STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

MINUTES OF THE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE

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

DATE : **30.08.2011**

TIME : **10.00 A.M.**

THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY
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MINUTES OF THE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH (126th) MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 30.08.2011 AT THE SYNDICATE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK, GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY, GANDHIGRAM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Dr.SM.Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor	...	Chairperson
2. Sri.M.R. Rajagopalan	…	Member
3. Dr.B.Padmanabha Pillai	…	Member
4. Dr.V.Ragupathy	…	Member
5. Dr.M.Sundaramari	…	Member
6. Dr.P.Anandarajakumar	…	Member
7. Dr.N.Narayanasamy, Registrar	…	Non-Member Secretary

The Chairperson, KVIC, Mumbai could not attend the meeting.

The meeting started with a minute's silent prayer at 10.00 a.m.

The Vice-Chancellor, Gandhigram Rural Institute and the Chairperson of the Syndicate extended a warm welcome to all the honourable members of the Syndicate and introduced the new member Dr.V.Ragupathy, Professor & Head, Department of Political Science and Development Administration to the august body. The Vice-Chancellor thanked them for their kind co-operation and solidarity in the activities of GRI all these years and wished the same kind of co-operation in the future too.

The Chairperson then presented a brief report on the activities of the Gandhigram Rural Institute in the academic, research, extension and new initiatives focusing on rural development and extension activities during the period from 21.6.2011 to 29.08.2011. To cite a few:

- Due to the counselling system and value based education provided in GRI, there has been an increase in the admission to all the programmes from 2009-2010 to till date 2011-12.
- 39 candidates have enrolled for Ph.D. during the period from March to August 2011.
- 25 scholars have been awarded doctoral degrees.
- 17 students have completed their M.Phil Programme.
- A number of Projects have been evolved by various faculty members and submitted to various funding agencies.
- Projects worth Rs.95.46 lakhs have been received from various national funding agencies.
- Varied extension programmes such as Village Placement Programme, Field Training of students, Service Oriented Camps and Development of Rural Entrepreneurship were taken up successfully.
- GRI organised the XI Tamil Nadu Science Congress in collaboration with Swedesi Science Movement, Karaikudi on 26th and 27th June, 2011 which was inaugurated by Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam, blessed by Thavathiru Kundrakudi Adigalar and participated by over 475 delegates from different parts of Tamil Nadu.

- An event called "GRI Valam" has been started which covers the activities of the Institute, Ph.Ds awarded, projects received, publications brought out, national and international visits by the faculty members and the extension activities of the Institute, etc. presented through Power point every week after the multi religious prayer.
- (PLS) Popular Lecture Series started two years ago in which eminent personalities deliver lectures on various topics to the GRI community as well as GRI Faculty deliver lectures to various rural college students is going on successfully.
- Over 40 scientific publications were brought out in journals and conference proceedings and books by the faculty members of GRI.
- Four of GRI faculty members and 1 Principal Investigator visited countries like Hongkong, Malaysia, London on various academic assignments.
- Indo-Norwegian collaborative project on "Landslide Forewarning in the Nilgiris" has been launched.
- CAS and fresh recruitments were made strictly as per the UGC revised Regulations and API in May-June 2011 and 24 faculty members have joined various departments of the Institute.
- A sum of Rs.28.11 crores has been received from UGC under various heads towards maintenance and academic development (Non-Plan).
- Rs.150.00 lakhs has been received from UGC under XI Plan Merged Schemes.
- Rs.22.41 lakhs has been received towards different types of scholarships for the benefit of SC/ST, BC, etc.
- The Vice-Chancellor attended the South Zone Vice-Chancellors Conference organised at the University of Mysore on 19th and 20th August, 2011 and attended number of functions and inaugurated and delivered key note addresses.
- Girls' Hostel Building is nearing completion.
  Boys' Hostel is coming up rapidly - both to a cumulative budget of Rs.4.00 crores.
- The work of constructing Gurudev Tagore Block utilizing XI Plan grant has been initiated.
- Action has been initiated to establish four new Centres – Centre for Applied Geology, Centre for Climate Change, Centre for Nano Science Technology and Centre for Tribal Studies.
- The concept of "Internet based televised rural development" has been launched by GRI by establishing a Centre in Gujiliamparai from where the rural people can listen lectures and demonstrations from GRI on interactive mode. Regular tuition in English is also being imparted to rural students through internet.

I. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1. Item No.1497/SY.2011.VIII

To confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Twenty Fifth meeting of the Syndicate held on 21.06.2011.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Twenty Fifth meeting of the Syndicate held on 21.06.2011.

II. ACTION TAKEN REPORT

2. Item No.1498/SY.2011.VIII

To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Twenty Fifth meeting of the Syndicate held on 21.06.2011 at GRI., Gandhigram.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Twenty Fifth meeting of the Syndicate held on 21.06.2011 at GRI., Gandhigram with the following remarks :

1. **Item No.1454/SY.2010.IX : Pension Contribution and Leave Salary in respect of KVK staff :**

   The Syndicate considered and resolved that either the KVK or the individual must pay the Pension Contribution and Leave Salary to GRI in respect of Dr.S.K.Gopal for the period from 31.3.1990 till he is reverted back to GRI.

   The Syndicate further resolved that KVK or the individual must pay Pension Contribution and Leave Salary to GRI in respect of Shri M.Thiyagarajan for the period from 2.2.1991 to 31.3.1993 during which period he has served in KVK as Superintendent under direct selection.

   The Syndicate further resolved that the matter pertaining to the payment of Pension Contribution and Leave Salary in respect of the following eleven persons who were transferred from GRI to KVK be referred to the Finance Section for sorting out the issue.

   i. **Dr.R.V.Kannan**
   ii. **Shri E.Gopalakrishna**
   iii. **Shri S.Ramachandran**
   iv. **Shri V.Dhandapani**
   v. **Smt.N.Lakshmi**
   vi. **Smt.V.N.Saroja**
   vii. **Smt.Suryaprabha**
   viii. **Shri T.Sakthivel**
   ix. **Smt.R.Rengammal**
   x. **Shri K.Govindarajan**
   xi. **Shri Shanmuganathan**

2. **Item No.1485/SY.2011/VI : The Syndicate considered the details presented in the case of Dr.V.Periyasamy and Dr.E.Savarimuthu, Lab Technicians in the Departments of Chemistry and Physics respectively, elaborately discussed the issue and resolved to constitute a Committee consisting of the following members to bring out the cadre structure for the Non-Teaching Technical staff of GRI.**

i.	**Dr.B.Padmanabha Pillai**	**…**	**Member**
ii.	**Dr.P.Anandharajakumar**	**…**	**Member**
iii.	**Dr.M.Sundaramari**	**…**	**Member**
iv.	**Finance Officer**	**…**	**Member**
v.	**Registrar**	**…**	**Convenor**

3. **Item No.1403/Sy.2010.II : The Syndicate considered and resolved to appoint Dr.K.Mahendran, Associate Professor as the Director in-charge, Rural Technology Centre from the date of issue of order until further orders.**

   The Syndicate further resolved that Dr.K.Mahendran, Associate Professor shall submit a comprehensive report / proposal for creation of the Department of Civil Engineering for onward transmission to UGC within a fortnight's time.

4. **Item No.1477/SY.2011.VI : The Syndicate considered and resolved to constitute the panel of experts as follows as Feasibility Committee for the starting of B.Sc.(Agri.) Programme in tune with the standards / norms prescribed by ICAR :**

   1. **The Dean, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Madurai or Coimbatore**
   2. **Assistant Director General (Education), ICAR**
   3. **Dean, Thanthai Rover College, Perambalur**
   4. **One member of the Syndicate, GRI to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor**
   5. **Dean, Faculty of Agri & AH., GRI … Convenor**

III.NEW AGENDA:

3. **Item No.1499/SY.2011.VIII**

   To consider and ratify the Non -Plan Revised Budget Estimates for the year 2010-11 and also to approve the proposed Budget Estimates for the year 2011-12.

