

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

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

DATE : 18.07.2025

TIME : 02.00 P.M.

Mode : ONLINE & OFFLINE (HYBRIDMODE)



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OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 18.07.2025 AT 02.00 PM
IN THE BOARD ROOM, GRI THROUGH BLENDED MODE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| 1. Prof. N.Panchanatham | ... Chairperson |
| 2. Dr.O.Muthiah | ... Member |
| 3. Dr.A.Balakrishnan | ... Member |
| 4. Dr.G.Muralidharan | ... Member |
| 5. Dr.K.Manikandan | ... Member |
| 6. Dr.M.Sundaramari | ... Ex-Officio Secretary |

MEMBERS PRESENT THROUGH ONLINE:

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| 7. Shri.P.K.Banerjee | ... Member |
| Represented by Shri.B.K.Singh, Director & Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of Higher Education | |
| 8. Dr.Raja Marimuthu | ... Member |
| 9. Prof.Shireesh Balwant Kandare | ... Member |

The following members could not attend the meeting.

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| 10. Shri.M.Nagarajan | ... Member |
| 11. Dr.K.Prasanna Sai | ... Member |

The meeting started at 02.20 p.m. with one minute silent prayer. The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to the Honorable Members and thanked them with folded hands for attending the meeting in spite of their busy schedule.

The Vice-Chancellor presented the achievements held between the previous Board of Management and the present. He highlighted achievements of the Institute such as historical achievement of A++ Grade by GRI from NAAC (4th Cycle of accreditation), awards won by our faculties, MoUs signed, CSR Funds received, Endowment fund received etc.

The Vice-Chancellor further stated that all these achievements have happened because of the support and guidance of the members of the Board of Management.

The items of agenda were taken up for discussion, as follows:

1. Item No. 2145/BOM.2025.VII

To confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Sixty Fifth meeting of the Board of Management held on 28.03.2025 through Offline/Online.

The Board of Management resolved to confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Sixty Fifth meeting of the Board of Management held on 28.03.2025 through Hybrid mode.

2. Item No.2146/BOM.2025.VII – Action taken Report

To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Sixty Fifth meeting of the Board of Management held on 28.03.2025 through Offline/ Online.

The Board of Management resolved to approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Sixty Fifth meeting of the Board of Management held on 28.03.2025 through Hybrid mode.

3. Item No. 2147/BOM.2025.VII

To consider the appointment of Dean, School of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts, GRI (DTBU), Gandhigram.

The Board of Management resolved to appoint Dr.S.Shaji, Professor, Centre for Malayalam Studies as the Dean, School of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts for a period of three years w.e.f. 21.07.2025 on relieving of Dr.O.Muthiah, Senior Professor and Dean, School of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts, GRI (DTBU), Gandhigram.

4. Item No.2148/BOM.2025.VII

To consider the appointment of Dean, School of Sciences, GRI (DTBU), Gandhigram.

The Board of Management resolved to appoint Dr.P.Balasubramaniam, Senior Professor, Department of Mathematics as Dean, School of Sciences for a period of three years with effect from 01.08.2025 on relieving of Dr.M.G.Sethuraman, Senior Professor and Dean, School of Sciences who is retiring on 31.07.2025 on attaining the age of 65 years on superannuation.

5. Item No.2149/BOM.2025.VII

To consider the appointment of Dean, School of Computer Science and Technologies, GRI (DTBU), Gandhigram.

The Board of Management resolved to appoint Dr.P.Kalavathi, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Applications as Dean, School of Computer Science and Technologies for a period of three years with effect from 01.08.2025 on relieving of Dr.K.Mahendran, Professor and Dean, School of Computer Science and Technologies who is retiring on 31.07.2025 on attaining the age of 65 years on superannuation.

6. Item No.2150/BOM.2025.VII

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

The Board of Management resolved to seek the willingness of Dr.K.Prasanna Sai to serve as member in the Finance Committee. If he is willing, he can be nominated. Otherwise Dr.G.Muralidharan, Board of Management member may be nominated as a member in the Finance Committee.

7. Item No.2151/BOM.2025.VII

To consider and approve the report of the Committee constituted with regard to the request of Smt.M.Malathy, Personal Assistant (Retd.) in connection with the payment of Leave Salary Contribution for the Lien period.

