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VISION, MISSION AND GOALS OF THE UGC



VISION

**Provide Knowledge
Leadership for a Better Sri
Lanka / World**



MISSION

To foster management and good governance in facilitating the provision of undergraduate, postgraduate and professional education of highest quality with high impact research, quality teaching and industry engagement through a coordinated system of State Universities and HEIs, to create knowledge leaders who are passionate about meeting the triple bottom line.



GOALS

- **Increase equitable access to state sector higher education.**
- **Facilitate state HEIs by apportionment of funds to develop students' skills and knowledge required for the 21st century citizenship.**
- **Promote academic excellence of state HEIs through programmes, research and innovations that enable students to become life-long learners in a global environment.**
- **Ensure improved state HEIs equipped with efficient and quality human resources, excellent facilities and sustainable/ green concepts.**
- **Strengthen the governance and management of UGC and HEIs through secure and stable systems and mutually productive stakeholder relationships**



UGC MANAGEMENT



In the year 2023, the Commission has taken a number of policy decisions to streamline certain key functions and set the stage for all reforms. Furthermore, these reforms are in line with the Strategic Plan 2019-2023 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) to reform the Sri Lankan Higher Education sector and also contribute to the implementation of new higher education policy reforms of the government. The key milestones of the Strategic Plan 2019-2023 have been achieved with others in the process of being implemented.

The higher education sector with 9 strategies is subject to 50 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and is planned to complete all the tasks within 05 years in a simplified environment.

During the last few years, higher education sector in Sri Lanka witnessed several rapid and revolutionary changes. The UGC took several initiatives to expedite the university admissions process. During the year 2023, discussions were commenced and are in progress to sign MoUs with the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka and the Elections Commission of Sri Lanka for development and implementation of online systems to efficiently capture data required for university admissions process. In addition, the UGC was able to maintain the student intake which was increased by around 10,000 after the academic year 2018/2019, in the year 2023 as well.

24 Standing Committees are in function at present to report and make recommendations to the UGC on matters pertaining to higher education for various disciplines. Establishment of Faculty of Medicine in Uva Wellassa University is a significant milestone. In addition, nineteen (19) new departments were established in four universities. Four (04) undergraduate programmes together with nine (9) undergraduate programmes with specializations, nineteen (19) postgraduate degree programmes, two (02) external degree programmes were introduced. Further, name changes to one (01) faculty, ten (10) undergraduate degree programmes, one (01) postgraduate degree programme were approved and approval was granted for the curriculum revisions of four (04) undergraduate degree programmes.

The Pre-University Online/E-Learn English Language Teaching Program designed to enhance the key skills of English language of those who are selected to a university, was executed in 2023 for the students registered for the academic year 2021/2022. This will continue for the upcoming batches. In 2023, the pilot test of University Test of the English Language (UTEL) was implemented. Based on the analysis of the pilot test, a test bank is being developed for the real test of the UTEL which will be initiated by mid of 2024 for the 3rd year undergraduate students of each Higher Educational Institutions/Institutes. Curriculum development for the Diploma programme designed to improve the information technology skills of the students in the faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences, is underway with the consultation of SLASSCOM.

Senior Professor Sampath Amaratunge
Chairman



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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION (UGC)

Introduction

The University Grants Commission (UGC) which functions as the apex body for guidance and coordination of functions of the state university system in Sri Lanka was established on 22nd December 1978 under the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978. The main responsibilities of the UGC include planning and coordination of higher education, allocation of funds to Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), maintenance of academic standards of HEIs, regulation of admission of students to HEIs, regulation of the administration of State HEIs and assist in progress and development of all state HEIs coming under its purview.

The Chairman is the Chief Executive Officer and Accounting Officer of the Commission and is in control of the day to day administration of the affairs of the Commission and chairs the meetings of the Commission. There are Departments, Divisions, and Units with allocated duties and functions at the UGC to coordinate and streamline activities of the UGC. The State HEIs established under the Universities Act include 17 Universities, 10 Postgraduate Institutes, 7 Institutes and 1 Centre. In each University the governing authority is the Council while the supreme academic body is the Senate. The Chief Executive Officer in a University and an Institute are the Vice Chancellor and the Director respectively.

Role of the UGC

The Commission is mandated by the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 with the following main responsibilities and objectivities:

1. Planning and coordination of university education so as to conform to national policy.
2. Apportionment of Higher Educational Institutions, of the funds voted by parliament in respect of university education, and the control of expenditure by each such Higher Educational Institution.
3. Maintenance of academic standards in Higher Educational Institutions.
4. Regulation of administration of Higher Educational Institutions.
5. Regulation of admission of students to each Higher Educational Institution, and Exercise, performance and discharge of such powers, duties, and functions as are conferred, imposed on, or assigned to the Commission by or under Universities Act No. 16 of 1978.

Executive Summary

This Annual Report provides a review of the activities carried out by the UGC during the year 2023. The key highlights and achievements during the year under review encapsulate the areas of Admission of Students to Universities, Academic & Research Development, Staff Development, Infrastructure Development, Information Technology (IT) Development,



Quality Assurance, Financial Administration & Management, and Academic Cooperation & Research Collaboration with foreign universities.

With the UGC Strategic Plan 2019-2023, in planning and executing the activities described in the Annual Report 2023, the goals, objectives, and Key Performance Indicators (KPI) of the UGC Strategic Plan 2019-2023 were taken into account along with the emerging expectations and needs of the country, human requirements in the proposed knowledge-based economy and the policies of the Sri Lankan Government.

Admission of Students to Universities / HEIs for the Academic Year 2022/2023

The University Grants Commission published the University Admissions Handbook valid for the Academic Year 2022/2023 and the applications for university admission were called online for the Academic Year 2022/2023 from prospective candidates from 14th September 2023 to 05th October 2023 based on the results of the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination held in January 2023. Accordingly, the selection of students for each undergraduate degree programme under the normal intake was finalized and the cut off marks were released on 01st December 2023. Selections of students under special provisions for the Academic Year 2022/2023 are in progress and will be finalized in 2024.

