

THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY

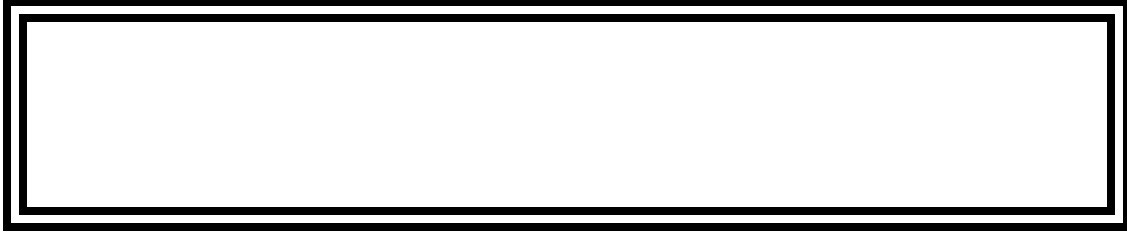
GANDHIGRAM – 624 302

DINDIGUL DISTRICT

TAMILNADU.



**MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION AND
RULES AND REGULATIONS**



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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF SOCIETIES

**ACT XXI of 1860
S No 20 of 1976**

**I hereby certify that the Gandhigram Rural
Institute has this day been registered under the
Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860.**

**Given under my hand at Dindigul this
Twenty ninth day of July one thousand nine hundred
and seventy six.**

**Sd/
Registrar of
Assurances
29.7.76.**

No. F.9-1/76-U 3

**Government of India,
Ministry of Education and Social Welfare
(Department of Education)**

New Delhi, the 3rd August 1976.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), the Central Government, on the advice of the Commission, hereby declare that the Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram shall be deemed to be a University for the purpose of the aforesaid Act.

**Sd/-
(Anil**

Bordia)

**Joint Secretary to the
Government of India.**

Memorandum of Association of Gandhigram Rural Institute

GANDHIGRAM

I. Title and Location

- 1) The name of the Society shall be the Gandhigram Rural Institute (hereinafter called “Institute”).
- 2) The Gandhigram Rural Institute shall be a juristic person and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and shall sue and be sued by the said name.
- 3) The Registered Office of the Gandhigram Rural Institute shall be located at Gandhigram 624302, Dindigul Taluk, Madurai District, Tamilnadu. The Madurai District was renamed from 1989 as Dindigul Anna District.

II. Objects

The Institute which stands for Gandhian ideals in education shall have the following objects and powers, namely:

- 1) to provide for instruction and training in such branches of learning as it may determine to promote a classless and casteless society and integrated rural development;
- 2) to provide for research and for the advancement of and dissemination of knowledge;
- 3) to institute degrees, titles, diplomas and other academic distinctions;
- 4) to hold examinations and to confer degrees, titles, diplomas and other academic distinctions on persons who
 - a) shall have pursued an approved course of study in the Institute unless exempted therefrom in the manner prescribed by the rules and passed the prescribed examinations of the Institute or
 - b) shall have carried on research under the conditions prescribed.
- 5) to institute Lecturerships, Assistant Professorships, Readerships, Professorships and other teaching and non- teaching posts required by the Institute;
- 6) to institute and award fellowships, travelling fellowships, scholarships, stipends, bursaries, exhibitions, medals and prizes;

- 7) to function as a centre for extension work towards Integrated Rural Development;
- 8) to publish books, monographs, periodicals, and papers in furtherance of the above said objectives;
- 9) to establish, maintain and manage hostels;
- 10) to exercise such control over the students of the Institute as will secure their health and well being and discipline;
- 11) to hold and manage endowments and other properties and funds of the Institute and to raise loans required for the purpose of this Institute;
- 12) to fix fees and to demand and receive such fees as prescribed;
- 13) to institute and provide funds for the maintenance of
 - a) Shanti Sena (National Service Scheme)
 - b) A Publication Bureau
 - c) An Employment Bureau
 - d) Institute's Athletic Clubs
 - e) Training-cum-work experience units, and
 - f) Other approved associations;
- 14) to make rules, bye-laws and regulations for the conduct of the affairs of the Institute and to add, amend, vary or rescind them from time to time;
- 15) to constitute such Committees as it may deem fit;
- 16) to delegate such of its powers as it may deem fit to any authority or authorities of the Institute, and
- 17) generally to do all such other acts and things as may be necessary or desirable to further the objects of the Institute.

III. Membership

- 1) The Institute may admit to its membership such number of persons as it considers suitable for the furtherance of its objectives provided the number of members in the Institute shall not exceed thirty;
- 2) Disqualification for membership: No person shall be qualified for election or nomination as a member of any of the authorities of the Institute if on the date of nomination or election he is
 - a) of unsound mind, a deaf-mute, or suffering from leprosy;
 - b) an applicant to be adjudicated insolvent or an un-discharged insolvent;
 - c) sentenced by a criminal court to imprisonment for any offence involving moral turpitude
- 3) In case of dispute or doubts the Syndicate of the Institute shall determine whether a person is disqualified under sub-section 2 (i) above, and its decision shall be final

Amendment

III. Membership:

- 1) “That the Institute may admit to its membership such number of persons as it considers suitable for the furtherance of its objectives provided the number of members in the Institute shall not exceed thirty five” (As amended vide Res. No. 18 of the Senate dated 20-3-1977, Ministry’s letter No. F-9-8/ 77 / U. 3 dt. 11-8-1977)

IV. Beneficiaries:

- 1) The Institute shall be open to persons of either sex of whatever race, creed, caste or class, nationality, state, citizenship and no test or condition shall be imposed as to the religion, belief or profession in admitting students or appointing staff members and examiners
- 2) The Institute shall make provisions for the admission of Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe students in accordance with the directions the Central or State Government may issue from time to time.
- 3) No benefaction shall be accepted by the Institute which involves conditions or obligations opposed to or inconsistent with the aims and objects of the Institute.

V. Income and Property

The income and property of the Institute, however derived, shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects thereof, as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, subject in respect of expenditure or grants made by the Government (s) to such purposes and to such condition as they may from time to time impose. No portion of the income and property of the Institute shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to persons who are or at any time have been members of the Institute or to any other persons claiming through them provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment, in good faith, of remuneration to any members thereof or other persons in return for any services rendered to the Institute or travelling allowance, halting or other similar charges.

VI. Review of the work of the Institute

The Government of India may appoint, after intimating the Institute, one or more persons to review the work and progress of the Institute, hold enquiries into the affairs thereof and report thereon in such manner as they may stipulate and upon receipt of any such report after obtaining the remarks of the Institute, the Government of India may take such action and issue such directions as they may consider necessary in respect of

any of the matters dealt with in the report and the Institute shall be bound to comply with such directions.

VII. The Authorities of the Institute

The authorities of the Institute shall be

- i. The Senate
- ii. The Syndicate
- iii. The Academic Council
- iv. The Finance Committee
- v. The Faculties
- vi. The Boards of Studies and
- vii. Such other authorities as may be considered by the Institute.

VIII. Officers of the Institute

The Institute shall have the following officers:

1. The Chancellor
2. The Vice-Chancellor
3. Deans of Faculties
4. Registrar, and
5. Such other persons as may be declared by the Rules to be officers of the Institute.

IX. Alteration of Memorandum

In case it is deemed expedient to alter, extend or abridge the purpose for which the Institute is constituted or to amalgamate it either wholly or partly with any other body having a similar purpose or to amend the Memorandum of Association of the Institute, it shall be done in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of the Societies Registration Act 1860 (XXI of 1860) and with the prior concurrence of the Government of India

X. A copy of the rules of the Institute, certified to be a correct copy by the persons who have subscribed their names hereunder, is filed along with the Memorandum of Association.

XI. The Institute may be wound up and dissolved in accordance with the provisions of Sections 13 and 14 of the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860

XII. We, the following persons, hereby subscribe our names to the above Memorandum of Association for the formulation of the Institute and filing the same with the

Registrar of Societies, Dindigul for registration of the Institute under the Indian Societies Registration Act of (XXI of 1860)

S.No.	Name	Address and Occupation	Designation
1	Dr. G. Ramachandran	Honorary Director, Rural Institute. Gandhigram	Chairman
2.	Dr. Mrs T. S. Soundram Ramachandran	Director, Gandhigram.	Member
3.	Shri. S. V. Chitti Babu	Vice-Chancellor. Madurai University. Palkalainagar.Madurai.	Member
4.	Shri. S. Thiruvengadam	Businessman. 16. Sathya Sai Nagar, Madurai.	Member
5.	Dr. R. Srinivasan	Principal. Lakshmi Teachers' Training College. Gandhigram.	Member
6.	Miss Shanti Manuel	Principal. Lady Doak College. Madurai.	Member
7.	Shri. S. Ramanujam	Executive Secretary, Rural Institute. Gandhigram.	Secretary

We, the following persons, hereby subscribe our names to the above Memorandum of Association for the formation of the Institute and filing the same with the Registrar of Societies. Dindigul for registration of the Institute under the Indian Societies Registration Act of 1860(XXI of 1860)

S.No.	Name	Designation	Signature
1.	Dr.G.Ramachandran	Chairman	Sd/- G. Ramachandran
2.	Dr. Mrs. T.S. Soundram Ramachandran	Director, Gandhigram	Sd/- T.S. Soundram
3.	Shri. S. V. Chitti Babu	Vice-Chancellor, Madurai University, Madurai	Sd/- S.V. Chitti Babu
4.	Shri. S. Thiruvengadam	Businessman, Madurai.	Sd/- S. Thiruvengadam
5.	Dr. R. Srinivasan	Principal, Lakshmi	Sd/- R. Srinivasan

		Teachers' Training College, Gandhigram.	
6.	Miss. Shanti Manuel	Principal, Lady Doak College, Madurai.	Sd/- Shanti Manuel
7.	Shri. S Ramanujam	Executive Secretary, Rural Institute, Gandhigram	Sd/- S. Ramanujam

Witnesses

1. Shri. V. Rengarajan, Head of the Department of Languages,
Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

Sd/- V. Rengarajan

2. Dr. S. Sivasubramaniam, Head of the Department of
Public Administration, Rural Institute, Gandhigram.
Sivasubramaniam

Sd/-S.

THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE

Rules and Regulations

These Rules shall be called the rules of the Gandhigram Rural Institute.

1. Definition:

In these rules unless the context otherwise requires:

- a. “Academic Council” means the Academic Council of the Institute
- b. “Authorities” means the authorities of the Institute
- c. “Boards of Studies” means the Boards of Studies of the Institute
- d. “Chancellor” means the Chancellor of the Institute.
- e. “Central Government” means the Government of India.
- f. “Employee” means any person appointed by the Institute.
- g. “Finance Committee” means the Finance Committee of the Institute
- h. “Faculties” means the Faculties of the Institute.
- i. “Gandhigram” means the Gandhigram Trust, having its registered office at Gandhigram in Tamilnadu
- j. “Hostel” means a unit of residence for the students of the Institute maintained or recognised by the Institute in accordance with provisions in the rules and includes a hostel deemed to be recognised by the Institute under the rules.
- k. “Institute” means the Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.
- l. “Prescribed” means prescribed by the rules or bye-laws or regulations.
- m. “Registered Graduate” means a Graduate registered under the rules.
- n. “Rules,” “bye-laws” and “regulations” means respectively rules, bye-laws and regulations of the Institute made or continued in force.
- o. “Society” is identical with the “Institute” and means the Gandhigram Rural Institute
- p. “Senate” means the Senate of the Institute.
- q. “Syndicate” means the Syndicate of the Institute

- r. “State Government” means the State Government of Tamilnadu.
 - s. “The Vice-Chancellor” means the Vice-Chancellor of the Institute.
 - t. “Teachers” means such Lecturers, Readers, Assistant Professors, Professors and other persons giving instruction in the Institute or in the hostels as may be declared by the rules to be teachers and also includes persons appointed by the Institute to give instruction on its behalf.
 - u. “The Institute library” means the library maintained by the Institute, whether instituted by it or not.
 - v. “The Registrar” means the Registrar of the Institute.
- 2.The Registered Office of the Institute shall be situated at Gandhigram, Dindigul Taluk, Madurai District, Tamilnadu. The Madurai District was renamed from 1989 as Dindigul Anna District.