The Board of Management considered and approved the report of the Committee constituted with regard to the request of Mrs.M.Malathy, Personal Assistant (Retd.) in connection with the payment of Leave Salary Contribution for her lien period.

8. Item No.2152/BOM.2025.VII

To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the 65th Finance Committee held on 20.06.2025 at GRI in Hybrid Mode.

The Board of Management resolved to confirm the minutes of the 65th meeting of the Finance Committee of the Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), held on 20.06.2025 at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram in Hybrid mode with a correction in the Resolution Item No.460/FC.2025.VI as follows:

The Finance Committee considered and resolved to ratify for Operation and Disclosing of Accounts under Schedule 2-Earmarked/ Endowment/ Designated Funds of the Consolidated Financial Statement of Accounts as per the MoE's letter No. 29-4/2012-IFD dated 17.04.2015.

9. Item No.2153/BOM.2025.VII

To consider and approve to start a Centre for Distance and Online Education based on the UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and subsequent amendments from the January 2026 session.

The Board of Management resolved to approve in principle for the establishment of a Centre for Distance and Online Education to admit students from the January 2026 session.

10. Item No.2154/BOM.2025.VII

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor for appointment of Dr.P.Shanmugavadivu, Senior Professor, Department of Computer Science and Applications as Director, Centre for Distance and Online Education, GRI.

The Board of Management ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor for appointment of Dr.P.Shanmugavadivu, Senior Professor, Department of Computer Science and Applications as Director, Centre for Distance and Online Education, GRI for a period of two years w.e.f. 09.07.2025.

11. Item No.2155/BOM.2025.VII

To consider and approve for appointment of a Consultant (preferably a retired Director of similar Centre for Distance and Online Education) for the Centre for Distance and Online Education to be established at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

The Board of Management resolved to appoint a Temporary Consultant (preferably a retired Director of similar Centre for Distance and Online Education) for the Centre for Distance and Online Education of GRI initially for a period of one year and the period may be extended depending the income generated through the Centre.

However, the salary for the Temporary Consultant will be initially met out from the Institute Fund A/c. Once when the revenue is generated by Centre for Distance and Online Education, his salary will be met out from the Centre's revenue and the initial amount incurred already will be returned to Institute Fund A/c.

12. Item No.2156/BOM.2025.VII

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor for appointing Dr.M.Sundaramari, Senior Professor and Dean, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences as Registrar in-charge of GRI with effect from the fore noon of 09/07/2025.

The Board of Management ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor for appointing Dr.M.Sundaramari, Senior Professor & Former Controller of Examinations as Registrar in-charge with effect from 09.07.2025 until further orders.

13. Item No.2157/BOM.2025.VII

To consider the Inquiry Committee Report regarding the request of Dr.V.P.R.Sivakumar, former Registrar for withdrawal from NPS Scheme and to process the Exit option from National Pension System and also to fix the responsibility on the erring officials regarding GRI Centre at New Delhi.

The Board of Management considered the Inquiry Committee Report regarding the request of Dr.V.P.R.Sivakumar, Former Registrar and approved to implement the recommendations of the Committee.

The Board also considered the Inquiry Committee report on fixing the responsibility on the erring officials regarding GRI Centre at New Delhi and directed to send a copy of the report to all the members and obtain their opinions and to place them in the next meeting for further directions.

14. Item No.2158/BOM.2025.VII

To consider and give direction with regard to the implementation of Amended MoA of GRI 2023 in accordance with UGC (Institutions deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023.

The Board of Management considered and directed to expedite the registration of amended MoA with District Registrar of Societies, Dindigul and get it registered within a month by citing the Order of the Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court dated 16.07.2025.

The Board also directed to conduct its next meeting as Executive Council as per amended MoA, 2023 of GRI.

The Chairperson also expressed sincere thanks to all the honourable members of Board of Management.

15. Item No.2159/BOM.2025.VII

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

The Board of Management noted the Registrar's Report and approved.

16. Item No.2160/BOM.2025.VII

To consider and approve the proposal for Collecting CSR Funds from the Banks/ Corporates by the Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram towards Infrastructure development for activities aligned with Teaching, Research, Extension, rural development, skill development, women empowerment, health, environment, and sustainable development aspects.

