

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

ON THE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2023 – 2024

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)

	Budget Estimates 2022-23 (Amount in Crores)	Revised Estimates 2022-23 (Amount in Crores)	Budget Estimates 2023-24 (Amount in Crores)
Receipt	565.53	535.76	584.17
Expenditure	565.53	535.76	584.17
Deficit/Surplus	0	0	0

III. BUDGET AT A GLANCE

	Accounts 2021-22 (Provisional)	Budget Estimates 2022-23	Revised Estimates 2022-23	Budget Estimates 2023-24
Part 1				
Receipts	473.75	565.53	535.76	584.17
Expenditure	442.30	565.53	535.76	584.17
Part 2				
Receipts	25.08	45	35	43
Expenditure	25.53	45	35	43

Part 3				
Receipts	19.42	23.92	17.47	22.17
Expenditure	21.30	23.92	17.47	22.17
Part 4				
Receipts	406.61	136.84	118.35	160.79
Expenditure	485.95	136.84	118.35	160.79

The Non Plan Grant allocation for 2022-23 is Rs.320.22 Crores, which is not enough to meet the non plan expenses for the year. Hence, the University had requested for an additional amount of Rs.46.32 Crores from the Government to compensate the deficit, as Supplementary Demands for Grant.

The Non Plan Receipts for 2022-23 have been revised to Rs.535.76 Crores with an anticipated expenditure of Rs.535.76 Crores thereby proposing a neutral budget.

IV. GRANT-IN-AID FROM STATE GOVERNMENT (AMOUNT IN CRORES)

Year	Non Plan		Plan	
	Budget Allocation	Amount Received	Budget Allocation	Amount Received
2019-20	341.06	341.06	29.00	9.28
2020-21	277.25	277.25	25.00	7.55
2021-22	291.11	291.11	29.34	19.31
2022-23	320.22	290**	33.2	10.50*

*received 3 installments

** received up to February 2023

V.DETAILS OF RECEIPTS (AMOUNT IN CRORES)

a. Non Plan Grant & Internal Receipts

Year	Internal Receipts	Non Plan Grant
2019-20	144.32	341.06
2020-21	136.85	277.25
2021-22	182.62	291.11
2022-23(RE)	169.76	366.00
2023-24(BE)	186.17	398.00

b. Detailed Receipts

Particulars	Accounts 2021-22	Budget Estimates 2022-23	Revised Estimates 2022-23	Budget Estimates 2023-24
Government Grant	291.11	385.000	366.00	398.00
General Receipts	18.26	16.64	19.79	26.84
Fees from UG/PG online admission	14.38	20.00	15.00	16.00
Examination fees	45.16	57.25	46.66	48.56
Academic Departments/Centres	3.76	2.98	2.94	3.46
School of Distance Education	8.66	9.00	9.00	5.00
Other Departments	0.95	1.66	1.35	1.70
Self Financing Institutions	20.09	27.00	22.00	23.50
Other income	71.37	46.00	53.03	61.11
Total				

V.DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE (AMOUNT IN CRORES)

Particulars	Accounts 2021-22	Budget Estimates 2022-23	Revised Estimates 2022-23	Budget Estimates 2023-24
Salary of regular employees	172.80	224.17	201.05	232.69
Wages of Contingent/Contract staff	43.31	57.97	52.19	58.16
Pensionary Benefits	158.08	139.10	164.10	166.10
Examination charges	12.19	20.51	18.23	20.56
Scholarships	12.14	10.76	12.78	12.77
Works	4.15	46.00	31.56	34.65
Office Expenses	1.03	1.69	1.70	1.73
Electricity Charges	2.52	4.40	4.28	4.43
Water Charges	0.81	1.20	1.47	2.24
Telephone/Internet Charges	0.16	0.38	0.33	0.38
Books & Journals	1.78	3.41	3.26	3.55
Equipment (Purchase and Maintenance)	1.90	4.34	4.00	4.48
Laboratory Contingencies	0.28	0.80	0.71	0.81
Furniture (Purchase & Maintenance)	0.65	1.72	1.66	1.27
Printing and Stationery	0.82	2.84	3.09	2.56
Miscellaneous & Other Expenditure	29.68	46.24	35.35	37.79
Total	442.30	565.53	535.76	584.17

VII. EXPENDITURE – ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS FOR 2023-24

The present non plan allocation is not adequate for meeting the monthly expenditure on salary and pension. An additional amount of Rs.40 Crores is needed to meet the disbursement of monthly salary and pension, along with an amount of Rs. 4 Crores to meet the expenditure on annual increment on salary of employees. Moreover, the appointment of non teaching and teaching staff against the existing vacancies are expected during the next financial year, which requires an additional commitment of Rs.28 Crores. Further, commitment on arrears of pension revision/dearness relief amounts upto Rs.18 Crores and an amount of Rs.22 Crores is also required for releasing arrears of UGC pay revision 2016, which has been carried over to the financial year 2023-24.

