFS) should be regularly monitored and suitable guidelines / advice have to be given for their effective functioning.

The meeting came to a close at 1.45 p.m. with thanks to the Chair.

**Gandhigram  
28.03.2019**

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

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