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### **MESSAGE**

I am glad to know that the Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India (AGRASRI), Tirupati, is bringing out a special Souvenir on the occasion of 65<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary celebrations of Shri Rajiv Gandhi on August 20, 2009 at Tirupati.

I am happy that AGRASRI, is also organizing a 2-day National Colloquium on Grassroots Level Planning and Local Government Institutions in India: Policy Initiatives and People's Participation since 1992, in conjunction with the 8<sup>th</sup> Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lecture and conferment of Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Outstanding Leadership, Mahila Shakti, Yuva Shakti and Best District, Taluk and Gram Panchayat Awards for the year 2009. I am confident the Theme Paper, Abstracts and Special Articles brought out on the occasion will be of immense benefit to the delegates and participants.

My best wishes on the occasion.

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