

UPGRADATION OF LABS IN KASHMIR UNIVERSITY UNDER RUSA

During the 12th Plan the University of Kashmir received funds under RUSA through the J&K State Government for carrying out various academic, research and infrastructure related activities including upgradation of existing Laboratory Infrastructure. Under the Upgradation of Labs component nine major laboratories were identified for large scale upgradation at an earmarked expenditure of **Rs. 464.51 lacs**. However, only an amount of **Rs. 157.03 lacs** were released as first installment.

While work on upgradation of seven labs is still in progress, the following two labs have been made fully operational with state of art of Art Infrastructure and facilities.

1. **Biological Invasion Research Lab, Department of Botany.**
2. **Plant Physiology and Biochemistry Research Lab, Department of Botany.**

The labs have been handed over to the Department of Botany in 4th week of March and are in active use by the students, scholars and teaching staff.

The upgradation of labs was executed by a Delhi based reputed agency after a national level e-tendering and in a very time bound manner.

It is pertinent to mention that the said input from RUSA will go a long way in strengthening the infrastructure for promoting research work of national and international significance in the respective academic disciplines. This move of the RUSA has been widely acknowledged by the University fraternity including students and scholars.