

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTY SEVENTH MEETING
OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

DATE : 27.01.2026

TIME : 11.00 A.M.

MODE : HYBRID MODE (Online / Offline)



**THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE
(Deemed to be University)
GANDHIGRAM – 624 302, DINDIGUL DISTRICT
TAMIL NADU**

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Gandhigram

67th FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 27.01.2026 AT THE BOARD ROOM GRI, GANDHIGRAM IN HYBRID MODE.

Members Present

1. **Prof. N. Panchanatham** - Chairperson
Vice-Chancellor
The Gandhigram Rural Institute-DTBU, Gandhigram
2. **Dr. K. Ravichandran** - Secretary
Finance Officer i/c
The Gandhigram Rural Institute-DTBU, Gandhigram
3. **Dr. M. Sundaramari** - Special Invitee
Registrar i/c
The Gandhigram Rural Institute-DTBU, Gandhigram

The following member attended the meeting through online.

4. **Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor** - Member
MoE, GoI, New Delhi
Represented by **Shri.Vivek Kumar, Under Secretary (IFD), MoE**
5. **Dr. R. Chandrasekaran** - Member
Director, Central Institute of Classical Tamil
Chemmozhi Salai, Perumbakkam
Chennai – 600 100

Dr. K. Prasanna Sai, Management Consultant, Sai Advisory Services, No.5A, Anna Main Road, Kodambakkam, Chennai – 600 024 could not attend the meeting.

The meeting began at 11:00 A.M. with a minute of silent prayer.

At the outset, the Secretary of the Finance Committee welcomed the Chairman and members to the 67th meeting of the Finance Committee of the Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Gandhigram. He expressed sincere gratitude for their continued support in the development of the Institute and requested the Chairman to preside over the meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor and Chairperson of the Finance Committee extended a warm welcome to all members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time to attend and continued guidance. He once again informed the members that the Institute had secured an **A++ Grade with a CGPA of 3.58 out of 4** in the 4th Cycle of NAAC Accreditation. He expressed

his **salutation to the Hon'ble Education Minister** for his encouraging words and **thanked the Secretary, Joint Secretary, Under Secretary and all officials in Ministry of Education / UGC** for extending their guidance and support in achieving this distinction. He added that, **with this recognition**, the Institute is **submitting proposals to various agencies for funding** support.

The Vice-Chancellor further noted that the Institute is focusing on submitting details to the **NIRF to secure a higher ranking** than in previous years.

He highlighted that **student admissions**, including Ph.D. programmes, **have increased** in the academic year 2025-26. Following the enhancement of the **GRI Fellowship**, approved by the Finance Committee and the Board of Management, both the **quantity and quality of publications by scholars have improved**.

He emphasized that the Institute will continue to expand student strength with the necessary infrastructure, such as academic and hostel buildings, and maintain the campus with funding support from the Ministry of Education, Government of India, and through CSR initiatives. In this regard, a **Detailed Project Report (DPR) of ₹175 crore** has been submitted for capital grants to construct academic, hostel, student amenities, and departmental buildings in line with ICAR and AICTE accreditation requirements.

The Vice-Chancellor also informed the members that a proposal has been submitted to the MoE / UGC for upgrading GRI (DTBU) into a **Central Rural University**.

He mentioned that faculty members who take on additional responsibilities should be paid applicable allowances, as being practiced in other Central Educational Institutions, to recognize their dedicated service beyond regular duties.

He assured that the **Internal Revenue Generation (IRG)** will be optimally utilized in accordance with UGC regulations.

Finally, he proudly shared that Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU) had won **first prize** in the Poster Competition on Best Practices, conducted **by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU)** during the Vice-Chancellors' Conference held on 20-21 January 2026 at Ramaiah University, Bangalore.

The Vice-Chancellor then requested the Secretary of the Finance Committee to present the agenda items one by one for discussion.

The Secretary, Finance Committee had made a presentation on the receipt of Grants and the Utilization to the Finance Committee. Further, he informed the Finance Committee that the MoE had given comments on the agenda items of the meeting and the same will be taken up on item-wise for discussion.

Then the Secretary presented the agenda items to the Finance Committee for discussion.

1. Item No.474/FC.2026.I

To confirm the minutes of the 66th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 04.10.2025.

The Finance Committee considered and resolved to confirm the minutes of the 66th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 04.10.2025.

2. Item No.475/FC.2026.I

To consider the Action Taken report on the minutes of the 66th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 04.10.2025.

The Finance Committee considered and resolved to approve the Action Taken report on the minutes of the 66th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 04.10.2025.

3. Item No.476/FC.2026.I

To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the committee to prepare Guidelines for the Course Development Fee / Student Fund Account / Travel Grant held on 07.01.2026 11.30 am in the Board Room, GRI (Hybrid mode).

After a detailed discussion on the each guideline, the Finance Committee considered and resolved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the committee to prepare Guidelines for the Course Development Fee / Student Fund Account / Travel Grant held on 07.01.2026 in the Board Room, GRI (Hybrid mode).

It was approved to adopt the Ministry of External Affairs Order no. Q/FD/695/03/2000 dt. 25.09.2023 for the eligible DA during the travel abroad by the authorities and the faculty members.

4. Item No.477/FC.2026.I

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the committee to suggest measures for the implementation of administrative, financial and service matters of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Gandhigram held 07.01.2026 in the Board Room, GRI (Hybrid mode).

After a detailed deliberation, the Finance Committee considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the committee to suggest measures for the implementation of administrative, financial and service matters of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Gandhigram held 07.01.2026 in the Board Room, GRI (Hybrid mode) following ICAR guidelines and the MoA.

The resolution will take effect from 01.02.2026 as discussed, subject to approval by the Board of Management/Executive Council.

5. Item No.478/FC.2026.I

To Consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the committee to establish procedures for Managing and Accounting Hostel fees / Accounts through the Hostel Management Committee held on 19.12.2025 at 12.30 pm in the Board Room, GRI.

After a detailed deliberations, the Finance Committee considered and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the committee to establish procedures for Managing and Accounting Hostel fees/ Accounts through the Hostel Management Committee held on 19.12.2025 at 12.30 pm in the Board Room, GRI.

The resolution will take effect from 01.02.2026 as discussed, subject to approval by the Board of Management/Executive Council.

The Meeting came to an end at 11.50 am.

The Chairman once again invited all Members of the Finance Committee to visit GRI on a convenient date to motivate and discuss with the staff and students on the welfare of the institute.

The Registrar i/c proposed vote of thanks. He expressed his gratitude to all the Finance Committee Members for their valuable comments and contributions in successful conduct of the 67th Finance Committee. He also extended an invitation to the Hon'ble Members to visit GRI.

Dr. K. Ravichandran
Finance Officer i/c & Secretary, Finance Committee, GRI

Prof. N. Panchanatham
Vice-Chancellor & Chairperson, Finance Committee, GRI

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REGISTRAR i/c
Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU)