



The Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed to be University

Ministry of Education, Government of India
Accredited by NAAC with 'A++' Grade (4th Cycle)
Gandhigram – 624 302

Date: 30.10.2026

Rehearsal: 09.30 am

Convocation Time: 11.30 am

ATTENTION DEGREE HOLDERS

Dear Students,

The 39th Convocation of The Gandhigram Rural Institute-Deemed to be University is going to be held on Friday, 30th October 2026 by 11.30 am at the Multipurpose Hall. We expect your presence in this event since you have agreed to receive the degree in person. On this occasion you are expected to follow the following rules. Please bring this circular when you come to the convocation function.

1. Students who have applied for receiving their degrees **in person** alone will be allowed to take part in the Convocation function.
2. Students who passed in 2025-2026 End Semester Examinations alone can participate in this convocation function.
3. **On the Convocation Day, students should take part in the rehearsal by 09.30 am. If they fail, they are not permitted to attend the convocation.**
4. **Students can collect the shawls to wear during the convocation from the Head of the Department on 30.10.2026 by 9.00 am.**
5. They will have to occupy the respective seats allotted in the Multipurpose Auditorium one hour before the commencement of Convocation.
6. After occupying their seats, they will have to maintain peace and discipline till the function is over.
7. Mobile Phones are strictly not permitted inside the Multipurpose Hall.
8. In between, they should not stand or go out of the venue.
9. Students and the other Invitees should stand when the Chief Guest, members of Executive Council and the Planning and Monitoring Board, and the Deans enter into the Hall. During the procession, the University song, "Arivalayathul Varugha" shall be sung. Upon the arrival of the academic procession at the dais, the National Song, the National Anthem and Tamil Thai Vaazhthu shall be sung.
10. The Vice-Chancellor will deliver the the Welcome Address and Present the Annual report of GRI.
11. The Chancellor shall Deliver "**Chancellor's Address**"

12. The Chancellor will declare the Convocation Open and while inaugurating the Convocation, the Chancellor says:

"This convocation of Gandhigram Rural Institute has been called to confer Degrees upon and issue Diplomas / Certificates to the candidates who passed the examinations held in 2025-2026 for this purpose and have been certified to be worthy of the same."

13. Conferring Degrees

The Degree Holders should stand.

The Chancellor says the following to the Degree Holders:

"By virtue of the authority vested in me as the Chancellor of GRI, I confer on you and issue the Degree, Diploma and Certificate for which you have been declared eligible."

14. Pledge Taking

When the Chancellor says, "Let the candidates stand", the Degree Holders should stand.

Then he asks the following question to the Degree Holders:

Do you solemnly promise and declare that as holders of Degree/Diploma/Certificate it will be your utmost endeavour to prove yourselves worthy of this Institute

- i) by promoting and supporting a casteless and classless society through nonviolent means, and
- ii) by working for integrated rural development and for a social order conducive to the well-being of your fellow human beings?

The Degree Holders should answer "I do promise".

15. The Chancellor shall say **"Candidates Please be Seated"**

16. The Chief Guest will deliver the Convocation Address and present Gold Medals to the selected Graduates.

17. "No to Drug Pledge" by all. (The pledge read out will be repeated by all with the right hand extended forward)

18. All should stand for National Song and National Anthem.

19. While return of the procession, all should stand until the guests leave the hall.

20. Once the Guests leave the convocation venue, the students are presented to the Chancellor in the following order by the Deans:

Sl. No.	Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates	Presenting Officers
1.	Ph.D.	Dr.P.Balasubramaniam Dean, School of Sciences
2.	M.Sc.	Dr.R.Venkataravi Dean, School of Health Science & Rural Development

3.	MCA, M.Tech. & B.Tech.	Dr.P.Kalavathi Dean, School of Computer Science & Technologies
4.	M.A.	Dr.K.S.Nakkeeran Dean, School of Social Sciences
5.	MBA, M.Com., B.A., BBA, & B.Com.	Dr.B.Tamilmani Dean, School of Management Studies
6.	M.Ed. & P.G.Diploma	Dr.S.Balasundari Dean, School of English & Foreign Languages
7.	B.Sc., & B.Sc. B.Ed	Dr.A.Ramanathan Dean, School of Agriculture & Animal Sciences
8.	B.Ed., B.Voc., D.Voc., Diploma & Certificate	Dr.P.Anandakumar Dean, School of Tamil & Indian Languages

21. The Chancellor/The Chief Guest presents the Doctorate Degrees and the Gold Medals. (The Registrar announces the name list).
22. The Doctorate Degree Holders, the Gold Medalists and all the graduates will receive the degrees / medals from The Chancellor/The Chief Guest.
23. After the award of degrees, the Chancellor declares saying, "I dissolve the Convocation".
24. In the end, National Anthem shall be sung.
25. Till the Chancellor of the Institute, the Chief Guest, the Vice Chancellor, the Executive Council Members, Planning and Monitoring Board Members and the Deans take leave of the Hall, everyone should stand. After the dignitaries leave, the students can Leave the convocation venue.
26. Lunch is arranged for the graduates and the accompanying parents.
27. We expect your presence for both the **Rehearsal** (09.30 am) and the **Convocation Function** (11.30 am). We also seek your kind co-operation for the successful conduct of the function.

Registrar
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