II The Institute

I Members

The Institute may admit to its membership such number of persons as it considers suitable for the furtherance of its objectives provided the number of members in the Institute shall not exceed thirty.

The Institute shall, to begin with, consist of the following members:

Ex-Officio Members

- a) The Chancellor,
- b) The Vice-Chancellor,
- c) Deans of the Faculties of the Institute,
- d) Director, Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health and Family Planning.

Amendments:

1. Members

“That the Institute may admit to its membership such number of persons as it considers suitable for the furtherance of its objectives provided the number of members in the Institute shall not exceed thirty-five” (as amended vide Res. No. 18 of 20-3-1977 Ministry’s letter No. F. 98 /77-u-3/11-8-77)

Ex-Officio Members:

- a) The Chancellor
- b) The Vice-Chancellor
- c) Deans of Faculties of the Institute
- d) Director, Centre for Research, Extension and Integrated Rural Development
- e) Director of Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health and Family Planning.
(as amended Res No. 19 of the Senate-held on 20-3-79 Ministry's approval vide letter No. F. 9-8 / 77 dt 11-8-1977)

Other Members:

- a) Four representatives of the Government of India.
- b) Five members elected by the Academic Council of the Institute from among its own body of whom not less than three shall be teaching members of the Institute.
- c) Three members elected by the Registered Graduates from among themselves.
- c) Five members nominated by Gandhigram
- e) Six representatives of learned professions and special interests nominated by the Chancellor.
- f) One representative nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from among the office bearers of various students' associations of the Institute.
- g) One representative of the Government of Tamil Nadu. (Res. No.8 of the Senate meeting held on 22.3.78 and as approved by Ministry in letter No : F. 9-8/77-U.3, dt : 23.12.78.)

The Registrar-Non-member-Secretary.

2. Save as otherwise provided, elected and nominated members of the Institute shall hold office for a period of three years; provided however that no member elected in his capacity as a member of the particular electorate shall hold office for a period longer than three months after he ceases to be such a member unless meanwhile he again becomes a member of the electorate. Provided also that where an elected or nominated member of the Institute is appointed temporarily to any of the offices by virtue of which he is entitled to be a member of the Institute ex-officio he shall, by notice in writing signed by him and communicated to the Vice-Chancellor within seven days from the date of his taking charge of his appointment, choose whether he will continue to be a member of the Institute by virtue of his election or nomination or whether he will vacate office as such member and become a member ex-officio by virtue of his appointment and the choice shall be conclusive. On failure to make such choice he shall be deemed to have vacated his office as an elected or nominated member.

When a person ceases to be a member of the Institute he shall cease to be a member of any of the authorities of the Institute of which he may happen to be a member by virtue of his membership in the Institute.

3. The Institute shall keep a roll of members giving their names and addresses and occupation and every member shall sign the same.

If a member changes his address, he shall notify his new address to the Registrar, who shall thereupon enter his new address in the roll of members. But if a member fails to notify his new address, the address in the roll of members shall be deemed to be his address.

4. A member of any authority of the Institute other than ex-officio member representing a Ministry or Government may resign his membership by a letter addressed to the Chancellor and such resignation shall not take effect until it has been accepted by the Chancellor.

The Chancellor may resign his office by a letter addressed to the Senate and his resignation shall take effect from the date it is accepted by the Senate.

5. A member of the Institute shall cease to be such if he dies, resigns, becomes of unsound mind, becomes insolvent or is convicted for a criminal offence involving moral turpitude or if he is removed by the Government or the agency concerned that has appointed or nominated him as a member of the Institute

6. Any vacancy in the Institute shall be filled by nomination or appointment or election by the respective authority entitled to make such nomination or appointment or election and the person so elected or nominated or appointed in the vacancy shall be a member only for the unexpired portion of the term of membership, provided ex-officio members of the Institute, shall continue as members of the Institute as long as they hold the official position by virtue of which they have become members of the Institute.

7. Any decision taken by the Senate or any of the Authorities of the Institute shall not be invalidated by reason of the fact that there is a vacancy or vacancies in its membership or by reason of any defect in the election or nomination of any of its members.

8. The Senate

The Senate shall comprise all the members of the Institute including the Registrar, the non-member secretary

9. Powers of the Senate

Subject to the provisions in the Memorandum of Association and Rules the Senate shall have following powers and functions namely:

a) To review, from time to time, the broad policies and programmes of the Institute and to suggest measures for the improvement and development of the Institute;

b) To consider and pass resolutions on the annual report, annual budget, annual audit and the annual accounts; of the Institute and the audit report on such accounts;

- c) To advise the Chancellor in respect of any matter which may be referred to it for advice;
- d) To perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the rules.

