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MESSAGE

Dear Teachers,

I feel great pleasure in greeting you in my capacity as the Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), the premier seat of higher education in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. It is indeed a privilege for me to lead this wonderful team of Rajiv Gandhi University as its captain, being fully aware of the fact that the captain is only as good as the team.

Rajiv Gandhi University takes pride in having carved a niche for itself up as an institution with industry-centered projects and cutting-edge research across its Faculties. Beginning its journey as Arunachal University on 4th February 1984, when the then Honourable Prime Minister of India, Smt. Indira Gandhi foundation stone of the University at Rono Hills, it has completed over thirty years in its service to provide higher education to the students of the State. From its inception till now, the University has collected several laurels in its journey towards excellence and the fulfillment of objectives as envisaged in the University Act. Rajiv Gandhi University has steadily maintained its academic excellence overcoming all the debacles such as the lack of proper infra-structure in its earlier days. It is really a matter of satisfaction that the University has strictly adhered to the academic calendar, conducting its examinations and declaring its results in time. The success of the University is proved by the fact that several of its students have found placements in prestigious State and Central Government services and also in various reputed institutions, industries and organizations.

It is also a matter of encouragement that a good number of research projects in the University have received sanctions from external funding agencies and that our University has the distinction of being the first ever University in the country to prepare the Human Development Report for the State. The presence of the Centre with potential for Excellence in Biodiversity attached with the Faculty of Life Sciences is a sign of how much this University can achieve when all of us put our head and heart together to tap its immense potential. It is also a pleasure to see all the Departments in the University 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.

While the outbreak of the Covid19 pandemic has pushed the entire world into a tight spot necessitating the re-orientation of our earlier ways and methods, Rajiv

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Gandhi University has proved how well it can adapt itself to the demands of changing times. 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.

There is now an urgent need to harness the rich possibilities of technology in education to meet the challenges posed by the pandemic. With the emphasis of the UGC on the inclusion of ODL mode with regular mode in teaching and evaluation practices, we should make ourselves comfortable with the use of ICT tools. We cannot let ourselves be left behind while the world adapts itself to the new ways.

I am sure that given the full utilization of the academic excellence of our teaching community, the sole objective of our University to extend the scholarly limits of our students will reap great dividends. By engaging them in academic discussions with the teachers/mentors even beyond the classroom, their passion for serious academic pursuit will flourish. We should provide ample opportunities to the students to participate in exercises and projects so that they may realize their true talents and improve their leadership quality in the society. As teachers of the lone Central University of the State, we should also conduct ourselves in a manner befitting our profession. We should not view the strict decisions of the University in certain matters of common benefit and development to foster ill-feeling either towards the institution or its administration. It is always wise to desist from activities that may vitiate the peaceful and progressive atmosphere of the University; all the more at a time when the Covid19 pandemic allows for the application of the Disaster Management Act (2005) in order to curb and control any such unwanted activity and/involvement.

I have firm belief that this University will stand true to the expectations of the society in creating an exemplary teaching-learning environment. Rajiv Gandhi University will secure a proud position by virtue of having established itself as a Central University that nurtures novel innovation and imaginative thinking; and it can be possible only by sheer dedication and sincere efforts.

I wish you every success in your future career.

Jai Bharat. Jai Arunachal.

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