   The Syndicate considered and resolved to ratify the Non -Plan Revised Budget Estimates for the year 2010-11 and also approved the proposed Budget Estimates for the year 2011-12.

4. **Item No.1500/SY.2011.VIII**

   To consider the Audit Report of consolidated statement of accounts of our Institute for the year 2009-2010 issued by the Principal Accountant General (Civil Audit), Chennai.

   The Syndicate considered and noted the Audit Report of consolidated statement of accounts of our Institute for the year 2009-2010 issued by the Principal Accountant General (Civil Audit), Chennai.

The Syndicate further resolved that the Heads of Departments may be informed of the guidelines to condemn the equipments / materials so that the process of condemnation and physical verification can go on continuously every year.

5. Item No.1501/SY.2011.VIII

To consider and appoint Head, Department of Life Long Learning.

The Syndicate considered the appointment of Head of the Department of Life Long Learning and resolved to appoint Dr.R.Subburaman as Head of the Department of Life Long Learning with effect from the date of issue of order until further orders.

6. Item No.1502/SY.2011.VIII

To reconsider and review its direction given in its meeting held on 25.1.2011 and 21.6.2011 regarding the appointment of Associate Professor in Mathematics (SC Category).

The Syndicate considered and after elaborate discussions resolved to accept the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the post of Associate Professor in Mathematics (SC Category) in order to facilitate the Institute to re-advertise the post of Associate Professor in Mathematics (SC Category).

Dr.M.Sundaramari recorded his dissent note to the above resolution.

7. Item No.1503/SY.2011.VIII

To consider the Appointment of Auditor to audit the Institute's accounts.

The Syndicate considered the appointment of Auditor to audit the Institute's accounts and resolved to appoint Sri K.Sivakumar as Auditor for a period of three years with effect from 1.7.2011.

8. Item No.1504/SY.2011.VIII

To consider and approve the proposal for promotion of Assistant Registrar to the higher grade pay of Rs.6,600/- in the pay band of Rs.15,600-39100.

The Syndicate considered and after discussion resolved to award higher grade pay of Rs.6600/- from Rs.5500/- in the pay band of Rs.15600-39600 on completion of eight years of service to the following Assistant Registrars with the condition that they should complete one more orientation course within a period of two years from the date of Syndicate (30.8.2011) or before the superannuation of the individuals, whichever is earlier.

1. **Dr.R.V.Kannan**
2. **Dr.A.Murugesan**
3. **Shri H.Padmanaban**

9. Item No.1505/SY.2011.VIII

To consider and give direction on the matter regarding the credit of 20 days of Earned Leave to the teaching staff of GRI serving in the vacation departments.

The Syndicate considered and discussed in detail and resolved to constitute a Committee consisting of the following members :

1.	**Dr.V.Raghupathy**	**…**	**Member**
2.	**Dr.M.Sundaramari**	**…**	**Member**
3.	**Assistant Registrar (Establishment)**	**…**	**Convenor**

The Committee shall evolve a methodology to regulate the leave account in the case of pensioners and the existing faculty members. The Committee shall collect the details of leave procedure followed during the period from 1.4.1989 to 31.12.1998 from Universities like Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of Hyderabad and other Central or Deemed to be Universities and submit its report to the Vice-Chancellor for further action and implementation.

10. Item No.1506/SY.2011.VIII

Registrar's Report

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the Registrar's Report with the following remarks:

Sl.No.24. The Syndicate resolved to raise the amount of purchase of articles from Rs.500/- to Rs.1000/- at the discretion of the Head of the Department / Section Head for recoupment in the imprest bill.

11. Item No.1507/SY.2011.VIII

To consider and approve the recommendation of the Advisory Committee for the continuation of the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy after XI Plan.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to approve the continuation of the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy during the XII Plan as advised by the University Grants Commission vide their letter ref.E-3-6/2007/(SCT) dated 20.01.2011 and include the budget in the Development Grant of the Institute.

