

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

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

DATE : 04.05.2026

TIME : 02.30 P.M.

Mode : ONLINE & OFFLINE (HYBRIDMODE)



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OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 04.05.2026 AT 02.30 PM
IN THE BOARD ROOM, GRI THROUGH HYBRID MODE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| 1. Prof. N. Panchanatham | ... Chairperson |
| 2. Dr. S. Balasundari | ... Member |
| 3. Dr. B. Tamilmani | ... Member |
| 4. Dr. P Balasubramaniam | ... Member |
| 5. Dr. B. Baskar | ... Member |
| 6. Dr. M. Sundaramari | ... Ex-Officio Secretary |

MEMBERS PRESENT THROUGH ONLINE:

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| 7. Shri. P.K. Banerjee | ... Member |
| Represented by Ms.Rajani Saini, Ministry of Higher Education | |
| 8. Dr. M. Raja Marimuthu | ... Member |

The following members could not attend the meeting.

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| 9. Dr. K. Prasanna Sai | ... Member |
| 10. Shri.M.Nagarajan | ... Member |

The meeting started at 02.55 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 thanked the Ministry for sanctioning Rs.40 crores and presented the achievements held between the previous Board of Management and the present. He highlighted achievements of the Institute such as MoUs signed, CSR Funds and Endowment fund received etc.

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

1. Item No. 2174/BOM.2026.V

To confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Sixty Sixth meeting of the Board of Management held on 18.07.2025 through Offline/Online.

The Board of Management resolved to confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Sixty Sixth meeting of the Board of Management held on 18.07.2025 through Hybrid mode.

2. **Item No.2175/BOM.2026.V – Action taken Report**

To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Sixty Sixth meeting of the Board of Management held on 18.07.2025 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 Sixth meeting of the Board of Management held on 18.07.2025 through Hybrid mode.

3. **Item No. 2176/BOM.2026.V**

To confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Sixty Seventh meeting of the Board of Management held on 05.10.2025 through Offline/Online.

The Board of Management resolved to confirm the minutes of the Hundred and Sixty Seventh meeting of the Board of Management held on 05.10.2025 through Hybrid mode.

4. **Item No.2177/BOM.2026.V – Action taken Report**

To consider the report of the Registrar on the action taken on the minutes of the Hundred and Sixty Seventh meeting of the Board of Management held on 05.10.2025 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 Seventh meeting of the Board of Management held on 05.10.2025 through Hybrid mode.

5. **Item No.2178/BOM.2026.V**

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor on the minutes of the meeting of the 53rd Library Committee of Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU) held on 18.12.2025.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the 53rd minutes of the meeting of the Library Committee meeting held on 18.12.2025.

6. **Item No.2179/BOM.2026.V**

To consider and ratify the appointment of Ombudsperson to GRI.

The Board of Management resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing Dr. K. Muthuchelian, Former Vice-Chancellor, Periyar University as Ombudsperson to GRI for a period of three years w.e.f. 17.12.2025.

7. **Item No.2180/BOM.2026.V**

To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the 67th Finance Committee held on 27.01.2026 at GRI through Hybrid Mode.

The Board of Management considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the 67th meeting of the Finance Committee of the Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), held on 27.01.2026 at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram in Hybrid mode.

8. Item No.2181/BOM.2026.V

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the 62nd Academic Council held on 18.03.2026 at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

The Board of Management resolved to approve the minutes of the 62nd meeting of the Academic Council of the Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU), held on 18.03.2026 at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram in Hybrid mode.

Further, the Board of Management remarked that Vice-Chancellor is authorized to constitute a committee to look into the re-organization of Schools/Departments/Centres without affecting UGC guidelines.

9. Item No.2182/BOM.2026.V

To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee constituted to evolve the modalities for regularizing the services of temporary staff (Non-Teaching including Technical Staff) of GRI.

The Board of Management resolved to consider the recommendations of the Committee, by following UGC approved Recruitment Rules.

Further, the Board of Management directed to write a letter to Ministry of Education/ UGC for one time age relaxation for those who are working for more than 10 to 20 years.

10. Item No.2183/BOM.2026.V

To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Grievance Redressal Committee constituted to look into the grievances submitted by the teaching and non-Teaching staff of GRI held on 06.11.2025 and 18.11.2025.

The Board of Management considered and approved the Minutes of the meeting of the Grievance Redressal Committee held on 06.11.2025 & 18.11.2025 as per extant norms.