10 Meetings of the Senate

- 1) The Senate shall meet at least twice a year on dates to be fixed by the Vice-Chancellor. One of its meetings shall be called the annual meeting. The Senate shall also meet at such other times as it may, from time to time determine.
- 2) The Vice-Chancellor may, whenever he thinks fit and shall, upon a requisition in writing signed by not less than fifteen members of the Senate, convene a special meeting of the Senate.
- 3) Fifteen members of the Senate shall be the quorum required for a meeting of the Senate provided such a quorum shall not be required at a convocation of the Institute or a meeting of the Senate held for the purpose of conferring degrees, titles, diplomas or other academic distinctions.
- 4) For every meeting of the Senate fifteen days' notice shall be given.
- 5) In case of difference of opinion amongst the members, the opinion of the majority shall prevail.
- 6) Every meeting of the Senate shall be presided over by the Chancellor and in his absence by the Vice-Chancellor.
- 7) Each member of the Senate including the President at the meeting of Senate shall have one vote and if there is an equality of votes on any of the questions, the President at the meeting shall in addition, have and exercise a casting vote.
- 8) The Members of the Senate or any of the authorities of the Institute shall not be entitled to any remuneration from the Institute but the Institute will pay them the traveling and daily allowance in respect of the journey undertaken to attend the meetings of the Institute, the authorities of Committees as may be provided in the by-laws of the Institute.
- 9) The Minutes of each meeting of the Senate shall be prepared by the Registrar and submitted to the Chancellor through the Vice-Chancellor for his approval. Copies of the approved minutes shall be delivered or posted to every member and the Ministry of Education, Government of India, without delay.

III. The Syndicate:

- 1. The Syndicate of the Institute shall be the principal executive body of the Institute and shall in addition to the Vice-Chancellor consist of the following members' namely:

- a) One representative nominated by Gandhigram from among the five members representing Gandhigram in the Senate;
- b) Two members nominated by the Senate; (as amended vide Res, No. 23 of the Senate held on 20-3-77 and Ministry's approval No. F. 9.8/77/ U. 3/11-8-77)
- c) One person representing the Ministry of Education of the Government of India;
- d) One representative of the University Grants commission;
- e) Two Deans of Faculties of the Institute nominated by the Chancellor;
- f) Two members nominated by the Academic Council from among its members;
- g) Chairman, Khadi and village Industries Commission, Bombay.

(as amended vide Res. No. 20 of the Senate held on 20-3-1977 and approved by Ministry in letter No. F. 9-8 / 77-U-3 / dt 11-8-1977)

The Vice-Chancellor shall be the President of the Syndicate;

Registrar Non-member Secretary.

2. An elected and nominated member of the Syndicate shall hold office for three years provided however that no member elected in his capacity as a member of a particular electorate shall hold office for a longer period than three months after he has ceased to be such a member unless meanwhile he again becomes a member of the electorate; provided also that where an elected or nominated member of the Syndicate is appointed temporarily to any of the offices by virtue of which he is entitled to be a member of the Syndicate, ex-officio, he shall, by notice in writing signed by him and communicated to the Vice-Chancellor within seven days from the date of his taking charge of his appointment, choose whether he will continue to be a member of the Syndicate by virtue of its election or nomination or whether he will vacate office as such member and become an ex-officio member by virtue of his appointment and the choice shall be conclusive. On failure to make such choice he shall be deemed to have vacated his office as an elected or nominated member.

3. When a person ceases to be a member of the Syndicate he shall cease to be a member of any of the authorities of the Institute of which he may happen to be member by virtue of his membership of the Syndicate.

4. Powers of the Syndicate.

1. To make rules, bye-laws and amend or repeal the same;
2. To hold control of and administer the property and funds of the Institute;
3. To direct the form, custody and use of the common seal of the Institute;
4. To regulate and determine all matters concerning the Institute in accordance with the objects of the Institute, the rules, bye-laws and the regulations;

- 5 To pass the financial estimate of the Institute;
- 6) To administer all properties and funds placed under the disposal of the Institute for specific purposes;
- 7) To appoint members for the teaching staff and non- teaching staff of the Institute, fix their emoluments, define their duties and conditions of their services and provide for filling up temporary vacancies,
- 8) To suspend and dismiss the teaching and non-teaching members of the Institute;
- 9) To accept on behalf of the Institute endowments, bequests, donations, grants and transfer of any movable or immovable properties made to it provided all such endowments, bequests, donations, grants and transfer shall be reported to the Senate at its next meeting;
- 10) To raise on behalf of the Institute loans from Central or any State Government or the University Grants Commission or the public of any Corporation owned or controlled by the Central or any State Government required for the purposes of the Institute;
- i) “or State Bank, Nationalised Banks and Scheduled Banks”
(as amended Vide Res. No. 22 of the Senate held on 20-3-77 and approved by Ministry in letter No F.9 8/ 77-U. 3/11-8-1977)
- 11) To arrange for and direct the inspection on all the departments of the Institute;
- 12) To prescribe in consultations with the Academic Council the qualifications of teachers for appointment in the Institute and hostels;
- 13) To award Fellowships, Travelling Fellowships, Scholarships, Stipends, Bursaries, Exhibitions, Medals and Prizes in accordance with the rules;
- 14) To charge and collect such fees as may be prescribed;
- 15) To conduct the examinations of the Institute and approve and publish the results thereof;
 - (i) to conduct examinations, to approve and publish the results thereof and to confer degrees, titles, diplomas and other academic distinctions on persons who
 - (a) shall have pursued an approved course of study in the Institute unless exempted therefrom in the manner prescribed by the rules and passed the prescribed examinations of the Institute; or
 - (b) shall have carried on research under the conditions prescribed
- (Senate Res. No. 11/30.12.78 and 4/4.11.79 Ministry’s letter No. F. 9-8/77U.3 dt. 7-7-79)
- 16 To make bye-laws regarding the admission of students to the Institute or examinations to be recognised as equivalent to the examinations of the Institute;

