

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

ON THE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2022 - 2023

I. INTRODUCTION

The Annual Financial Estimates or Budget is a statement of estimated receipts and expenditure of the University, laid before the Senate for consideration as per section 47(1) and (2) of the Kerala University Act 1974 and Statute 9 and 10(1) of Chapter 6 of the Kerala University First Statutes, 1977. The statement covers all transactions of the University during the immediately previous, current and ensuing years.

The budget is divided into four parts:

***Part I** deals with receipts and expenditure connected with normal functioning of the University, **Part II** deals with receipts and expenditure on developmental activities of the University undertaken with assistance from U.G.C and the State Government, **Part III** deals with receipts and expenditure against funds earmarked for specific purposes and **Part IV** deals with receipts and payments related to debt, deposits, suspense heads, etc.*

II. NON PLAN (ABSTRACT)

(Amount in Crores)

	Budget Estimates 2021-22 (₹)	Revised Estimates 2021-22 (₹)	Budget Estimates 2022-23 (₹)
Receipt	522.74	472.63	565.53
Expenditure	524.41	472.63	565.53
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III. BUDGET AT A GLANCE

	Accounts 2020-21 (Prov)	Budget Estimates 2021-22	Revised Estimates 2021-22	Budget Estimates 2022-23
Part 1				
Receipts	414.09	522.74	472.63	565.53
Expenditure	348.65	524.41	472.63	565.53
Part2				
Receipts	9.15	56.00	32.98	45.00
Expenditure	11.34	56.00	32.98	45.00
Part 3				
Receipts	7.73	30.68	21.99	23.92
Expenditure	6.57	30.68	21.99	23.92
Part 4				
Receipts	217.36	96.01	109.14	136.84
Expenditure	327.21	96.01	109.14	136.84

Non Plan (Block Grant) allocation for 2021-22 is ₹ 291.10 Crores. Internal revenue for 2021-22 is estimated at ₹ 135.63 Crores. Non Plan allocation for 2021-22 is not sufficient enough to meet the non plan expenses for the year. The University had requested for additional allocation of funds, which is under the consideration of the Government.

The Non Plan receipts for 2021-22 have been revised to ₹ 472.63 Crores with anticipated expenditure of ₹ 472.63 Crores. Non Plan receipts for 2022-23 is projected as ₹ 565.53 Crores against an expenditure of ₹ 565.53 Crores, thereby proposing a neutral budget for the year 2022-23.

IV. DETAILS OF GRANT-IN-AID RECEIVED FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENT

(Amount in Crores)

Year	Non Plan		Plan	
	Amount Sanctioned	Amount received	Amount Sanctioned	Amount received
2018-19	310.05	310.05	27.00	17.54
2019-20	341.06	341.06	29.00	9.28
2020-21	277.25	277.25	25.00	7.55
2021-22	291.11	271.29 **	26.00	10.94 *

