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### HUMBLE APPEAL

My dear respected Colleagues,

My Heartiest Greetings to all of you.

At the very outset, I feel extreme pleasure in sharing the good news with everyone that we have completed all necessary preparations pertaining to NAAC and IQAR. Not only these, we have also successfully uploaded all the related necessary documents. I am completely satisfied with the preparations and I am hopeful that this time we shall score higher in our NAAC Assessment and secure better ranking. You all deserve congratulations for it. The credit goes to our untiring and united efforts even during this turbulent period of the COVID-19 pandemic that we have been able to successfully discharge our day-to-day administrative and academic duties. I also feel satisfaction in letting you know that the university will provide new laptops within the next fifteen days.

During the last 14 to 15 months, the world has been under the onslaught of the COVID-19 virus and nations have been devising strategies for tackling this dreadful disease. Lockdown has been imposed several times around the world in order to break the chain of transmission of this virus and contain its spread and the world has gained considerably from such lockdowns. It makes me both proud and happy that the Rajiv Gandhi Community has continued with all its activities and realized them fruitfully while maintaining all the necessary SOPs in force. Scientists claim that the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of the COVID-19 pandemic is more dangerous with higher fatality rate as compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> wave. The number of deaths in the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave has been more and as a result, several Indian cities have imposed lockdown as a

precautionary measure. Arunachal Pradesh is also facing the same situation and the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh has also imposed lockdown from 10 May to 31 May 2021 but keeping in view the increased infection rate within the state, the lockdown has been extended for one more week.

Friends, as per the resolution adopted during the meeting of the Academic Council, Rajiv Gandhi University is also going to offer Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) from this academic session. Towards this, all the Departments have conducted the BUGS meeting and prepared the syllabus. However, it saddens me to say that some Departments have not completed the task of completing the syllabus. Under such circumstances, I would like to request the members, especially the Heads of these Departments to utilize their energy and experience to the maximum benefit of the University and the nation. At the same time, it is for us to retrospect that the colleagues from many other Departments have successfully completed this exercise in the month of April itself. The extension of the lockdown has increased my anxiety in this matter further. I sincerely request the Departments to submit the completed CBCS syllabus to the Academic Branch latest by the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2021. As you are aware that we do not have enough time and we have to roll out the new CBCS syllabus either by the end of June or the beginning of July this year in the Colleges and the University. We are going to hold a special meeting of the Academic Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June on blended for the approval of the new syllabus.

It is worth pondering that the CBCS is a new academic structure for the teachers of colleges and the students as well. Under its provisions a student will begin the study of Honours from the first year itself. Therefore, it has been proposed that after receiving the approval from the Academic Council, a One-day Orientation programme will be held for the college teachers to make them

familiar with the intricacies of the new syllabus. Simultaneously, it is also desirable that the syllabus should be made available to the college teachers at the earliest so that they will have enough time to understand it and prepare themselves for teaching students under this new system. We must also keep in mind that almost all the universities of the North East have implemented CBCS and it is not in our interests to delay it any further as it may create a negative impression of the Government on our capabilities and tarnish the image of RGU. Let the exercise be completed not under compulsion but as a part of our dedication to our duty. It is also in the goodwill of our students that they should follow the CBCS pattern of syllabus as not passing through it may deprive them of their future prospects in higher education - whether it is for taking admission into Masters Courses or Research Courses. Therefore, it is important that we should adopt this new pattern at the earliest.

Our resolve has been rock-solid during this period of the pandemic. We have successfully completed the syllabus of the fourth semester and are moving ahead with our decision to conduct examination from the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2021. All necessary preparations for the examination have been made. I am sure that we shall not fall short in any of our duties. We should not search for excuses that may raise a question mark on our capacity and potency. We must remember that institutions prosper and bloom on the basis of hard work and not on excuses. I am confident that everyone will understand and accept the deeper meaning of my exhortation.

It is my sincere prayer to the Almighty to bless us and all our loved ones with health and happiness. I extend my best wishes to everyone once again.



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