The key details on university admissions of the Academic year 2022/2023 are summarized below;

Number of students eligible for university admissions for the academic year 2022/2023 based on the released G.C.E.(A/L) results	166,967
Number proposed to be admitted for the academic year 2022/2023	43,209
The number of students selected/admitted:	
(1) Normal Provision	42,147
(2) Special Provision :	19

To increase the university intake, in 2023 four (04) new courses of study were added to the list of courses available in the university system and were implemented for the academic year 2022/2023 as follows;

Course Code	Course of Study	University	Intake
135	Plantation Management & Technology	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	216
136	Data Science	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	50
137	Primary Education	University of Colombo	75
138	Medical Imaging Technology	University of Colombo	50

In addition, the following existing courses of study were introduced to other Universities for the academic year 2022/2023;



Course Code	Course of Study	University	Intake
1	Medicine	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	50
68	Music	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	50
112	Social Work	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	50
96	Information Systems	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	180

Academic and Research Development

To facilitate the goal of widened participation and equitable access to higher education, Universities and HEIs were encouraged to introduce locally and globally recognized new and innovative courses and degree programs. To support this endeavor, approval was granted to establish the following during the year 2023;

- One (01) New Faculty
- Nineteen (19) New Departments of Study
- Four (04) New Undergraduate Degree Programs
- Nine (09) New Undergraduate Specialization Degree Programs
- Nineteen (19) New Postgraduate Degree Programmes
- Two (02) New External Degree Programme

Further, to provide increased employment opportunities for students, steps were taken to restructure the existing degree programs by introducing new knowledge and skills to make them relevant to the present needs of the country. Accordingly, three (03) Department of Study name changes and ten (10) name changes in Undergraduate Degree Programmes were proposed in 2023.

There were twenty four (24) Standing Committees functioned in the UGC for various disciplines during 2023, reporting and making recommendations to the Commission on matters on higher education in the respective areas.

Financial Administration and Management

During the year under review, Five Audit Committee meetings were held during the year 2023 with the objective of monitoring all important aspects of administrative and operational activities of the UGC and HEIs as per good management practices introduced by the Treasury. Further, the Central Internal Audit Division of the UGC coordinated regularly with internal audit divisions of the Universities/HEIs to ensure proper governance within the system.

Management of the Staff Affairs at the UGC

The approved cadre for the UGC Secretariat for 2023 was 325, covering both Executive and Non-Executive staff. As of December 31, 2023, the existing staff in UGC Secretariat was 227. During the year 2023, Two (02) new appointments of Executive Grade Employees and Sixteen (16) new appointments of Primary Grade Employees to the post of Management Assistant Grade III had been made to the UGC Secretariat. Further, twelve (12) employees of UGC Secretariat have been confirmed in service.



Eighteen (18) employees were promoted and seven (07) placements were made after evaluation for Efficiency Bar (EB) requirements. . Further, one (01) employee had terminated from the post.

The year 2023 recorded two (02) internal transfers of Executive Staff and Five (05) Primary Level Employees within UGC Secretariat. Four (04) employees became eligible to receive long service awards under the provisions of Commission Circular Nos. 678, 696 and 893 and they were granted cash awards for the long and meritorious service rendered by them to the University System.

In 2023, one (01) transfer was made from the UGC to other Universities/HEIs and one (01) transfer was made from the other Universities/HEIs to UGC Seven (07) leave preparatory to retirements, nine (09) retirements, eleven (11) resignations and three (03) vacation of posts were recorded during the year under review. Further, five (05) leave to sit for examination, ten (10) no pay leave, eleven (11) maternity leaves and eleven (11) lapsed leaves were also recorded during the year 2023.

In collaboration with the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation, Health Insurance Coverage with improved benefits was provided for all permanent employees of the UGC Secretariat in 2023 with the option of a family cover on a personal account at an attractive and reasonable fee.

Human Resource Support for the University System

In 2023, a total of eighty two new cadre positions were approved for Universities/HEIs by the Department of Management Services (DMS).

The UGC under its responsibility of administrative grade appointments/promotions to Universities and HEIs made one (01) appointment and fifteen (15) promotions to the posts in other Staff Grades during the year, while handling and facilitating a total of ninety six (96) transfers within the University system.

During the 12 months from January to December 2023, the UGC received a total of 675 applications from Universities/HEIs for Motor Vehicle Permits on Concessionary Terms, which were processed through the Ministry of Higher Education.

In 2023, six (06) Commission Circulars and fourteen (14) Establishments Circular letters were issued by the UGC within the powers, duties, and functions vested in the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978. These were circulated giving necessary instructions and guidelines related to decisions and policies arrived at the Commission for the smooth functioning of the UGC and the Higher Educational Institutions.

Financial Assistance to University Students

Scholarships are those that have been established and those that may be established in future by individuals or Organizations on such terms & Conditions as agreed by the donors and the University Grants Commission (UGC). This financial assistance is provided to the selected students who are enrolled to the state universities to carry out their education. Academic Affairs Department of the UGC is coordinating Scholarship schemes at present with the assistance of the Finance Department and the Admissions Department.



Assistance and Support for Higher Educational needs of University Academics

During the year under review, the UGC worked towards creating opportunities for the academic staff, especially the young university academics to pursue their higher educational needs. These efforts were primarily conducted through the Division of Research and International Cooperation (DRIC) and they are as follows;

The UGC provides financial assistance to permanent members of the academic staff of Higher Educational Institutes (HEIs) coming within its purview enabling them to read for Masters and Doctoral Degree programs. The purpose of this grant scheme is to strengthen the research capacity of state universities under the UGC by way of financially supporting academics in all disciplines to acquire the required qualifications for their career advancement.

The total value of the grant varies with the discipline, nature of the study, and the country in which the program is conducted.

- The UGC jointly with the International University of Japan (IUJ) has launched a co-sponsored scholarship program for the benefit of the members of the academics and administrative staff of universities under the UGC to complete their postgraduate studies at IUJ.
- The UGC jointly with the Queensland University of Technology (QUT), a leading seat of higher learning in Australia, launched a Joint/Split PhD Program for the benefit of the academics at the universities.
- The UGC jointly with Griffith University, Queensland, Australia has launched a co-sponsored scholarship program intending to facilitate the postgraduate studies (Ph.D.) for the members of the academic staff of the Universities under the UGC.

Information Technology Support

In line with the assigned responsibilities, the IT division provided the management support to ensure healthy and uninterrupted computer systems to facilitate the IT requirements of the UGC Secretariat. The work carried out by the division included development and installation of new IT systems, upgrading of the existing systems, formulation of requirements /specifications, manage audio visual activities of the UGC, overall administration of the computer and communication systems and network as well as the data processing activities to enhance the overall governance of the UGC and the Universities/HEIs.

Following is a summary of the activities conducted by the IT division in the year 2023.

- Development and installation of new IT systems and upgrades to existing systems, formulation of requirements and specifications, overall administration of the computer system & network including software, communication systems, data processing activities, and managing healthy uninterrupted computer system to provide IT requirements of the organization.
- Manage audio visual activities of the UGC



- Coordinate with Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA) and other relevant government and non-governmental organizations such as LEARN, SLT, LK Domain Registry etc.
- Introducing latest Information Technologies to enhance the overall governance of the UGC.
- Administration and maintenance of web sites.
- By coordinating the application development team and the service providers, covered under following areas to deliver successful outcomes.
 - SMS and Government Information Centre (1919 call Centre) activities related to University Admissions.
 - Government SMS (GovSMS) service for the MA Promotion & Primary grade promotion online applications.
 - Online Student Registration for the Universities. - Academic Year 2022/2023
 - Online Application Calling Process – Academic Year 2022/2023.
- Administration and coordinate of online payment gateway process with ICTA.
- Implementation and maintenance of the business applications such as web portal, Boardroom Reservation System, eHRM system for marking attendance of the employees for Personnel Division, Online Application Calling System for employee promotion, e-Stores, Online Vehicle Reservation Application
- Initiate the new development of the UGC Official website.
- Software Developments
 - Online Application Calling & Handling System for MA Grade III to Grade II Promotions
 - Online Application Calling & Handling System for appointments of primary grades employees to the post of Management Assistant Grade III
 - Online Application Calling & Handling System for the Post of SAS/SAR and SAA/SAB/SAIA
 - Induction Training Program and Program Handling System
 - Stock Management System
 - File Delivery System for Legal & Documentation Division
 - Vehicle Reservation Online Application.
 - Online Transfer Application for University.

MIS Functions and Support

In 2023, the MIS division released one important publication/report related to Sri Lanka University Statistics 2022 and the updated rankings of the Universities and Higher



Educational Institutes in the webometrics and QS ranking published in the UGC web and completed handing over eleven (11) special Assignments during the period .

Affairs of Quality Assurance Council (QAC)

The year 2023 was a busy one for the QAC, with the goals of the annual actions to be achieved and also the tasks accumulated over the past two years due to the COVID 19 pandemic to be completed. The QAC is supported by the Chairman and members of the UGC's and also guided by the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance. The progress of the QAC by 31st Dec. 2023 based on the action plan is as follows.

- Support internal quality assurance activities in the Universities.
- Update existing Subject Benchmark Statements and develop new Statements where relevant.
- Conduct of Institutional Reviews (IRs).
- Conduct of Program Reviews (PRs).
- Support Universities in mapping their qualifications to the SLQF 2015.
- Establish National Recognition and Information Centre for Qualification under the UGC.

Gender Equity and Equality (GEE), Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and Ragging in Universities/HEIs

The Center for Gender Equity/Equality was established to promote a conducive learning/working environment in state universities in Sri Lanka that are sensitive to gender diversity and inclusivity. Functioning under the guidance of the Standing Committee on Gender Equity/Equality, the Centre is involved in activities that focus on minimizing inequalities in university communities. Prof. Hemamalie Gunatilaka (PhD in Women and Gender, University of Warwick, UK) completed her tenure as the Director in September 2023. Thereafter, Prof. Prabha Manuratne (PhD in English, University at Buffalo, New York, USA) was appointed on 15.12.2023 as the Director.



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1. UGC MANAGEMENT

The Commission which is responsible for the overall management of the UGC consisted of the following in 2023;

Chairman	Senior Prof. Sampath Amaratunge <i>B.A. Econ.(Special)(SJP); M.A. Econ. (Colombo); MSc. Econ. of Rural Dev. (Saga, Japan); Ph.D. (Kagoshima, Japan)</i>
Vice-Chairperson	Senior Prof. Chandana P Udawatte <i>BSc, MPhil, PhD, C.Chem, Dip.Chem. Eng, Dip.Bio.Tech</i>
Commission Members	Ven. Prof. Kotapitiye Rahula Thero <i>B.A (Hons) MA, PhD (PDN), Aggamahapandith</i>
	Senior Prof. A K W Jayawardane <i>BSc Eng (Hons) (Moratuwa), MSc Construction (Loughborough, UK), PhD Construction Management (Loughborough, UK), CEng, FIE(SL), IntPE (SL), MSSE(SL), FIPM(SL), FNAS(SL), GSLID</i>
	Senior Prof. Vasanthi Arasaratnam <i>B.Sc, M.Sc, Ph.D. (Biochemistry)</i>
	Senior Prof. Premakumara de Silva <i>BA, MA (Colombo), MSc & PhD (Edinburgh, UK)</i>
	Mr. Palitha Kumarasinghe (President's Counsel)
The Representative of the Treasury	Mr. R H W A Kumarasiri <i>BA (Hons), UOC, 1991, PG Dip. (Cairo), 1997, MA (Dev. Studies), The Netherland, 2002</i>
Secretary	Dr. Priyantha Premakumara <i>B.Sc (Hons), MBA (CMB), Ph.D. (Wuhan)</i>



2. UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

2.1 University of Colombo

Chancellor

Sasana Keerthi Sri Buddha Sasana Shobhana Venerable Muruththettuwe Ananda Nayaka Thero

Vice Chancellor

Senior Prof. H D Karunaratne

Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Vacant

Registrar

Mr. K A S Edward (*up to 05.11.2023*)

Ms V H Jayaratne (*Acting*) (*w.e.f. 06.11.2023*)

2.2 University of Peradeniya

Chancellor

Prof. G H Peiris

Vice Chancellor

Prof. M D Lamawansa

Deputy Vice Chancellor

Prof. W M T Madhujith

Registrar

Mrs. M J G Dharmasena (*Acting*) (*up to 31.03.2023*)

Mr. E M G M B Ekanayake (*Acting*) (*w.e.f. 01.04.2023*)