The Board of Management resolved to approve (i) To collect CSR Funds from the Banks / Corporates by the Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), Gandhigram (ii) To open a dedicated SB Account for operating the CSR Funds (iii) authorize the Vice-Chancellor for deciding the project proposals to the various CSR Units.

17. Item No.2161/BOM.2025.VII

To consider and approve for Inter-Account Transfer of Funds from the Institute's available Sources in case of delays in disbursement of monthly grants from the UGC under OH-31 Grant in Aid General and OH-36 Grant in Aid Salary.

The Board of Management resolved to approve for the Inter-Account Transfer of funds from the Institute's available sources (i.e. General Development Fund / Student Fund / Institute Fund accounts) to the GRI Maintenance Grant account in case of delays in UGC grant disbursement under OH-31 Grant in Aid General and OH-36 Grant in Aid Salary in RBI TSA Account through PFMS.

Further the Board of Management authorize the Vice-Chancellor to approve the Inter-Account Transfers on a case-by-case basis subject to supportive documents and justifications.

18. Item No.2162/BOM.2025.VII

To consider and approve for appointment of a Liaison Officer at New Delhi for the Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

The Board of Management resolved to defer the item.

19. Item No.2163/BOM.2025.VII

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the 61st Academic Council held on 15.07.2025 at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

The Board of Management resolved to approve the minutes of the 61st meeting of the Academic Council of the Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), held on 15.07.2025 at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram in Hybrid mode.

19. Item No.2164/BOM.2025.VII

To consider and approve the enhancement of honorarium to the Guest / Part time Teachers, Teaching Assistant/Soft Skill Trainers being engaged in the Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the revision of honorarium for the Guest / Part time Teachers, Soft Skill Trainers working under hourly basis as detailed below:

	Existing honorarium	Proposed enhancement
Teaching Assistant / Soft Skill Trainers	25,000	30,000
Guest / Part time Teachers	35,000	40,000
Guest / Part time Teachers of School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences	40,000	45,000

21. Item No.2165/BOM.2025.VII

To consider and approve the recommendations of the Screening-cum-Evaluations Committees and the minutes of the Selection Committees for promotion of Associate Professors (Academic Level 12 to Academic Level 13A), Professors (Academic Level 13A to Academic Level 14) and Senior Professors (Academic Level 14 to Academic Level 15) under CAS of UGC Guidelines 2016 (4th Amendment) , UGC Regulations July 2018.

Recommendations of the Screening-cum-Evaluations Committees and the Selection Committees meetings held on 16.07.2025 & 17.07.2025 for promotion of Assistant Professor to Associate Professors (AL12 to AL 13A), Associate Professor to Professors (AL 13A to AL 14) and Professor to Senior Professors (AL 14 to AL 15) under CAS of UGC Guidelines 2016 (4th Amendment), UGC Regulations July 2018, are as follows:

Date: 16.07.2025				
Sl. No.	Name of the Candidate	Name of the School / Department / Centre	Promotion Cadre	Eligibility of Promotion
1.	Dr.R.Mani	Gandhian Thought & Peace Science	Professor (AL14) to Senior Professor (AL15)	22.07.2024
2.	Dr.P.Anandharajakumar	Rural Development	Professor (AL14) to Senior Professor (AL15)	01.12.2024
3.	Dr.R.Kumaran	Sociology	Associate Professor (AL13A) to Professor (AL14)	12.12.2021
4.	Dr.P.S.Sreedevi	Education	Associate Professor (AL13A) to Professor (AL14)	30.03.2023
5.	Dr.K.Mahendran	Rural Technology	Professor (AL14) to Senior Professor (AL15)	22.06.2024
6.	Dr.S.Sivagurunathan	Computer Science and Applications	Assistant Professor (AL12) to Associate Professor (AL13A)	02.12.2022
7.	Dr.N.Senthilkumaran	Computer Science and Applications	Assistant Professor (AL12) to Associate Professor (AL13A)	12.01.2024
8.	Dr.A.Ramanathan	Agriculture and Animal Sciences	Professor (AL14) to Senior Professor (AL15)	20.01.2024
9.	Dr.T.David Jeyaraj Franklin	English	Assistant Professor (AL12) to Associate Professor (AL13A)	22.06.2024

