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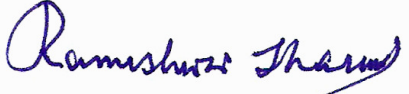
## MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India (AGRASRI) Tirupati, is organising a two day National Conference and is bringing out a souvenir on the occasion of 65th Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Shri Rajiv Gandhi.

Shri Rajiv Gandhi was the youngest Prime Minister of India, perhaps even one of the youngest elected heads of Government in the world. As the harbinger of a generational change in the country, Shri Gandhi received the biggest mandate in the nation's history. Shri Gandhi was at home in the world of high technology.

The Panchayati Raj implemented by late Shri Rajiv Gandhi has transformed the rural scenario for the better. It has accelerated the pace of rural development, thereby bridging the rural-urban gap to an extent. I hope that we would be able to fashion a new prosperous, developed and egalitarian society based on the philosophy of Panchayat Raj.

I wish the conference and the publication all success .

  
( Rameshwar Thakur)