- 17 To constitute Faculties;
18. To appoint members to the Boards of Studies;
19. To appoint examiners after consideration of the recommendation of the Board of Studies and fix the remuneration;
20. To supervise and control the residence and discipline of the students of the Institute and make arrangements for securing their health and well-being;
21. To manage Laboratories, Libraries, Museums, Institutes of Research and other institutions established or maintained by the Institute;
22. To manage hostels instituted by the Institute;
23. To manage any publication bureau, employment bureau, training-cum-work experience units and athletic clubs instituted by the Institute;
24. To review the instruction and teaching of the Institute
25. To evaluate the work of teaching and non-teaching members of the Institute;
- 26 To promote research within the Institute and review reports from time to time of such research;
- 27 To consider the annual report and audited accounts and the budget estimates of the Institute;
- 28 To appoint auditors for the Institute;
- 29 To open accounts of the Institute with any Scheduled Bank or Banks and to prescribe the procedure for the operation thereof;
- 30 To review the proceedings of the Academic Council;
- 31 To provide the buildings, premises, furniture and equipment and other means needed for carrying on the work of the Institute;
- 32 To grant leave of absence to the Vice-Chancellor;
- 33 To grant extension of services to officers and staff beyond the period of superannuation in accordance with the bye laws framed on this behalf;
- 34 To sell, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any properties of the Institute with the previous approval of the Senate and the Government(s) concerned;
- 35 To exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed on it by the Senate or the rules or bye-laws or regulations; and
- 36 To delegate any of its powers to the Vice-Chancellor, to a committee from among its own members or to a committee appointed according to the rules.

5 Meeting of the Syndicate

Ordinarily the Syndicate shall meet once in every three months and seven days' notice shall be given to each such meeting and a copy of the proceedings of such meeting shall be furnished to the Ministry of Education, Government of India as soon as possible after the meeting; provided the Vice-Chancellor may whenever he thinks fit, and shall, on the requisition of not less than three members of the Syndicate, call a special meeting.

Four members of the Syndicate present in person shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Syndicate

In case of difference of opinion amongst the members, the opinion of the majority shall prevail.

Each member of the Syndicate including the President shall have one vote and if there is an equality of votes on any question to be decided by the Syndicate, the President at the meeting shall in addition have and exercise a casting vote.

Every meeting of the Syndicate shall be presided over by the Vice-Chancellor and in his absence by a member chosen by the members of the Syndicate to preside on the occasion.

Any business which it may be necessary for the Syndicate to perform, except such as may be placed before its meetings, may be carried out by circulation among all its members and any resolution so circulated and approved by a majority of the members signing shall be effective and binding as if such resolution has been passed at a meeting of the Syndicate.

6 Annual Report

The annual report of the Institute shall be prepared by the Syndicate and shall be submitted to the Senate on or before such date as may be prescribed by the rules and shall be considered by the Senate at the next annual meeting. The Senate may pass a resolution thereon and communicate the same to the Syndicate which shall take action in accordance therewith. The Syndicate shall inform the Senate of the action taken by it. A copy of the report with a copy of the resolution thereon, if any, of the Senate shall be submitted to the Central Government for information.

And a copy of the same and the names of the members of Senate shall be filed with District Registrar; Dindigul.

7. Annual Accounts

(a) The annual accounts of the Institute shall be prepared by the Syndicate and shall be submitted to such examination and audit as the Central Government may direct;

(b) The Institution shall settle objections raised in such audit and carry out such instructions as may be issued by the Central Government on the audit report;

(c) The accounts, when audited, shall be published by the Institute in such manner as may be prescribed by the bye-laws and copies thereof shall be submitted to the Senate at its next meeting and to the Central Government within three months of such publication.

IV. The Academic Council

The Academic Council shall be the principal academic authority of the Institute and shall, subject to the provisions of the Memorandum of Association and the rules, bye-laws, have control and general regulation over teaching and examinations within the Institute and be responsible for the maintenance of the standard there in and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

The Academic Council shall, in addition to the Vice-Chancellor, consist of the following persons:

Ex-Officio Members

- (a) Deans of Faculties
- (b) Professors and Heads of Departments of the Institute
- (c) The Librarian of the Institute.

Amendments:

a) "Deans of Faculties and the Director of the Centre for Research, Extension and Integrated Rural Development

b) Professors, Readers and Heads of Department of the Institute"
(as amended vide Resolution No.;25 of the Senate held on 23-3-77 and Ministry's letter No. F. 9-8/77-3/ dt. 11-8-77 and Resolution No. 28 of the Senate held on 20-3-77 and approved by Ministry in letter No. F. 9-8/77. U. 3 dt.11-8-1977.)

C) The Librarian of the Institute

Other members

- a) Two members elected by the teachers of the Institute
- b) Six members nominated by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor to represent different fields with reference to the objectives of the Institute.

The Vice-Chancellor shall be the President of the Academic Council.

Registrar Non-member Secretary.

Save as otherwise provided, the elected and nominated members of the Academic Council shall hold office for a period of three years.

Provided, however, that no member elected in his capacity as a member of a particular electorate shall hold office for a longer period than three months after he has ceased to be such member unless meanwhile he again becomes a member of that electorate.

Provided also that whereas an elected or nominated member of the Academic Council is appointed temporarily to any of the offices by virtue of which he is entitled to be a member of the Academic Council ex-officio, he shall by notice in writing signed by him and communicated to the Vice-Chancellor within seven days from the date of his taking charge of his appointment, choose whether he will continue to be a member of the Academic Council by virtue of his election or nomination or whether he will vacate office as such member and become a member ex-officio by virtue of his appointment and the choice shall be conclusive. On failure to make such choice, he shall be deemed to have vacated his office as an elected or nominated member.

When a person ceases to be a member of the Academic Council, he shall cease to be a member of any of the authorities of the Institute of which he may happen to be a member by virtue of his membership of the Academic Council.