2.3 University of Sri Jayewardenepura

Chancellor

The Chief Prelate (Mahanayake) of Kotte Sri Kalyani Samasri Dharma Maha Sangha Sabha of Shyamopali Maha Nikaya, Sri Maha Vihara Wansalankara Wimalakeerthi Sri Dhammaloka Sahityasuri Ven. Dr. Ittapana Dhammalankara Thero

Vice Chancellor

Prof. S M C U P Subasinghe (*Acting*) (*up to 25.07.2023*)

Senior Prof. Pathmalal M. Manage (*w. e. f. 26.07. 2023*)

Registrar

Mr. W. M. R. W. A. B. Weliwita

2.4 University of Kelaniya

Chancellor

Ven. Prof. Kollupitiye Mahinda Sangharakkhita Nayaka Thero

Vice Chancellor

Senior Prof. Nilanthi de Silva

Registrar

Mr. K K K Dharmathilake



2.5 University of Moratuwa

Chancellor

Vidya Jyothi Prof. K K Y W Perera (*up to . 07.04.2023*)

Prof. Monte Cassim (*w. e. f. 09.10. 2023*)

Vice Chancellor

Senior Prof. N D Gunawardena

Deputy Vice Chancellor

Dr. D P Chandrasekara

Registrar

Ms. W M D P M Hullugalla (*up to 12.04.2023*)

Mr. D L D Jayantha (*w.e.f. 15.05.2023*)

2.6 University of Jaffna

Chancellor

Prof. S. Pathmanathan

Vice Chancellor

Senior Prof. S Srisatkunarajah

Deputy Vice Chancellor

Vacant

Registrar

Mr. V Kandeepan

2.7 University of Ruhuna

Chancellor

Ven. Dharmakeerthi Sri Dr. Akuratiye Nanda Thero

Vice Chancellor

Senior Prof. T S D Amarasena

Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Prof. E P S Chandana

Registrar

Mrs. P S Kalugama

2.8 Eastern University, Sri Lanka

Chancellor

Prof. M Selvarajah

Vice Chancellor

Prof. V Kanagasingam

Deputy Vice Chancellor

Prof. K E Karunakaran (*up to 31.10.2023*)

Dr. T. Prabakaran (*w.e.f 01.11. 2023*)

Registrar

Mr. A Pahirathan



2.9 South Eastern University of Sri Lanka

Chancellor

Mr. F Musthapha

Vice Chancellor

Prof. A Rameez

Registrar

Mr. H A Saththar (*Leave preparatory for retirement w.e.f. 17.02.2023 and retired w.e.f. 10.06.2023*)

Mr. M I Nawfer (Acting) (*w.e.f. 17.02.2023*)

2.10 Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Chancellor

Royal Pandith Ven. Ethalawatunawewe Gnanatilake Nayaka Thero

Vice Chancellor

Prof. G A S Ginigaddara

Registrar

Mr. A M G B Abeysinghe

2.11 Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

Chancellor

Ven. Prof. Kumburugamuwe Vajira Nayaka Thero

Vice Chancellor

Prof. R.M.U.S.K. Rathnayake (*Up to 01.11. 2023*)

Prof. M. Sunil Shantha (*w. e. f. 02.11. 2023*)

Registrar

Mr. S Uyangoda

2.12 Wayamba University of Sri Lanka

Chancellor

Deshabandu Prof. Tuley De Silva (*up to 07.04.2023*)

Dr. P. A. Kiriwandeniya (*w. e. f. 04.08.2023*)

Vice Chancellor

Senior Prof. J M U K Jayasinghe

Registrar

Mr. W A D Chithrananda

2.13 Uva-Wellassa University of Sri Lanka

Chancellor

Thripitakacharya Dharma Keerthi Sri Sumangala Rathanapala Dhammarakkhitha Most Venerable Bengamuwe Sri Dhammadinna Nayake Thero (*up to 08.10.2023*)

Prof. J Balawardane (*w. e. f. 09.10. 2023*)



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3.4 Postgraduate Institute of Medicine

Director

Prof. S Rajapaksha

3.5 Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies

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3.6 Postgraduate Institute of Science

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Prof. H M T G A Pitawala

3.7 Postgraduate Institute of English

Director

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3.8 Postgraduate Institute of Humanities & Social Sciences

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Prof. S J S de Mel

3.9 Institute of Human Resource Advancement

Director

Prof. W S Chandrasekara

3.10 University of Colombo School of Computing

Director

Dr. D A S Atukorale

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Director

Dr. (Mrs) K G P G Wijethunge



3.12 Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa**Director**

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3.13 Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology & Biotechnology**Director**

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3.15 Swamy Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies**Director**

Dr. (Mrs) F B Kennady

3.16 Institute for Agro-Technology & Rural Science, University of Colombo**Director**

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Prof. C Abeysena

3.18 Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences**Director**

Prof. S D Dharmaratne

4. CAMPUSES**4.1 Trincomalee Campus****Rector**Prof. (Mrs.) C. G. Devadason (*w.e.f. 01.02.2022*)**4.2 Sripalee Campus****Rector**

Dr. S W P Mahanamahewa



5. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO UNIVERSITIES

The University Grants Commission published the University Admissions Handbook valid for the Academic Year 2022/2023 and the applications for university admission were called online for the Academic Year 2022/2023 from prospective candidates from 14^h September 2023 to 05th October 2023 based on the results of the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination held in January 2023. Accordingly, the selection of students for each undergraduate degree programme under the normal intake was finalized and the cut off marks were released on 01st December 2023. Selections of students under special provisions for the Academic Year 2022/2023 are in progress and will be finalized in 2024.