The Syndicate further observed that as this Centre exactly fits in with the ideals of the Gandhigram Rural Institute and has provided a lot of avenues for taking up comprehensive studies on the phenomenon of social exclusion, degree of exclusion, reasons for exclusion, their distribution in various parts of the State and bring them into the inclusive segment of the Society which is one of the prime mandates of the Gandhigram Rural Institute, the Syndicate resolved to send a proposal to UGC concurrently for converting the faculty positions recruited during the XI Plan under Non-Plan from 1st April, 2012.

12. Item No.1508/SY.2011.VIII

To consider and approve the proposal to merge the post of Lecturer (Assistant Professor) sanctioned by UGC under the Innovative Programme of Spatial Technology with Non-Plan after the end of XI Plan period i.e. from 1.4.2012.

The Syndicate duly considered the importance of the fast emerging spatial technology and its utility in various natural resources inventory, environmental mapping and disaster management and modeling and also considered the projects and programmes of computerization of land, water and ocean resources data and creation of information systems by various Government agencies and the resultantly emerging huge demand for the skilled man power in this field, and also the phenomenal job prospects accrued by the rural students through the ongoing PG. Diploma programmes.

The Syndicate resolved to request the University Grants Commission to convert the tenurial post of Assistant Professor sanctioned under Innovative Programme upto 31st March, 2012 for conducting P.G.Diploma in Spatial Technology to Non-Plan from 1st April 2012 in furthering the programme and to carry out research.

13. Item No.1509/SY.2011.VIII

To consider and approve the merger of 15 posts (13 Assistant Professor / Lecturers and 2 Associate Professor / Reader sanctioned under XI Plan with Non-Plan scheme with effect from 1.4.2012.

The Syndicate considered and resolved to merge the 15 positions of Lecturers and Readers sanctioned by University Grants Commission under XI Plan with effect from 1.4.2012 in order to conduct the activities of academicia of GRI for which only the UGC has sanctioned these positions.

14. Item No.1510/SY.2011.VIII

To consider and approve the proposal to merge the scheme of Upgradation of Hindi Department belonging to Non-Hindi region of UGC under Non-Plan after the end of XI plan period i.e. from 1.4.2012.

The Syndicate considered and noted that GRI is one of the few Universities in South India implementing three language formula by offering one mandatory core course for all Undergraduate programmes and also Part-I Hindi.

Concurrently, the Institute has submitted an innovative Programme to upgrade the Department of Hindi under the scheme "Establishment / Upgradation of Hindi Department in the Universities which belong to Non-Hindi Region". The University Grants Commission also has sanctioned the above scheme for five years upto 31st March, 2012 along with three faculty positions, viz., one Professor and two Lecturers. These positions have been filled up and the candidates have been selected in such a way that they have multi-lingual capability so that the Hindi Department is strengthened to accelerate the pace of spreading Hindi Language,

takes up Research and also translation from various other languages like Marathi to Tamil, Hindi to Tamil, Urdu to Tamil and vice-versa.

The Department in a short span of time has made good strides in multiple fronts of academic, research and extension.

Hence, the Syndicate resolved to convert the three faculty positions sanctioned under the XI Plan period to Non-Plan from 1.4.2012, since the Innovative Programme as well as the sanctioned positions come to a close by 31st March 2012.

15. Item No.1511/SY.2011.VIII

To consider and approve the minutes / recommendation of the Committee constituted to look into the vacancy position and evolve modalities to advertise direct recruitment / fit in the existing temporary staff members in those positions as per the roster of reservation recommended by the Roster Committee or to give direction on this matter.

The Syndicate considered the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee constituted to look into the vacancy position of different category of posts and to evolve modalities for recruitment against these posts as per the roster of reservations recommended by the Roster Committee and the existing Recruitment Rules and resolved to approve the recommendations of the said Committee.

The Syndicate further resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Sub-Committee to ear-mark the various posts mentioned in the recommendations of the Committee for open advertisement and for taking further action.

Any other matter : The Syndicate placed on record and thanked the valuable services rendered by Dr.M.R.Kubendran and Dr.M.William Baskaran during their tenure as members of the Syndicate.

The meeting came to a close at 4.30 p.m. with thanks to the Chair.

Gandhigram
16.09.2011

DR.SM.RAMASAMY
VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dr.N.NARAYANASAMY
REGISTRAR