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Press Note

BGSBU bags prestigious FIST grant

In a nation wide selection process monitored by high power committee consisting of academicians of high repute, Department of Zoology, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University has been selected for the prestigious grant with the provision of maximum outlay of Rs. 3 crores under the Fund for Improvement of S&T Infrastructure in universities and higher educational Institutions (FIST) Level-1 Program by DST, Govt. of India. Out of the 186 institutions which competed for the grant, BGSBU is among the 16 which were selected. It is noteworthy that BGSBU is the only Institution that got selected from the UT of J&K. The grant is largely to augment the infrastructure facilities by equipping the Department with state-of-the-art instruments to promote high quality research.

Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor, BGSBU expressed his delight and happiness on the great success achieved by the Department of Zoology. Prof. Akbar Masood termed the selection of Department of Zoology, BGSBU for this prestigious grant as the reflection of quality of teaching and research carried out at BGSB University. Prof. Akbar congratulated, Head Department of Zoology, Dr. Ali Asghar Shah and his team for the achievement that reveals their unrelenting efforts to take the University to the zenith of success. It is the first major academic milestone achieved by the University soon after Prof. Akbar Masood took over as the Vice Chancellor of the University.

Prof. Akbar said that this grant would be utilised in developing high-end infrastructural facilities to enhance the quality of teaching and research. Terming it as a significant achievement, Prof. Akbar said that this will go a long way to refurbish and further augment the facilities and academic standards at Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University. Prof. Akbar Masood, who himself is a renowned researcher in the field of Biochemistry and Biotechnology said that he is committed to further augment the ambience of teaching and research to the next level of academic excellence to develop BGSBU as nationally and internationally acclaimed University and brand name to reckon with. Prof. Akbar said that the University will provide hassle free ambience to potential researchers to get best out of them.



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On the occasion, Dr. Ali Asghar Shah, HoD Zoology said that the selection of Department of Zoology for FIST level - 1 grant is proud moment for BGSBU fraternity. He said this grant would be utilised to build a cutting edge S&T infrastructure that will enhance the quality of research being done at BGSBU. Dr. Shah has made a spectacular contributions in the field of nematode taxonomy and genomics and has earned the distinction of discovering 60 new species. Dr. Shah has been the recipient of several awards including the outstanding researcher award by BGSBU. Under his leadership the Department of Zoology has become a flagship department of the University.

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