2 Powers of the Academic Council

Subject to the provisions of the Memorandum of Association the Academic Council shall have the following powers, namely:

- a) to make regulations and amend and repeal the same;
- b) to advise the Senate and the Syndicate on all academic matters;
- c) to make proposals to the Senate and the Syndicate for the institution of Lecturerships, Assistant Professorships, Readerships, Professorships and other teaching posts, and in regard to the duties and emoluments thereof;
- d) to make regulations regarding special courses of study;
- e) to make regulations regarding courses of study, examinations, and the conditions on which the students of the Institute shall be admitted to the examinations of the Institute;
- f) to constitute Faculties in Arts, Science, Agriculture, Public Health, and such other subjects as may be prescribed;]

Amendments:

- i) Faculty of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts;
- ii) Faculty of English and Foreign Languages;
- iii) Faculty of Rural Social Sciences;

- iv) Faculty of Rural Oriented Sciences;
- V) Faculty of Rural Health and Sanitation;
- Vi) Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry;
- Vii) Centre for Research, Extension and Integrated Rural Development;
- Viii) and such other Faculties as may be prescribed hereafter;

(As per Resolution No. 29 of the Senate held on 20-3-1977 and approved by the Ministry, in Lr. No F 9-8/77-U. 3/11-8-1977)

g) to make proposals to the Syndicate for the framing of bye-laws for the management of the Laboratory, Library, Museum, Institute of Research, Hostels, instituted by the Institute;

h) to recommend to the Syndicate schemes for the constitution or reconstitution of the Departments of teaching;

i) to recommend measures for inter-departmental coordination;

j) to advise the Syndicate on the promotion of research and extension in the Institute;

k) to make recommendations relating to the recognition of diplomas and degrees of other institutions and to determine their corresponding value in relation to the Diplomas and Degrees of the Institute;

l) to recommend to the Syndicate to institute scholarships, medals, prizes etc;

m) to receive and to call for and consider reports from the Syndicate reviewing instruction and teaching in the Institute and research work done in the Institute;

n) to appoint committees where necessary to consider and advise the Academic Council on academic matters;

o) to perform in relation to academic matters such duties and to make such regulations as may be necessary for the proper carrying out thereof.

3 Meeting of the Academic Council

Ordinarily the Academic Council shall meet twice during a year and the dates shall be fixed by the Vice-Chancellor and seven days' notice shall be given of each such meeting and the Vice-Chancellor may, whenever he thinks fit, and shall, on requisition of not less than 15 members of the Academic Council, call for a special meeting.

One-third of the members of the Academic Council shall form a quorum provided, if at any time in determining the number a fraction is involved, it will be raised to the next higher number.

In case of difference of opinion amongst the members, the opinion of the majority shall prevail. Each member of the Academic Council, including the President, shall have one vote and, if there be an equality of votes on any question to be decided by the Academic Council, the President at the meeting shall, in addition, have and exercise a casting vote.

Every meeting of the Academic Council shall be presided over by the Vice-Chancellor and in his absence by a member chosen by the members of the Academic Council to preside over the occasion.

V. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall consist of the following members:

- a) Vice-Chancellor;
- b) Two persons representing the Ministry of Education. Government of India.
- c) One representative from Gandhigram.
- d) One Dean nominated by the Chancellor from among the members of the Syndicate.

Amendments:

“d) Two Deans nominated by the Chancellor from among the members of the Syndicate.”

- e) One member representing the U.G C.
(as amended vide Senate Resolution No. 21/30. 12.789/22.3.1978 and 3/4-11-1979-
Ministry’s letter No. F. 9.9-8/77 U. 3/dated 7.9.79)

Registrar (Non-member Secretary)

The Finance Committee shall, in the manner prescribed in the bye-laws, prepare the financial estimate of the institute and place it before the Syndicate. The Syndicate shall then scrutinise the said estimate and pass it. It is necessary that the Syndicate keeps in view the resources available to the Institute before it takes any decision on its financial commitment. The Syndicate shall also see that it does not go beyond its resources.

The Finance Committee shall meet at least twice a year. At least three members of the Committee shall form the quorum out of which at least one shall be a member mentioned in b) above.

VI Faculties and Boards of Studies

The Institute shall include Faculties of Arts, Science, Public Health, Agriculture and such other Faculties as may be prescribed by the rules.

Each Faculty shall comprise such departments of teaching as may be prescribed by the bye-laws.

The constitution and functions of the Faculties shall in all other respects be such as may be prescribed by the regulations.

“The Institute shall include Faculty of Tamil, Indian Languages and Rural Arts; Faculty of English and Foreign Languages; Faculty of Rural Social Sciences; Faculty of Rural Oriented Sciences; Faculty of Rural Health and Sanitation and Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry and such other Faculties as may be prescribed by the Rules.” (as amended vide Res No. 21 of the Senate held on 20-3-1977 and approved by Ministry in letter No. F.9-8/77 U.3/11-8-1977)

VII Boards of Studies

There shall be Boards of Studies attached to each department of teaching; the constitution and powers of the Boards of Studies shall be such as may be prescribed by the bye-laws.

VIII Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations

The Senate may make such rules as are consistent with the Memorandum of Association.

All such rules shall have effect from such date as the Senate may direct.

But every rule so made shall be forwarded to the Central Government and the rule shall have no validity until it is approved by the Central Government.

The Syndicate may make bye-laws subject to the provisions of the Memorandum of Association and the Rules for all or any of the matters indicated in section III item 4- Powers of the Syndicate.

But every bye-law so made shall be forwarded to the Central Government and the bye-law shall have no validity until it is approved by the Central Government.

The Academic Council may make regulations consistent with the Memorandum of Association and the rules and bye-laws to carry out the duties assigned to it there under. All such regulations shall have effect from such date as the Academic Council may direct. But every regulation so made shall be submitted as soon as may be to the Senate.