5.1 Admission of students to universities for the Academic Year 2022/2023 - Under the normal provision (Based on the results of the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination held in January 2023)

The following Admissions Policy was adopted for selection of students for university admission for the Academic Year 2022/2023

1. Selection of students for university admission was determined on the basis of rank order on average Z-Scores obtained by candidates at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination held in year 2023 released by the Commissioner General of Examinations.
2. In the case of Arts courses [*i.e. Arts, Arts (SP), Arts (SAB), Communication Studies, Peace and Conflict Resolution, Islamic Studies, Arabic Language, Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL), Social Work and Arts-Information Technology*] admission was made on an all island merit basis subject to the condition that the total number admitted from a given district should not be below the total number admitted from that district in the Academic Year 1993/1994 or 2002/2003, whichever is greater.
3. Admissions to all courses other than the courses stated under point No.2 above were made on a dual criteria, namely;
 - All Island Merit
 - Merit on District Basis
4. Up to 40% of the total available places of a particular course of study were filled in order of Z Scores ranked on an all island merit basis.
5. From the remaining 60%, up to 55% are selected on the district merit basis. The district merit basis is that, for a given district, in addition to the number selected under the All Island Merit (up to 40%), additional seats are made available up to the remaining 55%. Accordingly, up to 55% of the available places in each course of study was allocated to the 25 administrative districts in proportion to the total population of each district; that is on the ratio of the population of the district concerned to the total population of the country.



6. A special allocation up to 5% of the available places in each course of study were allocated to the under-mentioned 16 educationally disadvantaged districts in proportion to the population, that is, on the ratio of the population of each such district to the total population of the 16 districts;

1. Nuwara Eliya	9. Batticaloa
2. Hambantota	10. Ampara
3. Jaffna	11. Puttalam
4. Kilinochchi	12. Anuradhapura
5. Mannar	13. Polonnaruwa
6. Mullaitivu	14. Badulla
7. Vavuniya	15. Monaragala
8. Trincomalee	16. Ratnapura

7. In admitting students to courses other than Arts as well, it was ensured that the district quota allocated to any district for that course of study was not below the district quota allocated to that district during the Academic Year 1993/1994 or 2002/2003, whichever is greater.
8. Accordingly, the selection of students to universities for the Academic Year 2022/2023 based on the results of the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination, 2022 was done according to the rules and regulations stated in the Handbook on “Admission to Undergraduate Courses of the Universities in Sri Lanka” for the Academic Year 2022/2023.

The proposed intake for the Academic Year 2022/2023 was 43,209 and a total of 166,967 candidates were eligible to apply for university admission for the Academic Year 2022/2023.

5.1.1 Admission under Normal Provision

A total of 42,147 students were admitted under normal provision to universities for the Academic Year 2022/2023 as follows;

Course Code	Course of Study	No. of Students Selected
1	Medicine	2056
2	Dental Surgery	127
3	Veterinary Science	129
4	Agriculture	882
5	Food Science & Nutrition	162
6	Biological Science	1672
7	Applied Sciences (Biological Science)	406
8	Engineering	2205
9	Engineering (EM)	78
10	Engineering (TM)	96
11	Quantity Surveying	150



Course Code	Course of Study	No. of Students Selected
12	Computer Science	691
13	Physical Science	2303
14	Surveying Science	163
15	Applied Sciences (Physical Science)	761
16	Management	5377
17	Estate Management & Valuation	68
18	Commerce	879
19	Arts	6505
20	Arts (Sp) - Mass Media	108
21	Arts (Sab) - [Arts Stream]	168
21	Arts (Sab) - [Commerce Stream]	137
22	Management Studies (TV) - [Commerce Stream]	226
22	Management Studies (TV) - [Any Subject Combination]	229
23	Architecture	98
24	Design	85
25	Law	491
26	Information Technology (IT)	249
27	Management and Information Technology (MIT)	117
28	Management (Public) Honours	98
29	Communication Studies	198
30	Town & Country Planning	86
31	Peace and Conflict Resolution	34
32	Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery	379
33	Unani Medicine and Surgery	87
34	Fashion Design & Product Development	77
35	Food Science & Technology	216
36	Siddha Medicine and Surgery	245
37	Nursing	562
38	Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	283
39	Agricultural Technology & Management	219
41	Arts (SP) - Performing Arts	108
50	Health Promotion	101
51	Pharmacy	232
52	Medical Laboratory Sciences	225
53	Radiography	66
54	Physiotherapy	109
55	Environmental Conservation & Management	107
56	Facilities Management	79
57	Transport Management & Logistics Engineering (TMLE)	89
58	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	78
59	Industrial Statistics & Mathematical Finance	119



Course Code	Course of Study	No. of Students Selected
60	Statistics & Operations Research	77
62	Fisheries & Marine Sciences	148
63	Islamic Studies	276
64	Science and Technology	105
65	Computer Science & Technology	99
66	Entrepreneurship and Management	100
67	Animal Production and Food Technology	106
68	Music (SJP)	48
68	Music (UJA)	115
68	Music (SVP)	101
68	Music (UVPA)	286
69	Dance (UJA)	98
69	Dance (SVP)	90
69	Dance (UVPA)	286
70	Art & Design	60
71	Drama & Theatre (SVP)	102
48	Drama & Theatre (UVPA)	70
72	Visual & Technological Arts	92
73	Export Agriculture	103
75	Industrial Information Technology	98
76	Mineral Resources and Technology	104
77	Business Information Systems (Honours) (BIS)	78
79	Management and Information Technology (SEUSL)	168
80	Computing & Information Systems	176
81	Physical Education	142
82	Sports Science & Management	226
83	Speech and Hearing Sciences	73
84	Arabic Language	223
85	Visual Arts	114
86	Animal Science & Fisheries	72
87	Food Production & Technology Management	137
88	Aquatic Resources Technology	114
90	Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management	105
91	Information Technology & Management	125
92	Tourism & Hospitality Management	179
93	Agricultural Resource Management and Technology	179
94	Agribusiness Management	76
95	Green Technology	70
96	Information Systems	337
97	Landscape Architecture	79
98	Translation Studies (KLN & SUSL)	67
98	Translation Studies (UJA & EUSL)	65
99	Software Engineering	170