Date: 17.07.2025				
10.	Dr.P.U.Mahalingam	Biology	Professor (AL14) to Senior Professor (AL15)	05.01.2025
11.	Dr.S.Aripnammal	Physics	Professor (AL14) to Senior Professor (AL15)	28.07.2024

Sl. No.	Name of the Candidate	Name of the School / Department / Centre	Promotion Cadre	Eligibility of Promotion
12.	Dr.M.Seenivasa Perumal	Chemistry	Assistant Professor (AL12) to Associate Professor (AL13A)	29.06.2023
13.	Dr.S.Kavitha Maithily	Home Science	Associate Professor (AL13A) to Professor (AL14)	10.02.2021
14.	Dr.R.Sahul Hameed	Home Science	Assistant Professor (AL12) to Associate Professor (AL13A)	11.07.2023
15.	Dr.K.Raja Alias Pranmalai	Rural Industries and Management	Professor (AL14) to Senior Professor (AL15)	06.12.2021
16.	Dr.WellHaorei	Rural Industries and Management	Associate Professor (AL13A) to Professor (AL14)	10.11.2022
17.	Dr.B.Senthilkumar	Rural Industries and Management	Assistant Professor (AL12) to Associate Professor (AL13A)	27.06.2023
18.	Dr.C.Pitchai	Cooperation	Professor (AL14) to Senior Professor (AL15)	20.01.2025
19.	Dr.B.Baskar	Cooperation	Assistant Professor (AL12) to Associate Professor (AL13A)	08.11.2019
20.	Dr.S.Nehru	Economics	Professor (AL14) to Senior Professor (AL15)	03.08.2024
21.	Dr.K.Manikandan	Economics	Associate Professor (AL13A) to Professor (AL14)	31.12.2018
22.	Dr.S.Chidambaram (Tamil)	Tamil	Assistant Professor (AL12) to Associate Professor (AL13A)	11.01.2025
23.	Dr.K.Kesava Rajarajan (Fine Arts)	Tamil	Assistant Professor (AL12) to Associate Professor (AL13A)	12.01.2024
24.	Dr.M.Saleem Baig	Hindi	Professor (AL14) to Senior Professor (AL15)	22.01.2024
25.	Dr.Khandare Chandu Laxman	Hindi	Assistant Professor (AL12) to Associate Professor (AL13A)	26.01.2024
26.	Dr.S.Shaji	Malayalam	Professor (AL14) to Senior Professor (AL15)	28.07.2024

The Board of Management considered and approved the above recommendations of Screening-cum-Evaluations Committees and the Selection Committees for CAS promotions to the above staff members.

22. Item No.2166/BOM.2025.VII

To consider and approve the recommendations of the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committees for promotion of Assistant Professors (Academic Level 11 to 12) under CAS of UGC Guidelines 2016 (4th Amendment).

Recommendations of the Screening-cum-Evaluations Committees for promotion of the following Assistant Professors.(AL 11 to AL 12 under UGC Guidelines 2016 (4th Amendment) are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	CAS Promotion of Academic Level	School / Dept. /Centre	Eligibility of Promotion
1.	Dr.G.Vidhya Assistant Professor	AL 11 to AL 12	School of English and Foreign Languages	29.06.2022

2.	Dr.R.T.Balamurali Assistant Professor	AL 11 to AL 12	Center for Rural Technology	22.06.2021
3.	Dr.B.Sangeethavani Assistant Professor	AL 11 to AL 12	Center for Rural Technology	22.06.2021

The Board of Management considered and approved the above recommendations of Screening-cum-Evaluations Committees for CAS promotions to the above staff members.

The Vice-Chancellor sincerely thanked with folded hands all the honorable Board members whose membership ended during April 2025 and July 2025.

The meeting came to an end at 3.45 p.m with thanks to the Chair and members.

Dr. M.Sundaramari
Registrar i/c

Dr. N.Panchanatham
Vice-Chancellor

Gandhigram
18.07.2025


REGISTRAR
Gandhigram Rural Institute(DTBU)