

MESSAGES



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MESSAGE

It is indeed gratifying to note that the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, has identified the University of Mumbai as one of 10 Universities across the country for the establishment of the prestigious 'Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Contemporary Studies'. This is a great honour for the University which is preparing itself to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of its establishment.

I am pleased to know that the proposed Centre will be focusing on research on contemporary themes such as Panchayati Raj and Local Governance, Women's Empowerment, Eco-System and Sustainable Development, besides other emerging issues. This is a fitting tribute to the memory of the late Shri Rajiv Gandhi who championed the cause of decentralization of democratic institutions and strengthening of the Panchayati Raj System all his life. I do hope that the Centre will be able to attract outstanding national and international scholars from various disciplines to work on contemporary issues and emerge as a world class Centre of learning, research and scholarship.

I congratulate the University of Mumbai for being selected for this honour and wish the Centre all success in its endeavours.

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