IX. Chancellor

The Institute shall have a Chancellor. He shall, by virtue of his office, be the Head of the Institute and shall, when present, preside over the Convocations of the Institute. The Chancellor shall be elected by the Senate and he shall hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment for one more term of three years.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provisions, the first Chancellor shall be appointed by the Government of India for a period of three years.

Where power is conferred upon the Chancellor to nominate persons to authorities, the Chancellor shall, to the extent necessary, nominate persons to represent various interests for the furtherance of the objects of the Institute.

X. The Vice-Chancellor

The vice-Chancellor shall be the whole time officer of the Institute.

He shall be appointed by the Chancellor from a panel of three names recommended by a Committee consisting of three members of whom one shall be nominated by the Senate, one nominated by the Syndicate and the third nominated by the Government of India. The member nominated by the Government of India shall be the Convener of the Committee.

The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor with the approval of the Government of India.

The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of appointment to that post and shall be eligible for reappointment for another term of three years. The person appointed as the Vice-Chancellor shall, if he attains the age of 65 during his term of office or extension thereof, retire from the office of the Vice Chancellor.

Amendment:

The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of appointment to that post and shall be eligible for reappointment for another term of three years. The outgoing Vice-Chancellor may continue in office on the expiry of his term for a period of 180 days or till a new Vice-Chancellor assumes office whichever earlier. The person appointed as the Vice-Chancellor shall, if he attains the age of 65 during his term of office or extension thereof, retire from the office of the Vice-Chancellor (as amended vide Special Senate resolution dated 8-4-89 and Ministry's approval letter No. F.24-14/92,U, dated:7-1-93).

Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provisions, the first Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Government of India for a period of three years.

When a temporary vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice-Chancellor or if the Vice-Chancellor is by reason of absence or any other reason unable to exercise the powers and perform the duties of his office, the Syndicate shall as soon as possible make requisite arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor subject to the approval of the Chancellor

When a permanent vacancy occurs or is about to occur in the office of the Vice Chancellor, the Registrar, under the direction of the Syndicate, shall cause such notification as is necessary and take immediate steps for selecting the Vice-Chancellor.]

The Vice-Chancellor shall be entitled to such emoluments, allowances and privileges as may be prescribed by the rules.

The Vice-Chancellor shall be the academic head and the principal executive officer of the Institute and shall in the absence of the Chancellor, preside over the Convocations of the Institute. He shall be a member ex-officio and Chairman of the Syndicate, the Academic Council, the Finance Committee and shall be entitled to be present at and to address any meeting of the authorities of the Institute but shall not be entitled to vote thereat unless he is a member of the authority concerned.

The Vice-Chancellor shall have powers to convene the meetings of the Senate, the Syndicate, the Academic Council and the Finance Committee of the Institute.

The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise general control of all the affairs of the Institute.

It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to ensure that the provisions of the Memorandum of Association, the rules, the bye-laws and the regulations of the Institute are faithfully observed and carried out.

He shall exercise such powers as are necessary for the said purpose.

The Vice-Chancellor shall give effect to the resolutions and the decisions of the Senate, the Syndicate and the Academic Council.

The Vice-Chancellor shall have the authority to incur expenditure in such manner as may be prescribed by the Syndicate.

If, in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor any emergency has arisen which requires immediate action to be taken, the Vice-Chancellor shall take such action as he deems necessary and shall report the same for approval at the next meeting of the authority which, in the ordinary course, would have dealt with the matter.

Provided that if the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor is not approved by the authority concerned, he may refer the matter to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final.

Provided further that where any such action taken by the Vice-Chancellor affects any person in the service of the Institute, such person shall be entitled to prefer, within thirty days from the date on which he receives notice of such action, an appeal to the Syndicate.

The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed

The Vice-Chancellor shall also exercise all such powers not expressly mentioned herein which are necessary for or incidental to the carrying on of the administration of the Institute and its affairs.

XI The Registrar

The Registrar shall be a whole time officer of the Institute appointed by the Syndicate for such period and on such terms as may be prescribed.

The tenure of the office of Registrar shall be limited to five years in the first instance but the same individual shall be eligible for reappointment.

It shall be in the power of the Syndicate to dispense with the services of the Registrar at any time after giving him six months' notice or on payment to him of six months' salary in lieu of notice and it may at any time discharge him from its services without notice or compensation in the event of misconduct on his part or of a breach by him of any of the conditions on which he was engaged.

In case the Registrar should wish to resign his office, he shall give six months notice of his intention to resign.

The Registrar shall retire on attaining the age of sixty, unless, on the recommendation of the Syndicate, his tenure of office is extended for a specified period.

The Registrar shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office and shall not absent himself from his duties without the permission of the Syndicate.

In all suits and legal proceedings by and against the Institute the pleadings shall be signed and verified by the Registrar and all processes in such suits and proceedings shall be issued to and served on the Registrar.

The Registrar shall issue notice of the meetings of the various authorities of the Institute and of the Committees appointed by the Institute.

It shall be the duty of the Registrar

a) to be the custodian of the records, common seal and such other property of the Institute as the Syndicate shall commit to his charge;

b) to act as Secretary and attend all the meetings of the Senate, the Syndicate, the Academic Council and any Committee constituted by these authorities and to keep the minutes thereof;

c) to conduct the official correspondence of the Institute and the authorities of the Institute;

d) to perform such other work as may be from time to time prescribed by the Syndicate and generally render such assistance as may be desired by the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of his official duties;

e) to issue all notices convening meetings of the authorities, Boards of Examiners and any Committee appointed by the authorities.

The Registrar shall, on application previously made for the purpose of fixing a convenient hour, arrange that any member of the Senate, the Syndicate and the Academic Council shall have access to the proceedings of the Senate, the Syndicate, the Academic Council respectively and to any document connected with such proceedings.