* 2 instalments

** Up to January 2022

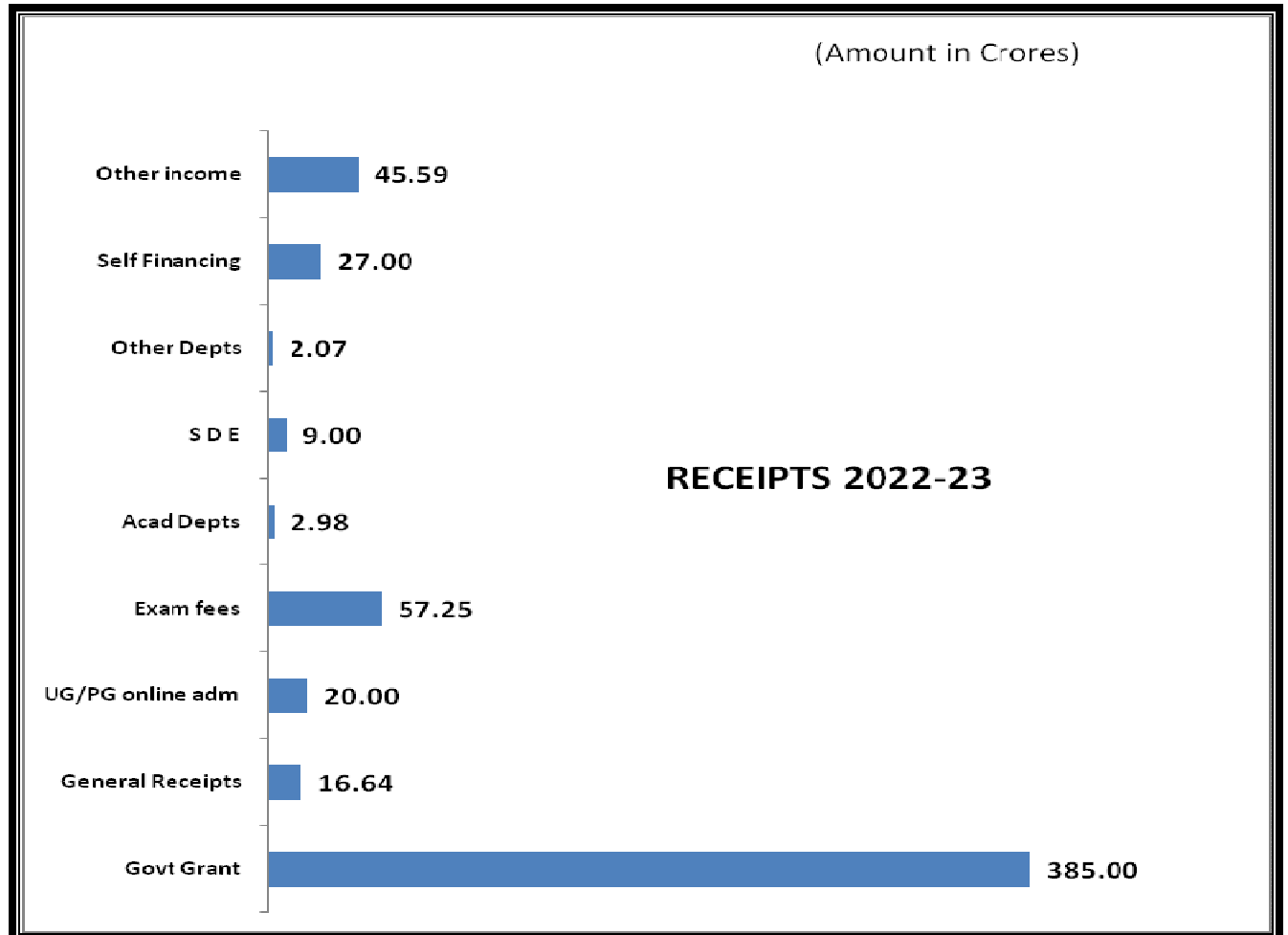
V. DETAILS OF RECEIPTS

a. Non Plan Grant & Internal Receipts

Year	Internal Receipts	Non Plan Grant
2018-19	127.86	310.05
2019-20	144.32	341.06
2020-21	136.85	277.25
2021-22 (RE)	135.63	337.00
2022-23 (BE)	180.53	385.00

