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MESSAGE

Dear Students.

I feel highly privileged to welcome you to Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), the premier seat of higher education in the state of Arunachal Pradesh.

I can understand that at the beginning of your career as a university student, you are both anxious and excited and you are filled with dreams of a bright future ahead. Rajiv Gandhi University takes pride in having set itself up as an institution with industry-centered projects and cutting-edge research across its Faculties.

Rajiv Gandhi University, which began its journey as Arunachal University, has completed over thirty years in its service to provide higher education to the students of the State. Beginning as a State University on 4th February 1984, when the then Honourable Prime Minister of India, Smt. Indira Gandhi foundation stone of the University at Rono Hills, the University has come a long way in its journey towards excellence and the fulfillment of objectives as envisaged in the University Act. In spite of infrastructural constraints, the University has steadily maintained its academic excellence. It has strictly adhered to the academic calendar, conducted its examinations and declared its results in time. The success of the University can be gauged from the fact that its students have found placements not in State and Central Government services but also in various institutions, industries and organizations. Till date, a good number of research projects in the University have received sanctions from external funding agencies. Rajiv Gandhi University has the distinction of being the first ever University in the country to prepare the Human Development Report for the State. The University is also awarded with a Centre with potential for Excellence in Biodiversity attached with the Faculty of Life Sciences. All the Departments in the University are engaged in a continuous dialogue to improve their research capabilities by organizing a good number of Seminars, Workshops, Conferences and Faculty Development Courses. Faculty members of the University regularly participate in national and international conferences and seminars held within the country and abroad. Eminent scholars and distinguished personalities have visited the University and delivered lectures on various disciplines. The thrust of the University for academic excellence is perhaps best reflected in the fact that even during this period of Pandemic, the Departments, and Institutes of the University have been regularly conducting academic activities across disciplines involving scholars and researchers from different reputed circles of the nation and abroad.

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I am sure that your intellectual abilities will be greatly enhanced from the fruitful days that you will spend in the University gathering knowledge and pursuing your courses in a dedicated manner. The University tries to extend your scholarly limits by urging you to engage in academic discussions with the teachers/mentors even beyond the classroom. Rajiv Gandhi University also provides ample opportunities to its students to participate in exercises and projects so that they may pursue their interests and also improve their leadership potential. The only thing that is required to realize your dreams on your part is the dedication and sincerity that you will exhibit in pursuing academic excellence.

However, since the student community is a very important part of all communities, it has an important duty towards the latter; and as a student of the premier institution of the State, the responsibility weighs heavier on your shoulders. The society expects the students at your level to display such conduct as would set examples for others to emulate. It is a matter of regret that in the past there have been unfortunate events which do not present a pleasant picture to the society at large. It is my advice that as students, your focus should be primarily on your study and you should desist from lending ears to hearsay things or be swept away by bad counsel. Proper and disciplined conduct is more important in the present times of pandemic when the Disaster Management Act (2005) is in force.

As things will soon get evident to you, this University will stand true to your expectations in learning and exploring your potential. At Rajiv Gandhi University, we take pride in having established ourselves as a Central University that nurtures novel innovation and imaginative thinking. The world —class research facility provided by the University will surely add to the formation of new learning and also motivate you to find explanations regarding future difficulties that confront communities inhabiting tropical territories.

I wish you every success in your academic pursuits and future career.

Jai Bharat, Jai Arunachal.

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