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Dear *Brothers & Sisters*

Greetings from Rajiv Gandhi University, the highest seat of learning in the state of Arunachal Pradesh, the Land of Dawnlit Mountains.

The year 2020 will go down in history as a year of uncertainties. It has at once been a year of hope and of despair, of aspirations and disappointments, of sufferings and losses and of unceasing human struggle. Some of us have even suffered the pain of losing dear ones.

Yet, every experience is an arch through which human beings travel towards new knowledge and maturity. The experience that we have had in this post Covid-19 world has made us sadder, but wiser. It has opened our eyes to several realities that we had ignored so far. The Covid-19 pandemic has taught us that if we violate the laws of Nature, we shall have to pay dearly. And that we should never violate the very principles of life that sustains us.

These moments of trial have again reminded us that it is time we understood the essence of what Mahatma Gandhi had emphasized in his philosophy for life- that there is enough for our needs in this world but never enough even for a single person's greed. The exploitation and rampant violation of the balance of the natural world should cease and we must understand the value of preserving the environment. More than ever, it is now our duty to move towards a better understanding of the relationship between us and Nature.

But just as every dark cloud has a silver lining, so also the year 2020 has taught us several things- that every dawn is an opportunity to make our unrealized dreams come true. And that in the analysis of our problems, we will pave the way for discovering new opportunities. And it is because of this, despite all the hardships, this year will also be known as the dawn of *Atmanirbar Bharat*— the birth of a Self-Reliant India.

The ceaseless struggle of human beings to chart out new strategies for survival amidst all odds have been proven by the achievements that Rajiv Gandhi University has made, even during the dark times of the pandemic.

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In terms of ranking at the national level, we now stand at the second position displacing other traditional universities of long repute. The number of publications by the teachers has increased considerably and we are exploring new grounds for research and innovations. Examinations of the various courses have been completed in a blended mode and the results declared. Fresh admissions for the new session have also been completed in the blended mode. It was also a remarkable achievement that the XVIII Convocation of the University was successfully held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November this year, following all Covid-19 guidelines, as part of its best practices. The University today is geared up for meeting the aspirations of the students and the people of the State in the new session.

I congratulate the entire fraternity of our University for the dedication and effort that has gone behind the successful completion of our routine activities, important programmes and even research and teaching. I am sure that with the intense degree of involvement that has been exhibited by all stakeholders of this University, we shall scale greater heights in the coming year.

And so it is, that with the baggage of our bitter-sweet memories of the last year, we together move into 2021 with our common future, with renewed hope and matured understanding.

I wish all your family members, loved ones and colleagues a prosperous, joyful and productive year ahead. May God bless you abundantly and fulfill all your prayers.

With best wishes,

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