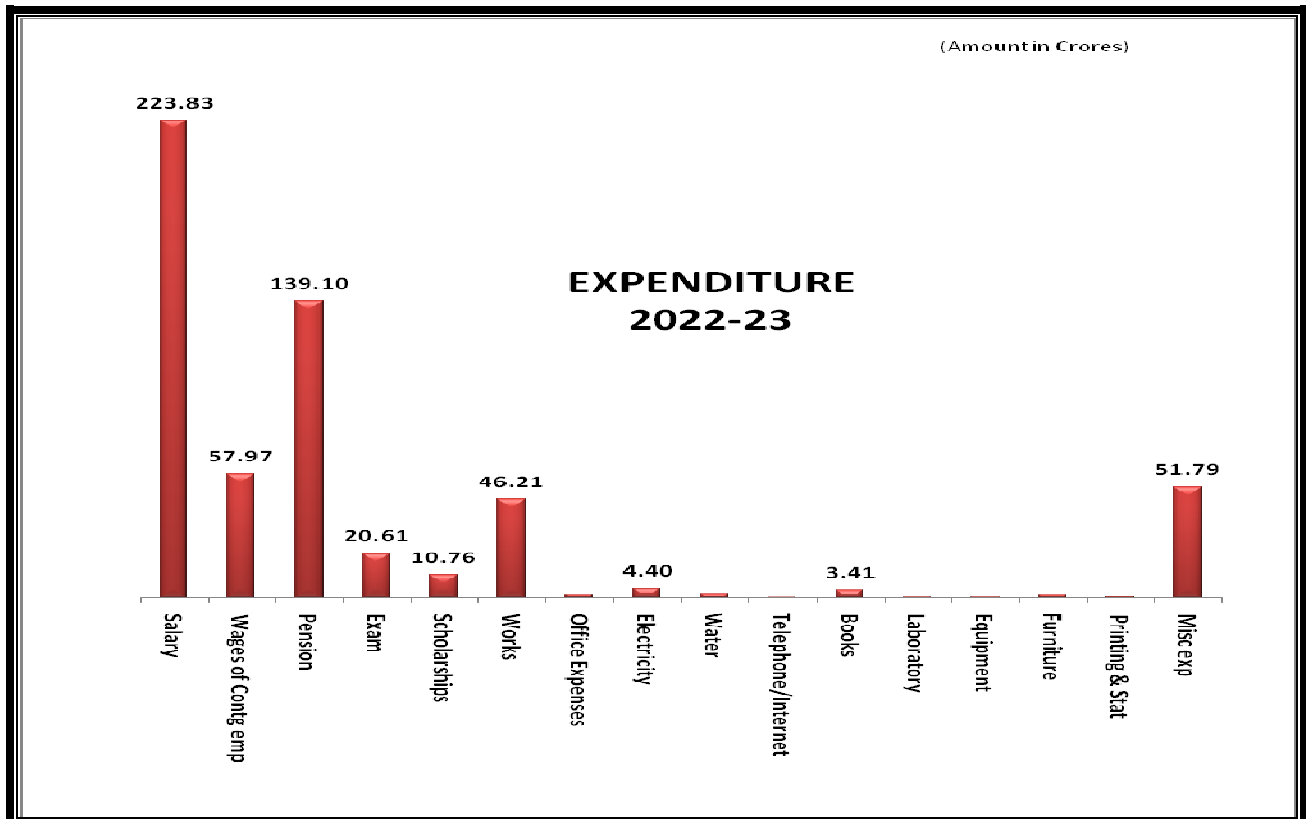
b. Detailed Receipts*(Amount in Crores)*

Particulars	Accts 20-21	BE 21-22	RE 21-22	BE 22-23
Government Grant	277.25	375.00	337.00	385.00
General Receipts	8.67	13.73	12.68	16.64
UG/PG online admission	14.43	17.00	17.00	20.00
Examination fees	29.95	56.33	48.00	57.25
Academic Departments/Centres	1.92	2.83	2.35	2.98
School of Distance Education	5.75	5.00	7.00	9.00
Other Departments	1.12	2.28	1.74	2.07
Self Financing Institutions	18.48	30.00	21.30	27.00
Other income	56.52	20.57	25.57	45.59
Total	414.09	522.74	472.64	565.53

c. Estimates 2022-23*(Amount in Crores)*

VI. EXPENDITURE**a. Detailed Expenditure***(Amount in Crores)*

Particulars	Accts 20-21	BE 21-22	RE 21-22	BE 22-23
Salary of regular employees	133.69	184.46	190.57	223.83
Wages of Contingent/Contract staff	38.13	55.49	50.53	57.97
Pensionary Benefits	113.10	155.50	129.10	139.10
Examination charges	11.90	21.44	17.24	20.61
Scholarships	6.80	10.75	10.26	10.76
Works	1.50	23.25	13.09	46.21
Office Expenses	0.91	1.59	1.35	1.69
Electricity Charges	2.30	4.43	3.48	4.40
Water Charges	0.61	1.99	1.49	2.00
Telephone/Internet Charges	0.19	0.39	0.32	0.38
Books & Journals	1.62	2.83	2.83	3.41
Laboratory Contingencies	0.15	0.34	0.36	0.41
Equipment (Purchase & Maintenance)	0.81	0.48	0.44	0.45
Furniture (Purchase & Maintenance)	0.31	1.45	1.32	1.72
Printing and Stationery	0.44	0.59	0.74	0.81
Pension Fund	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00
Miscellaneous/other expenditures	26.19	49.44	39.52	51.79
Total	348.66	524.41	472.63	565.53

b. Estimates 2022-23

ADDITIONAL COMMITMENT

UGC Pay Revision 2016, State Pay Revision 2019 and subsequent revision of DA & DR w.e.f 01.01.2019 were implemented in the University. The present non plan allocation is not adequate for meeting the monthly expenditure on salary and pension. Moreover, the Government had implemented pension revision, vide G.O (P) No 87/2021/fin dated 24.06.2021, directing the University to meet the expenses on pension revision arrears from our own resources. Monthly additional commitment consequent on the revision of pay and pension is around ₹ 5-6 Crores.

