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New RGU Vice Chancellor calls on Governor

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The newly appointed Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), Dr. Shivaraj, called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar on 9 July 2026, shortly after assuming charge of the premier institution.

The Governor, who is the Chief Rector of the University, welcomed Dr. Shivaraj and conveyed his best wishes for a successful tenure. He expressed confidence that under the new leadership, RGU would further strengthen its standing as a centre of excellence in higher education, innovation and knowledge creation.

During the interaction, the Governor underscored the importance of professionalism, discipline, punctuality and commitment to scholarly pursuits that must remain hallmarks of the institution. He emphasized that a conducive atmosphere for intellectual growth should be nurtured through active participation of faculty members, administrative personnel and scholars alike.

Highlighting the unique opportunities available in Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor advised the Vice Chancellor to promote researches focusing on the State's rich biodiversity, indigenous traditions, natural resources, environmental conservation and socio-economic development. He also advocated greater emphasis on sports, wellness initiatives, community engagement and extension activities so that students emerge as responsible citizens equipped to contribute meaningfully to society and nation-building.

The Vice Chancellor assured the Chief Rector of his wholehearted commitment towards strengthening academic excellence, promoting meaningful research, enhancing institutional governance and fostering a vibrant campus culture. The VC further assured that he would strive to build upon the University's achievements and work closely with all stakeholders to further elevate Rajiv Gandhi University as a leading centre of higher learning, innovation and societal engagement in the region.

Former Vice Chancellor in-charge Prof. SK Nayak and Registrar of the university Dr. N.T. Rikam were also present in the meeting.

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