Course Code	Course of Study	No. of Students Selected
100	Film & Television Studies	58
101	Project Management	99
102	Engineering Technology (ET)	1321
103	Biosystems Technology (BST)	1233
104	Information Communication Technology	910
105	Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)	99
106	Marine and Fresh Water Sciences	98
107	Food Business Management - [Biological / Physical Science Stream]	66
107	Food Business Management -[Commerce Stream]	67
108	Physical Science –ICT	154
109	Business Science	147
110	Financial Engineering	79
111	Geographical Information Science	73
112	Social Work	99
113	Financial Mathematics and Industrial Statistics	71
114	Human Resource Development	83
115	Occupational Therapy	48
116	Optometry	58
117	Artificial Intelligence	48
118	Applied Chemistry	58
119	Electronics and Computer Science	79
120	Indigenous Medicinal Resources	68
121	Health Information and Communication Technology	68
122	Health Tourism and Hospitality Management	68
123	Biomedical Technology	69
124	Indigenous Pharmaceutical Technology	68
125	Yoga and Parapsychology	68
126	Social Studies in Indigenous Knowledge	68
127	Accounting Information Systems	48
128	Arts-Information Technology	48
129	Aquatic Bioresources	48
130	Urban Bioresources	48
131	Financial Economics	48
132	English Language & Applied Linguistics	48
133	Banking and Insurance	48
134	Creative Music Technology and Production	48
135	Plantation Management and Technology	215
136	Data Science	48
137	Primary Education	73
138	Medical Imaging Technology	48

Table 5.1.1 Admission under Normal Provision



5.2 New Courses of Study Introduced

Following new courses of study were introduced to the university system in the Academic Year 2022/2023.

Course Code	Course of Study	University	Intake
135	Plantation Management & Technology	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	216
136	Data Science	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	50
137	Primary Education	University of Colombo	75
138	Medical Imaging Technology	University of Colombo	50

Table 5.2 New Courses of Study Introduced in the Academic Year 2022/2023

5.3 Existing Courses of Study of Universities which have been Introduced in Other Universities for the Academic Year 2022/2023

Following courses of study already existing in universities were introduced in other universities as well for the Academic Year 2022/2023.

Course Code	Course of Study	University	Intake
1	Medicine	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	50
68	Music	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	50
112	Social Work	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	50
96	Information Systems	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	180

Table 5.3. Existing courses of study introduced in other Universities for the Academic Year 2022/2023

5.4 Admission of students to universities for the Academic Year 2021/2022 under special provisions (Based on the results of the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination held in February 2022)

In addition to the selection of students to universities for the Academic Year 2022/2023 under normal provision, selections of students to universities for the Academic year 2021/2022 and Academic Year 2020/2021 under following special provisions as well, were finalized during the year 2023.



(a) Blind and Differently Abled Candidates

The UGC admitted a limited number of blind students (who sat the G.C.E (Advanced Level) Examination, 2021 using the Braille System) to the course of study in Arts and differently abled students (who are medically certified as disabled) to courses of study in Arts, Commerce, Biological Science and Physical Science for the Academic Year 2021/2022.

Category	No. of Students Selected				Total
	Arts	Commerce	Biological Science	Physical Science	
Blind Students	11	-	-	-	11
Differently Abled Students	52	7	3	4	66

Table 5.4. (a) Admission of Blind and Differently Abled Students

(b) Students who have Excelled in Extracurricular Activities

Up to 0.5% of the places from the proposed intake in each course of study other than courses offered by the University of the Visual and Performing Arts were reserved for candidates who have obtained 1st, 2nd or 3rd places at national level and / or achievements at international levels in fields such as sports, cultural activities (e.g. Dancing, Painting, Music and Literature), Scouting and Cadetting, social work and other extracurricular activities from 01st February 2019 to 31st January 2022, but have failed to gain admission under the normal intake for the Academic Year 2021/2022 because of the shortfall of a few Z - scores. In the case of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts, up to 4% of the places from the proposed intake in each course of study were reserved for the admission of students for the Academic Year 2021/2022 under this category.

Course Code	Course of Study	No. of Students Selected
1	Medicine	10
2	Dental Surgery	1
3	Veterinary Science	1
4	Agriculture	3
5	Food Science & Nutrition	1
6	Biological Science	7
7	Applied Sciences (Biological Science)	2
8	Engineering	11
9	Engineering (EM)	1
10	Engineering (TM)	1
11	Quantity Surveying	1



Course Code	Course of Study	No. of Students Selected
12	Computer Science	3
13	Physical Science	12
15	Applied Sciences (Physical Science)	4
16	Management	19
18	Commerce	4
19	Arts	23
21	Arts (SAB) –A [Art Stream]	1
22	Management Studies (TV) –A [Commerce Stream]	1
23	Architecture	1
24	Design	1
25	Law	2
26	Information Technology (IT)	1
27	Management and Information Technology (MIT)	1
30	Town & Country Planning	1
35	Food Science & Technology	1
37	Nursing	2
38	Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	1
39	Agricultural Technology & Management	1
46	Music	11
47	Dance	11
49	Food Business Management [Commerce Stream]	1
51	Pharmacy	1
52	Medical Laboratory Sciences	1
54	Physiotherapy	1
57	Transport Management & Logistics Engineering (TMLE)	1
58	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	1
59	Industrial Statistics & Mathematical Finance	1
60	Statistics & Operations Research	1
62	Fisheries & Marine Sciences	1
65	Computer Science & Technology	1
67	Animal Production and Food Technology	1
74	Tea Technology & Value Addition	1
75	Industrial Information Technology	1
76	Mineral Resources & Technology	1
79	Management & Information Technology (SEUSL)	1
80	Computing & Information Systems	1
81	Physical Education	1
82	Sports Science & Management	1
89	Palm And Latex Technology & Value Addition	1
91	Information Technology & Management	1



Course Code	Course of Study	No. of Students Selected
92	Tourism & Hospitality Management	1
93	Agricultural Resource Management & Technology	1
94	Agribusiness Management	1
95	Green Technology	1
96	Information Systems	1
97	Landscape Architecture	1
98	Translation Studies	1
99	Software Engineering	1
100	Film & Television Studies	1
101	Project Management	1
102	Engineering Technology (ET)	6
104	Information Communication Technology	5
105	Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)	1
106	Marine and Freshwater Sciences	1
109	Business Science	1
111	Geographical Information Science	1
113	Financial Mathematics and Industrial Statistics	1
114	Human Resource Development	1
118	Applied Chemistry	1
122	Health Tourism and Hospitality Management	1
127	Accounting Information Systems	1
131	Financial Economics	1
134	Creative Music Technology and Production	1

Table 5.4 (b) Admission of Students who have excelled in Extracurricular Activities

(c) Admission of Teachers

Provisions were made to admit a limited number of teachers belonging to the following categories for the courses of study in Arts, Biological Science, Physical Science and Applied Sciences for the Academic Year 2021/2022. Accordingly, teachers fulfilling below requirements were eligible to be considered for university admission for the Academic Year 2021/2022 under this special provision.