VII. EXPENDITURE – ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS FOR 2022-23

- Disbursement of arrears of seventh UGC pay revision (2016) is pending. An amount of ₹ 22.00 Crores is required for the disbursement of arrears for the period from 01.01.16 to 31.3.19. Sufficient increase in Non plan allocation is needed for clearing this liability.
- An additional amount of ₹ 32.50 Crores is needed for the disbursement of pension revision arrears for 2022-23. As the State Government has rejected the proposal to meet the additional expenditure on pension revision arrears and also directed the University to meet the expenses from its own resources, the University is now compelled to meet these additional expenses from its own funds and has to locate additional funds for this purpose in the financial year.
- Of the vacant 105 posts in the teaching category, new appointments have been made in 53 positions under various departments in the University and the remaining vacancies are being filled in a phased manner. The annual additional commitment consequent on the appointment of new faculties is estimated at ₹ 16.00 – 18.00 Crores.

VIII. PENSION

Pension expenditure forms about 30% of the non plan expenses. The total number of pensioners is 2986. Fifty Nine (59) employees will be retiring from University Service in the financial year 2022-23. Two instalments of DR arrears were disbursed to the pensioners in 2021-22. Pension revision was also implemented in the University and new pension was disbursed to the employees w.e.f 01.11.2021. Disbursement of arrears, consequent on revision of pension is pending.

While approving the pension revision of University Pensioners, the Government has stated that the additional expenditure on pension revision arrears (Para 22.2 of the G.O dated 24.06.2021) shall be met from University's own resources. Based on the representation given by various pensioners' organisations, the University has represented the Government to reconsider the matter on disbursement of arrears. But the Government, vide letter dated 20.01.22 and 18.01.22 has rejected the request and specifically directed the University to locate funds from its own resources to meet the expenses related to the disbursement of pension revision arrears.

National Pension Scheme employer's contribution is estimated at ₹ 6.00 Crores annually. The total amount contributed to Pension fund till date is ₹ 522.69 Crores (including interest) which is deposited in the term deposit scheme at the District Treasury. As per the directions of the Government, the University has initiated steps for framing rules and guidelines for proper utilisation and monitoring of Pension Fund. The expenditure on pensionary benefits is as follows,

Year	Amount (in Crores)
2017-18	118.98
2018-19	109.78
2019-20	117.18
2020-21	113.10
2021-22(re)	129.10
2022-23(be)	139.10

IX. STAFF

The total number of employees in the University is 1612. Vacant positions in assistant/computer assistant category are being filled in a phased manner. The State Government has decided to fulfill all vacant positions in the non teaching category, which includes library staff, drivers, and technical staff in various departments, conductors, and peons, which were remaining vacant for years. Procedures for the recruitment have already been started by the KPSC. Around 780 employees are currently working as contingent employees in the University.

X. MAJOR PROVISIONS/HEADS OF ACCOUNT PROPOSED UNDER NON PLAN

1. Increased provision for Purchase of furniture under General direction
2. New head of account for books and M Com in Rural studies for KUSRC, Alappuzha
3. New Provision included for website maintenance at CSS
4. Provision for Postage increased under Examinations
5. New heads of account proposed for teaching departments
 - Augmentation of laboratory for Department of Psychology
 - Centre for translation and License for conduct of courses under Department of German
 - Repair of furniture for Department of Russian
 - New provisions for visiting faculty and clearing of bushes for Department of Biochemistry
 - New provisions for equipment and study tour for Department of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries

- New provision for analysis of environmental samples for Department of Environmental Sciences
 - New provision for software support under Department of Computational biology and bioinformatics
 - New provision for Computer accessories for Department of Malayalam
 - New provision for Museum of Kerala Arts and Kerala Art Performance for Department of Kerala Studies
 - 8 new heads of account for Advanced Centre for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell in Cutaneous Biology
6. Increased provision for books at Kerala University Library and Campus library
 7. New head of account for preservation of books for Malayalam Lexicon
 8. Increased provision for IC & IU tournaments at Department of Physical Education
 9. Increased provision for Modernisation of University press
 10. Increased provision for Kerala University Union Activities
 11. Increased provision for lab contingencies and augmentation of lab for CLIF
 12. New head of account for Finishing school
 13. Provision for WORKS increased to 46 Crores (ongoing works)
 14. Department of Islamic Studies renamed as Department of Islamic and West Asian Studies
 15. New Head of account for Centre for West Asian Studies

XI ACHIEVEMENTS

- University proposes to add nine new specialised teaching and research departments in 2021 in addition to the 43 existing departments.
- Three innovative PG programmes in Data Science, Blue Economy and International Relations and Diplomacy were started.
- Three additional conference/seminar halls - C. V. Raman Hall, Sreenivasa Ramanujan Hall and Janakiyammal Hall as part of CLIF were inaugurated.
- Installation of a mega water tank
- Foundation stone laid for new International Student's Hostel and School of Communication and Information Science
- Inauguration of Centre for Latin American Studies
- Automation of library services through Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)
- Kerala University Knowledge Library and Resource Centre for visually challenged users
- Carbon-free campus project initiated through launching of battery cars and use of bicycles were initiated during the current year.
- University's flagship programme – "Meet the Scholar and Travel through Nobel Winners programmes" attracted eminent scholars like Prof. Martin Chalfie (Nobel Laureate-Chemistry 2008), Prof. Roald Hoffmann (Nobel laureate in Chemistry), Padmasree Dipankar Banerjee, and globally renowned magician Sri. Gopinadh Muthucad.
- Kerala University Business Incubation and Innovation Centre (KUBIIC) distributed start up grants to 78 students
- Extensive support for students and the society under the Covid-19 pandemic are features where our social commitment was visible – counseling for students with the services of clinical psychologist, digital resource support including smart phones and televisions for poor needy students, decentralized conduct of examinations, special research projects on rebuilding Kerala and providing flood relief materials for the needy are a few to name.

XII CHALLENGES

1. Decline in internal revenue. Internal revenue consists mainly of examination fees, annual administration fees, fees from online admissions, income from self financing institutions, School of Distance Education and others. Almost 85% of revenue generated from self financing institutions are utilised for their expenses alone. Income from SDE and private registration is less compared to previous years.
2. The University has been forced to curtail the non plan expenses due to reduction in Non Plan (Block) Grant. Non plan allocation is not sufficient to meet the expenses on pay and pension and requisition for additional funds have already been forwarded to the Government.
3. The University has not received the full allotment of plan funds for the last 3 years which has delayed the developmental activities of the University, both academic and infrastructural.
4. Delay in receipt of funds from various agencies and affiliated colleges as lease income, annual administration fees, affiliation fees etc.
5. Long delay in payment of arrears of lease income by National Games Secretariat authorities for Greenfield Stadium. An amount of ₹ 13.16 Crores is pending as dues, out of which ₹ 3.26 Crores were remitted on December 2021.
6. Proportionate increase in grant has not been received against the increase in expenditure due to revision of pay and pension and increase in dearness allowance and dearness relief from time to time as sanctioned by the Government.

CONCLUSION

Amidst the pandemic, the University has taken various steps to offer services to the students more efficiently and in a timely manner. Examinations were held outside its jurisdiction (including Lakshadweep Island) so as to enable all students, irrespective of their domicile, to appear for examinations as scheduled, which effectively helped the University to publish the results on time. As part of the NAAC re-accreditation process the University has taken various steps, both academic and infrastructural, with an objective to attain the desirable standards set in the field of Higher Education by various agencies in the country. In line with the State Government's decision, new academic programmes are being introduced at both Under Graduate and Post Graduate level in emerging disciplines. Nine new teaching Departments are proposed to be established in various disciplines. Being the Mother University, Kerala University is taking the right steps in taking a lead role in introducing new technologies and computational facilities to the students and leading them in a proper way to perform well and attain global standards in this highly competitive world of Higher Education.