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**MINUTES OF THE
FORTY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE
GRI SOCIETY**

**VENUE : Syndicate Hall,
Administrative Block
GRI, Gandhigram**

DATE : 27.03.2014

TIME : 11.00 A.M.



**THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY
GANDHIGRAM – 624 302, DINDIGUL DISTRICT
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AT THE SYNDICATE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK, GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE,
GANDHIGRAM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| 1. Dr.A. Joseph Dorairaj
Vice-Chancellor (in-charge) | - President |
| 2. Dr.T. Rajendran
Dean, Faculty of Rural Social Sciences | - Member |
| 3. Dr. M.A. Sudhir
Dean, Faculty of Rural Development, GRI | - Member |
| 4. Dr.R. Kumuthakalavalli
Dean, Faculty of Rural Oriented Sciences, GRI | - Member |
| 5. Ms. A. Jansirani
Dean, Faculty of Rural Health & Sanitation | - Member |
| 6. Dr.M. Saleem Baig,
Dean, Faculty of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts | - Member |
| 7. Dr.S. Ganesh
Dean, Faculty of Agriculture & Animal Husbandry | - Member |
| 8. Shri M.R. Rajagopalan
Managing Trustee, Gandhigram Trust, Gandhigram | - Member |
| 9. Dr.Mohamed Ghouse
Vice-Chancellor's nominee | - Member |
| 10. Dr.D.K. Oza, I.A.S. (Retd.)
Nominee of the GRI Society | - Member |
| 11. Dr.R. Narayanasamy
Director i/c, GIRH & FWT
Nominee of the GRI Society | - Member |
| 12. Dr. Latha Pillai
Director, RGNIYD
Nominee of the GRI Society | - Member |
| 13. Dr.G. Muralidharan, Registrar i/c, GRI | - Non-Member |

Secretary

14. Shri R. Balasubramanian, Special Officer (Finance), GRI - Special Invitee
The following could not attend the meeting and they had already informed the authorities about it.

1. Shri K.M. Natarajan
2. Dr.C.J. Kumanan

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

Dr.A. Joseph Dorairaj, Vice-Chancellor i/c of GRI, presided over the meeting.

The President extended a warm welcome to the members and introduced the new members and also thanked the former members for their contribution. He thanked the honourable members who attended the meeting amidst their busy schedule and thanked them for their co-operation in strengthening the activities of the Institute and requested them to extend the same kind of co-operation in future also.

With the above introductory remarks of the President, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

1. **Item No.168/GRIS.2014.III : CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

To confirm the minutes of the Forty Sixth meeting of the GRI Society held on 28.10.2013 at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

The GRI Society considered and resolved to confirm the minutes of the Forty Sixth meeting of the GRI Society held on 28.10.2013 at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

2. **Item No.169/GRIS.2014.III : ACTION TAKEN REPORT**

To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Forty Sixth meeting of the GRI Society held on 28.10.2013 at the Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

The GRI Society considered and resolved to approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Forty Sixth meeting of the GRI Society held on 28.10.2013 at the Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram with the following observations and recommendations:

With regard to Item No.167/GRIS.2013.X, the GRI Society authorized the Vice-Chancellor i/c and the Registrar i/c to negotiate with the litigant and resolve the problem regarding the approach road from the highway side to RUB. It also authorized both of them, after getting due permission from the Board of Management, to go in for an out-of-court settlement, if needed, and also minimum compensation to the litigant to resolve the problem.

Regarding improving student enrolment from other states, it was suggested that we can consider admission of students from peripheral states like Jammu and Kashmir, Sikkim,

Andaman and Nicobar, and Lakshadweep. It was suggested that GRI should facilitate admission of such students.

Regarding enrolment of students from Africa, it was suggested that we can write to the Embassies of those countries.

It was also emphasized that we can approach the UGC for funds to put up an International Hostel.

The Institute was advised to think of a nodal person to facilitate admission of students from other states and countries, and it was also suggested to prepare a working paper in this regard.

3. Item No.170/GRIS.2014.III

To consider and approve the Non-Plan Revised Budget Estimates 2013-14 and Budget Estimates 2014-15 of Gandhigram Rural Institute, Deemed University, Gandhigram.

The GRI Society considered and resolved to approve the Non-Plan Revised Budget Estimates 2013-14 and Budget Estimates 2014-15 of Gandhigram Rural Institute, Deemed University, Gandhigram.

Further, it suggested that the entire overhead charges from projects be transferred to the Institute Account. The members felt that the remuneration for Earn while You Learn scheme may be increased.

4. Item No.171/GRIS.2014.III

To consider and approve the change of membership in the GRI Society

The GRI Society considered and resolved to approve the change of membership in the GRI Society as follows:

Dr.N. Narayanasamy, the then Registrar of GRI, was relieved from the post of Registrar on the expiry of his term as Registrar on the afternoon of 02.01.2014 and hence his ex-officio position as Non-member Secretary of the GRI Society came to an end on 02.01.2014. Dr.G. Muralidharan, the present Registrar i/c of GRI, assumed office as Registrar i/c on the afternoon of 02.01.2014. As per the MOA/Rules of the Institute, he is the ex-officio non-member Secretary of the GRI Society from 02.01.2014 (AN).

The three year term of Dr.T.Sentivel as Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry came to an end on 19.03.2014. Consequently, he ceases to be an ex-officio member of the GRI Society. Dr.S. Ganesh, Professor of Agriculture, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, was appointed as Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry with effect from 20.03.2014 and as per the MOA/Rules, he became an ex-officio member of the GRI Society from 20.03.2014.

5. Item No.172/GRIS.2014.III

To consider the separate Audit Report on Consolidated Statement of Accounts of GRI for the year 2012-2013 issued by the Director General of Audit (Central), Chennai.

The GRI Society looked into the separate Audit Report on the Consolidated Statement of Accounts of GRI for the year 2012-2013 issued by the Director General of Audit (Central), Chennai.

6. Item No.173/GRIS.2014.III: Any other matter

Dr.D.K. Oza wanted a few points to be discussed.

a) Accounts:

The Special Officer (Finance) presented the budget for 2013-14 and explained the same to the members. The members expressed satisfaction regarding the presentation.

b) LINCOLN GANDHI KING CENTRE:

Dr.D.K. Oza expressed happiness over the Lincoln-Gandhi-King Seminar organised by the Department of Political Science and Development Administration on 26th and 27th March 2014. He stated that the Gandhi-King Centre in USA expressed a desire to establish a Gandhi-King Centre at Gandhigram. It can be a joint venture of GRI, Gandhigram Trust and the Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health and Family Welfare Trust.

c) Gandhian values

The Registrar i/c gave a brief account of the one-day workshop on "Re-interpreting Gandhi for the Modern Times" for the teaching staff that was organized on 22.03.2014. The members of the Society were informed of the decisions like wearing of Khadi on Fridays, strengthening of community manual work and prayer on Friday.

d) Conflict Resolution and Grievance Redressal:

The problem of employees of GRI going to court was discussed. The members felt that this trend has to be arrested by way of conflict resolution through dialogues. It was also suggested that the Institute can appoint a Counsellor for Conflict Resolution and Grievance Redressal to look into the grievances of the employees and students of the Institute.

The meeting ended at 01.00 pm with thanks to the Chair.

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27.03.2014

Dr.A. JOSEPH DORAIRAJ
VICE-CHANCELLOR I/C

Dr.G. MURALIDHARAN
REGISTRAR I/C