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The utilisation of RUSA Grant has been made in the construction of new hostels. Since this University has been located in a remote area, away from Sambalpur town, the students taking admission into the various courses prefer to stay in the hostel. Before the construction of new hostels, students faced problems of accommodation and overcrowding of hostels. Most importantly the girl students faced enormous problems. However, after the construction of new hostels with the RUSA Grant, good numbers of students including girl students could be accommodated. At this juncture, the contribution of RUSA Grant is thought to be becoming important.

The face lift of the Central Library has drawn attention of every new comer. The inside maintenance and extension of library has given scope for accommodating good number of new books. Many new books have been procured from RUSA Grant. The extension of library as well as procurement of new books have been attracting students to visit library and pass time in Reading Room browsing books and journals.

A new laboratory building was also constructed for our Department. This grant was also utilized for development of new laboratories in our Department (Water Geochemistry Laboratory, Rock Cutting, Grinding and Mineral Processing Laboratory) by procuring new instruments. A museum comprising hundreds of minerals, rocks, fossils, structural models, crystal models, silicate structure models was also developed out of RUSA Grant.

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