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Manzoor A. Shah, currently a Professor of Botany at University of Kashmir has been a Faculty Affiliate at the University of Montana, USA and a Visiting Professor at King Saud University, Riyadh. His basic research interests cross cut various aspects of Himalayan biodiversity, freshwater ecology and plant invasions. He has published two books and 93 research papers and book chapters, in recognition of which he has been awarded several national and international fellowships and awards, such as the Indo-US 21<sup>st</sup> Century Knowledge initiative award, DBT-CREST Award-2012, Gold Medal from Indian Academy of Environmental Sciences, Paryavaran Mitra (Eco-friendly) Award, the **Canadian** Commonwealth Exchange Fellowship (Asia-Pacific), Doctoral Internship Award by the **Canadian** Bureau of International Education (CBIE), and Young Scientist Grant Award by Federation of European Microbiological Societies (FEMS) etc. Prof. Shah has been the Principal Investigator and coordinator of 15 national and international network projects including an Indo-US, Indo-German and **Indo-Canadian** project. Prof. Shah has travelled quite widely as an invited speaker at various scientific meetings within India and abroad, especially in the countries such as USA, **Canada**, Germany, Sweden, Hungary, Saudi Arabia and France. He has also served as Director of Quality Assurance and steered the University of Kashmir from grade A to **A+** by NAAC. He is presently coordinating the highest research and innovation grant received by the University and represents the University of Kashmir in the Association of Indian Universities.