XII Selection Committee

There shall be a Selection Committee for making recommendations to the Syndicate for appointment to the posts of Professors, Readers, Lecturers, Assistant Professors and Librarian of the Institute.

The Selection Committee shall consist of the Vice-Chancellor, a nominee of the Chancellor, the Head of the Department concerned, and three persons in the case of appointment of Professors and two persons in the case of other appointments not in the service of the Institute, nominated by the Syndicate out of the panel of names recommended by the Academic Council for their special knowledge of or interest in the subject concerned and the Registrar of the Institute shall be the Secretary of the Committee. The procedure to be followed by the Selection Committee shall be laid down by the rules.

If the Syndicate is unable to accept the recommendation made by the Selection Committee it shall record its reason and submit the case to the Chancellor for final orders.

If the Vice-Chancellor is satisfied that, in the interests of work, it is necessary to fill in the vacancy he can appoint a temporary candidate for a period not exceeding six months.

In the case of non-teaching members of the staff, the Selection Committee shall consist of the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar and two members nominated by the Syndicate. The Registrar shall be the Secretary of the Committee.

XIII The Tenure of Office of the Members on the Staff of the Institute

Any employee of the Institute belonging to the teaching as well as the non-teaching staff retires at the age of 60. However the Syndicate shall have the power to extend the tenure of office of deserving Professors and re-employ other members of the teaching staff beyond the age of 60 for a specific period subject to a maximum of five years.

Amendment to Section XIII – The Tenure of Office of the Members on the Staff of the Institute.

“Any employee of the Institute belonging to the teaching staff shall retire at the age of 60. However the Syndicate shall have the power to extend the tenure of office of deserving Professors and re-employ other members of the teaching staff beyond the age of 60 years for specific period subject to a maximum of five years.

All the non-teaching staff working in Gandhigram Rural Institute at present will retire at the age of 60 years as per present rules. For new entrants, i.e., to be appointed from 25-11-1992 (i.e. the present date of Senate meeting), however, the retirement age will be 58 years as everywhere else, as per Central Service Rules.” (as amended vide Senate resolution dated 25-11-1992 and Ministry’s letter No.: F.24-10/93-U. 3(Pt), dated : 25-5-1995).

XIV Resignation of Members of the Staff of the Institute

Any employee of the Institute may resign his office by a letter addressed to the Registrar.

Provided that such resignation shall take effect only on the date from which the same is accepted by the authority competent to make the appointment for the time being.

Provided further that in the case of the Registrar the resignation letter shall be addressed to the Vice- Chancellor.

XV. Withdrawal of Degree and Diplomas awarded by the Institute

The Syndicate may, by a special resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, withdraw any degree or academic distinction conferred on, or any certificate or diploma granted to any person by the Institute for good and sufficient cause.

Provided that no such resolution shall be passed until a notice in writing has been given to that person calling upon him to show cause within such time as may be specified in the notice why such a resolution, should not be passed and until his objections, if any, and any evidence he may produce in support of them, have been considered by the Syndicate.

XVI. Transfer of Property

The lands, buildings, equipment, funds and other materials transferred by Gandhigram Trust to the Rural Institute and the lands, buildings, equipment and other materials purchased by the Rural Institute with grants or loans given by the Central Government and other agencies, together with all future acquisition by purchase, donations, gift or otherwise shall be the property of the Institute.

XVII Bye-laws

The Syndicate, from time to time, may make bye-laws and may amend or repeal such bye-laws

Subject to the provisions of the Memorandum of Association, the bye-laws may provide for all or any of the following matters:

1. the establishment of Department Faculties and the allocation of subjects among them;
2. the appointment of Boards of Studies and Boards of Examiners;

- 3 the admission of the students to the institute and their enrolment;
 - 4 the courses of study and research to be laid down for all Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates of the institute;
 - 5 the Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other distinctions to be conferred by the Institute, the qualifications and the steps to be taken for such awards;
 - 6 the fees to be charged for courses of study and research in the Institute and for admission to the examinations, Degrees and Diplomas of the Institute;
 - 7 the conditions of the award of fellowships, scholarships, studentships, exhibitions, medals and prizes;
 - 8 the conduct of examination, including the terms of office, and manner of appointment and the duties of examining bodies and examiners;
 - 9 the maintenance of discipline among the staff and students of the Institute;
 - 10 the conditions of residence in the hostels and community life and work therein;
 - 11 the menu of the dining halls;
 - 12 the appointments and the powers of the Wardens of Hostels;
 - 13 the emoluments and the terms and conditions of service of all employees;
 - 14 the maintenance of the production-cum-work experience units;
- 15 We, the following persons, hereby certify that the above rules are the true copy of the rules framed under the above society:

S.No.	Name	Designation	Signature
1.	Dr.G.Ramachandran	Chairman	Sd/- G. Ramachandran
2.	Dr. Mrs. T.S. Soundram Ramachandran	Director, Gandhigram	Sd/- T.S. Soundram
3.	Shri. S. V. Chitti Babu	Vice-Chancellor, Madurai University, Madurai	Sd/- S.V. Chitti Babu
4.	Shri. S. Thiruvengadam	Businessman,	Sd/- S.

		Madurai.	Thiruvengadam
5.	Dr. R. Srinivasan	Principal, Lakshmi Teachers' Training College, Gandhigram.	Sd/- R. Srinivasan
6.	Miss. Shanti Manuel	Principal, Lady Doak College, Madurai.	Sd/- Shanti Manuel
7.	Shri. S Ramanujam	Executive Secretary, Rural Institute, Gandhigram	Sd/- S. Ramanujam

Witnesses

1. Shri. V. Rengarajan, Head of the Department of Languages,
Rural Institute, Gandhigram.

Sd/- V. Rengarajan

2. Dr. S. Sivasubramaniam, Head of the Department of
Public Administration, Rural Institute, Gandhigram.
Sivasubramaniam

Sd/-S.