- i. Teachers who have passed the General Arts Qualifying (External) Examination / First Examination in Bachelor of Arts (External) in or after 2017 having offered English as one of the subjects (for a course of study in Arts).
- ii. Teachers who have passed the First Examination in Bachelor of Science (External) Degree Program in or after 2017 (for courses of study in Biological Science, Physical Science or Applied Sciences).



However, there were no applicants under this special provision for the Academic Year 2021/2022.

(d) Admission of Students with Foreign Qualifications to Universities in Sri Lanka

Number of students selected under this special provision for the Academic Year 2021/2022 were as follows;

Course Code	Course of Study	No. of Students Selected
1	Medicine	20

Table 5.4. (d) Admission of students with foreign qualifications to universities in Sri Lanka

(e) Enlisted Personnel of Armed Forces, Police Service and Special Task Force

Under the special provision available for admission of enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces, and the Police Service and the Special Task Force to universities, certain number of places in the courses of study in Medicine, Dental Surgery and Engineering for the Academic Year 2021/2022 were reserved as mentioned below for enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces, and the Police Service and the Special Task Force serving in operational areas.

1. Up to 0.5% of the places from the proposed intake were reserved in the course of study in Medicine and Engineering for personnel enlisted in the Armed Forces, and the Police Service and the Special Task Force serving in operational areas.
2. Up to 0.5% of the places from the proposed intake were reserved in the course of study in Dental Surgery for the Police Service and the Special Task Force serving in operational areas and, Up to 5 students over and above the proposed intake are reserved in the course of study in Dental Surgery for the personnel enlisted in the Armed Forces according to the Cabinet Paper No. 21/2026/303/156 dated 14.12.2021.

Accordingly, number of students selected under this special provision for the Academic Year 2021/2022 were as follows;

Course Code	Course of Study	No. of Students Selected
1	Medicine	10
2	Dental Surgery	5
8	Engineering	4

Table 5.4. (e) Enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces, Police Service and Special Task Force



(f) Candidates with Exceptional Abilities / Skills in Sports

Provisions were made to admit 05 candidates who have excelled in sports for the courses of study in Sports Science & Management and Physical Education over and above the proposed intakes for the Academic Year 2020/2021.

Accordingly, 05 students were selected under this special provision for the Academic Year 2020/2021.

(g) Admission of Students under Appeals

The Committee appointed by the Commission to investigate and report on appeals and complaints made by candidates regarding university admission for the academic year 2021/2022 considered a total of 1657 appeals made as per the section 4.4 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2021/2022.

Accordingly, 572 students were selected to requested courses of study of universities for the Academic Year 2021/2022 under Appeals Step 1 as per the recommendations of the Committee.

(h) Admission of students under Additional Intake

An adequate number of students may not be selected for some subjects in the course of study in Arts on the basis of the Admissions Policy specified in Section 1.1 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the Academic Year 2021/2022. As a result, some Faculties and Departments could be in a position to admit a larger number than the number selected under the normal admissions criteria. Under such circumstance, the UGC, at the request of the universities concerned, may decide to admit a limited number of additional students for selected subject areas. This is ‘an additional intake’ aimed at making optimal use of the human and physical resources available at Universities, as well as meeting skilled manpower needs of the society.

Accordingly, 1073 students were selected to the course of study in Arts to follow different subjects under this special provision for the Academic Year 2021/2022.

5.5 Developments / Changes in the Admissions Process

Discussions were commenced and are in progress to sign a MoU between the UGC and the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka for development and implementation of the two online systems for capturing data required by the UGC to determine the admission districts of school and private applicants. Further, as per the request by the University Admissions Department, the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka made arrangements to obtain data related to school admission dates of the school applicants in advance at the point of applying online for the G. C. E. (Advanced Level) Examination 2023.



6. ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF ACADEMIC STANDARDS

6.1 Standing Committees

Standing Committees have been established by the UGC in accordance with the provisions made under the Sub Section (2) of Section 4 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 as amended. The responsibility of each Standing Committee is to report and make recommendations to the UGC on matters pertaining to higher education in respective areas. Accordingly, during the year under review 24 Standing Committees in 2023 are functioning in the University Grants Commission for various disciplines. Number of meetings held under each Standing Committee is given below;

No	Name of the Standing Committee	Number of meetings held in 2023
01.	Standing Committee on Career Guidance	02
02.	Standing Committee on Medicine & Dental Sciences	05
03.	Standing Committee on Indigenous Medicine	04
04.	Standing Committee on Sciences	06
05.	Standing Committee on Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine & Animal Sciences	06
06.	Standing Committee on Postgraduate Studies and Research	05
07.	Standing Committee on Engineering and Architecture	05
08.	Standing Committee on Technology Stream	06
09.	Standing Committee on Humanities & Social Sciences	06
10.	Standing Committee on Education	06
11.	Standing Committee on Teaching English as a Second Language	06
12.	Standing Committee on Management Studies	05
13.	Standing Committee on External Degrees	03
14.	Standing Committee on Computing	06
15.	Standing Committee on Legal Studies	04
16.	Standing Committee on Libraries and Information Sciences	05
17.	Standing Committee on Fine Arts	06
18.	Standing Committee on Health Sciences	05
19.	Standing Committee on University Business Linkages	06



No	Name of the Standing Committee	Number of meetings held in 2023
20.	Standing Committee on the Development of Information Technology Infrastructure and Online Education	02
21.	Standing Committee on Sports and Physical Education	03
22.	Standing Committee on Social Reconciliation	06
23.	Standing Committee on Quality Assurance *	08
24.	Standing Committee on Gender Equity & Equality*	04

Table 6.1 No. of Standing Committee Meetings held in 2023

* *Note* :. The Standing Committee on Quality Assurance Council and Standing Committee on Gender Equity and Equality are conducted by the Quality Assurance Council and Center for Gender Equity/Equality respectively.

