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### Message from the VC's Desk

My Dear Brothers and Sisters of Rajiv Gandhi University fraternity and all its affiliated colleges,

At the very outset I extend my warm greetings on the auspicious occasion of Holi, the festival of rejuvenation and colours. It is very significant to mention here that as the whole world is slowly but gradually marking its exit from the horror of the COVID-19 pandemic, it seems that it is again getting entangled in the vicious tentacles of the virus in its mutated form. It is as if the entire world were caught in a never-ending gyre of suffering. In such a situation, it is pertinent that as responsible citizens and human beings we should maintain the norms of social distancing and observe all the SOPs as laid down from time to time by the Central and State Governments. We must remember that it is only our united efforts that can break this vicious cycle of horror and suffering.

The festival Holi invariably marks the onset of the Spring season in the Indian sub-continent with its celebration of a new cycle of life. As the festival of colours, Holi is an occasion to cleanse the inner self of all morbid and negative thoughts. Embracing the new leaves and colours is in itself an act of self-purification. At the same time, it also precedes other Spring festivals across the country. The blooming of new flowers in this season also heralds the approaching steps of Bohag Bihu, one of the most prominent Spring festivals in the north-eastern part of the country. Arunachal Pradesh too, with her varied and rich cultural diversity, has her fair share of celebrations in this season of re-birth and regeneration. I wish good health, peace of mind and happiness to everyone across communities in this season of festivities.

This time, however, we should also remember the lessons that we have learnt from the recent past. The loss of life and untold misery of millions across the globe during the pandemic should serve as a warning for us. The recent fire accident which devastated the lives of more than a hundred families and the loss of two precious lives is a matter of great sadness. Rajiv Gandhi University fraternity is deeply concerned with this great loss and while it is trying to come out of all agonies, it is my appeal to everyone that we should be conscious about everything that we do in our everyday life and conduct ourselves with dignity. We should ensure that our activities do not make our neighbours and others ill at ease. In the past one year, the University community has refrained itself from celebrating any major festival in the campus so that the health of everyone is preserved in the best possible manner. Hence, harmony in the same vein is expected from all members of the university community.

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It is my personal decision that this year I shall not celebrate Holi in its traditional fervor, nor will I leave for home for its celebration. Rather, I choose to stay here amidst all of you so that I can partake in your joys and sorrows alike.

It is also my appeal to everyone that we should actively participate in exercising our democratic rights in the form of casting our votes. The casting of our valuable votes is a true service to the nation. For this, one can apply for the requisite leave but we should also bear in mind that as the hectic exercise of March-ending continues with the University harnessing all its strength to meet the deadline for the settlement of all financial accounts, long absences from the workplace is highly discouraged.

It is heartening news for everyone that the ceaseless efforts of our scientists and researchers have yielded tangible result in the form of the vaccines against Corona virus. In this respect, I urge upon everyone not to believe in hearsay and register for one's turn to be vaccinated. Vaccinating ourselves against this deadly virus will be our contribution towards building a more vibrant and capable workforce for the nation. I have firm faith that the human spirit for survival will win over all crises.

Once again, I wish everyone good health and happiness and believe that like all trying times, this time too, the Rajiv Gandhi University community with its united will and brotherhood will conquer whatever obstacles that may come in our way.

Jai Hind! Jai Arunachal!



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