VIII. PENSION

The University of Kerala being the mother University, has the largest number of pensioners ie, around 2900 pensioners. Pension expenditure comprises more than 30% of the non plan expenses. National Pension Scheme was introduced to all employees who have joined service w.e.f 01.04.2013 for which the expenditure towards the employer's share is estimated at Rs. 8 Crores in the financial year 2023-24. The University is maintaining a pension fund in the District Treasury, Thiruvananthapuram and had deposited Rs. 669.43 Crores as Term Deposit Scheme. Forty Seven (47) employees will be retiring from University Service in the financial year 2023-24.

The expenses on pensionary benefits is as follows,

Year	Amount <i>(in Crores)</i>
2018-19	109.78
2019-20	117.18
2020-21	113.10
2021-22	158.08
2022-23(RE)	164.10
2023-24(BE)	166.10

IX. STAFF

The total staff strength in the University is around 1618. Vacant positions in the Assistant/Computer Assistant categories are being filled in a phased manner. The State Government had decided to fill all vacant positions in the Non Teaching Category through Public Service Commission, which includes library staff, drivers, conductors and other technical

staff in various departments. The procedures for appointment to the vacant Teaching posts has also been initiated.

X MAJOR PROVISIONS/ HEADS OF ACCOUNT PROPOSED UNDER NON PLAN

- New Head of account for Centre for Renewable Energy and Materials
- New Head of account for Kerala University Heritage Museum
- New Head of account for IT /TDS on Interest from Treasury/ Bank
- New Head of account for New Infrastructure projects
- New Head of account for Consultancy Charges
- New Head of account for Suspension/ closure of Courses or Colleges
- New Head of account for Renewal of NOC for New Courses/ Colleges
- New Head of account for Registration fee for PDF
- New Head of account for Refund of Fee for University College of Engineering, Kariavattom
- New Head of account for Security Deposits
- New Head of account for Research Journal at Department of Kerala Studies
- New Head of account for Conduct of Short Term Courses at Department of German
- Provision for Emeritus Professors at Departments of
- New Head of account for Fee for Internship in Libraries
- State Plan allocation for Centre for Cultural Studies, Centre for Women's Studies, Centre for English Language Teaching, Centre for Biodiversity
- Lumpsum provision for buildings/ works
- Provision for Emeritus Professors at Department of Commerce, Kerala Studies, Biotechnology, Demography, Political Science
- Provision for new courses at Inter University Centre for Genomics and Gene Technology
- Provision for establishing Inter University Centre for Research on Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Disease Pathogen
- Provision for establishing International Inter University Centre for Sensing and Imaging

XI ACHIEVEMENTS

- Received 'A++' grade with CGPA 3.67 in June 2022 in the NAAC re-accreditation process.
- In NIRF Govt. of India 2022, University of Kerala was ranked 40 among universities in India.
- Formed a special Research Directorate to coordinate and integrate research activities.

- Commenced two new teaching research departments – Department of Nano Science and Department of Kerala Studies.
- Massive expansion projects for the Centralized Laboratory, CLIF (Centralized Laboratory for Instrumentation and Facilitation).
- I-STEM (Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map) membership for CLIF for National usage and wider visibility
- New Startup Eco System through Kerala University Business Innovation and Incubation Centre (KUBIIC).
- Induction of foreign students through ICCR fellowship under Centre for Global Academics (CGA).
- Hand holding support from IQAC for Colleges and Universities.
- Integrated Library Network System implemented in the libraries of the University.
- Implementation of Right to Services Act in the University
- Academic Seminar on National Curriculum Framework in collaboration with NCERT.
- Implementation of Anti-Drug Campaign in the University.
- Foundation stone laying of various KIIFB projects in Kariavattom Campus by Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri. Pinarayi Vijayan in the presence of Ministers, Dr.R.Bindu, Sri. K.N. Balagopal.

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XII CHALLENGES

- Loss of internal revenue due to creation of more universities, the most recent being the creation of Sree Narayanaguru Open University.
- Reduction in Non Plan allocation (Block Grant) in the last three years has resulted in postponing payment of arrears to employees/pensioners thereby managed the current year payments.
- Actual release of Plan grants has also been curtailed against budget allocation which resulted in delay in implementing various projects. A portion of the expenditure related to construction and purchase of equipments has to be met from own resources.
- Long delay in receipt of funds from various agencies and affiliated colleges towards lease income, annual administration fees, affiliation fees etc due to legal and other procedural matters.
- Increase in expenses related to annual maintenance, up keeping of campus, beautification also require adequate funds in the coming years.

XIII CONCLUSION

The University of Kerala was awarded the highest grade of A++ with 3.67 Score, in the NAAC accreditation during 2022. This stupendous achievement bestows on the University a sense of pride, on having placed in the top most position among the State Universities in India, and greater responsibility towards the student community.

We have initiated several expansion plans for improving the infrastructure facilities and for augmenting R & D activities in the University. Construction of hostel buildings for girls, boys and foreign students, hi-tech class rooms and conference facilities, expansion of CLIF building, purchase of high end equipments in CLIF, I-STEM (Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map) membership for CLIF, development of KUBIIC(Kerala University Business Innovation and Incubation Centre) are some of the initiatives in this direction. We hope that the University of Kerala will emerge as a Centre of Excellence and a hub of innovative research.