11. Item No.2184/BOM.2026.V

To consider and approve to issue the Circular for inviting PBAS format for promotion to CAS Teaching staff of GRI as detailed below:

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| 1. Assistant Professor (AL 10 to AL 11, AL 11 to AL 12), | - 2 Nos. |
| 2. Assistant Professor to Associate Professor (AL 12 to AL 13A) - 2 Nos. | |
| 3. Associate Professor to Professor (AL 13A to AL 14) and | - 11 Nos |
| 4. Professor to Senior Professor (AL 14 to AL 15) | - 1 Nos. |

The Board of Management resolved to approve to issue the Circular for inviting PBAS format for promotion to CAS Teaching staff of GRI as detailed below:

1. Assistant Professor (AL 10 to AL 11, AL 11 to AL 12), - 2 Nos.
2. Assistant Professor to Associate Professor (AL 12 to AL 13A) - 2 Nos.
3. Associate Professor to Professor (AL 13A to AL 14) and - 11 Nos
4. Professor to Senior Professor (AL 14 to AL 15) - 1 Nos.

12. **Item No.2185/BOM.2026.VI**

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing Dr.R.Venkataravi, Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension as the Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development w.e.f. 01.02.2026 on relieving of Dr.A.Balakrishnan, Senior Professor and Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development.

The Board of Management resolved to ratify the appointment of Dr.R.Venkataravi, Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension as the Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development for a period of three years w.e.f. 01.02.2026 on relieving of Dr.A.Balakrishnan, Senior Professor and Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development.

13. **Item No.2186/BOM.2026.V**

To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing Dr.A.Ramanathan, Senior Professor, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences as the Dean, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences w.e.f. 23.03.2026 on relieving of Dr.M.Sundaramari, Senior Professor and Dean, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences.

The Board of Management resolved to ratify the appointment of Dr.A.Ramanathan, Senior Professor, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences as the Dean, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences for a period of three years w.e.f. 23.03.2026 on relieving of Dr.M.Sundaramari, Senior Professor and Dean, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences.

14. **Item No.2187/BOM.2026.V**

To consider and approve the action taken by the Authorities for implementing 50% admission under the Non-CUET category in the academic year 2026-2027.

The Board of Management considered and approved based on the justification given by the Chairperson of Board of Management i.e. priority will be given to CUET applied students. The justification for filling up 50% of Non-CUET category is 1) Un-filled seats in some departments, 2) Non CUET programmes like Gandhian Thought and wherever vacancies are there 3) teachers are having less work load, 4) Attrition, 5) Not filling seats affecting NAAC/NIRF Score etc. and also strictly following Community Reservation Norms of Government of India.

15. **Item No.2188/BOM.2026.V**

To consider and approve the action taken by the Authorities in permitting the introduction of Shift System in departments receiving a large number of applications for admission with effect from the academic year 2026-2027.

The Board of Management approved in-principle to introduce Shift System in feasible departments and receiving a large number of applications for admission.

16. **Item No.2189/BOM.2026.V**

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

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

17. **Item No.2190/BOM.2026.V**

To consider and approve the action taken by the Authorities in initiating collaborative programmes from the Academic Year 2026-2027.

The Board of Management resolved to approve the action taken in initiating collaborative programmes from the academic year 2026-27.

18. **Item No.2191/BOM.2026.V**

To consider and approve the change of nomenclature of the Guest Faculty of GRI as Assistant Professor (Temporary) of GRI.

The Board of Management considered and approved the change of nomenclature of the Guest Faculty of GRI as Assistant Professor (Temporary).

19. **Item No.2192/BOM.2026.V**

To appoint Retired Officers of GRI and other Organizations on short term contract basis until vacant posts are filled on regular basis.

The Board of Management considered and approved to appoint Retired Officers of GRI and other Organizations on short term contract basis in the vacancy position until vacant posts are filled on regular basis upto the age of 65 years.

However, the Ministry of Education observed in their comments that "The process of filling of sanctioned posts on regular basis may be expedited".

The Vice-Chancellor sincerely thanked the honorable Board members.

The Registrar i/c. proposed vote of thanks.

The meeting came to an end at 5.20 p.m with thanks to the Chair and members.

Gandhigram
04.05.2026

Dr. M.Sundaramari
Registrar i/c

Dr. N.Panchanatham
Vice-Chancellor


REGISTRAR i/c
Gandhigram Rural Institute(DTBU)