6.2 Universities / Faculties / Departments / Undergraduate, External & Postgraduate Degree Programmes approved during the year 2023

With the motive of increasing opportunities and access to higher education, during the year 2023, 01 new faculty, 19 new departments of study, 04 new undergraduate degree programmes, 09 new specializations undergraduate degree programme, 19 new postgraduate degree programmes & 02 new external degree programmes were introduced and approved. The details of these are presented in the following tables below;

6.2.1 Faculties approved in the year 2023

No	University / HEI	Name of the Faculty
1.	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	Faculty of Medicine

Table 6.2.1 Faculties approved in the year 2023

6.2.2 Departments approved in the year 2023

No	University / HEI	Name of the Department
1.	University of Kelaniya	Department of Drama, Cinema and Television
2.	Eastern University, Sri Lanka	Department of Information and Communication Technology
3.	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	Department of Dance and Theatre Arts



No	University / HEI	Name of the Department
4.		Department of Anatomy
5.		Department of Physiology
6.		Department of Biochemistry
7.		Department of Pathology
		Department of Microbiology
8.		Department of Parasitology
		Department of Pharmacology
9.	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	Department of Forensic Medicine
		Department of Public Health
		Department of Medicine
		Department of Surgery
		Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology
		Department of Paediatrics
		Department of Psychiatry
		Department of Family Medicine
		Department of Medical Education

Table 6.2.2 Departments approved in the year 2023

Note: The Sri Palee Campus was established in 1996 by a Gazette Notification by assigning two faculties as Faculty of Mass Media and the Faculty of Performing Arts those were not functioning due to the unavailability of Financial Resources, Human Resources, and other Infrastructure facilities; however, only two departments were functioning, since its inception and the Languages Unit and Computer Studies Unit have been functioning as departments since 2015. In 2023, the Faculty of Mass Media approved to start of the functioning of the Faculty of Mass Media at the Sri Palee Campus, which has already been established as per Sri Lanka Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 928/16 dated 20.06.1996 with the following departments under the approval of the Commission at its 1112th meeting;

1. Department of Mass Media
2. Department of Languages
3. Department of Computer Studies
4. Department of Performing Arts



6.2.3 New Undergraduate Degree Programmes approved in the year 2023

No	University / HEI	Name of the Degree Program (New)
1.	The Open University of Sri Lanka	Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
2.	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
3.	University of Colombo	Bachelor of Education Honours in Primary Education
4.		Bachelor of Science Honours in Medical Imaging Technology

Table 6.2.3 New Undergraduate Degree Programmes approved in the year 2023

6.2.4 Undergraduate Specialization Degree Programmes approved in the year 2023

No	University / HEI	Name of the Degree Program (Specialization)
1.	University of Peradeniya	Bachelor of Business Administration Honours in Accounting
2.		Bachelor of Business Administration Honours in Finance
3.	The Open University of Sri Lanka	Bachelor of Management Studies Honours in Human Resource Management
4.		Bachelor of Management Studies Honours in Marketing Management
5.		Bachelor of Management Studies Honours in Accounting and Finance
6.	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	Bachelor of Science Honours in Information Technology
7.		Bachelor of Arts Honours in History
8.	University of Jaffna	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Cultural Tourism
9.	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	Bachelor of Engineering Technology Honours in Information and Automation Technology

Table 6.2.4 Undergraduate Specialization Degree Programmes approved in the year 2023



6.2.5 New Postgraduate Degree Programmes approved in the year 2023

No	University / HEI	Name of the Postgraduate Degree Program
1.	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	Master of Information Technology
2.		Master of Science in Data Science
3.	The Open University of Sri Lanka	Master of Data Science
4.		Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Leadership and Management Programme
5.		Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching English as a Second Language
6.	University of Sri Jayawardenepura	Master of Economics
7.		Master of Criminal Justice and Corrections
8.		Master of Science in Immunology
9.		Master of Science in Sports and Exercise Science
10.		Postgraduate Diploma in Sports and Exercise Science
11.	University of Colombo	Postgraduate Diploma in Ayurveda Pediatrics in Women's Health Development
12.		Postgraduate Diploma in Panchakarma
13.		Postgraduate Diploma in Ayurveda Pharmacology in Nutraceuticals Product Development
14.		Postgraduate Diploma in Ayurveda Pediatrics in Child Nutrition
15.	University of Ruhuna	Master of Science in Building Resilience in Tropical Agro-Ecosystems
16.	University of Kelaniya	Master of Medical Statistics
17.	Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya	Master of Science in Agroecology
18.	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	Master of Science in Agroecology



No	University / HEI	Name of the Postgraduate Degree Program
19.	National Institute of Library and Information Sciences (NILIS)/ University of Colombo	Master of Library and Information Science

Table 6.2.5 Postgraduate Degree Programmes approved in the year 2023

6.2.6 External Degree Programmes approved in the year 2023

No	University / HEI	Name of the External Degree Program
1.	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	Bachelor of Science
2.	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	Bachelor of Science in Business Studies

Table 6.2.6 External Degree Programmes approved in the year 2023

6.3 Name Changes of Faculties, Departments & Undergraduate Degree Programmes approved during the year 2023

During the year 2023, 03 name changes of Departments of Study, 10 name changes in Undergraduate Degree Programmes, 01 name change in Postgraduate Degree Programme and 04 revised curriculum/ restructuring of Undergraduate Degree Programmes were proposed and approved as per the details shown in the following tables respectively;

6.3.1 Name Changes of the Departments approved in the year 2023

No	University / HEI	Existing Name	Approved Name
1.	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	Department of Applied Nutrition	Department of Nutrition and Dietetics
2.	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	Department of Language Studies and Performing Arts	Department of Classical and Foreign Languages
3.	University of Moratuwa	Department of Community Medicine and Family Medicine	Department of Public Health and Family Medicine

Table: 6.3.1 Name Changes of the Departments approved in the year 2023



6.3.2 Name changes in Undergraduate Degree Programs approved in the year 2023

No	University / HEI	Existing Name	Approved Name
1.	The Open University of Sri Lanka	Bachelor of Technology Honors in Engineering	Bachelor of Science Honours in Engineering
2.	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	Bachelor of Science Honours in Estate Management and Valuation	Bachelor of Science Honours in Real Estate Management and Valuation
3.		Bachelor of Science in Management (Special Degree)	Bachelor of Science Honours in Management
4.		Bachelor of Science (Marketing Management) (Special Degree)	Bachelor of Science Honours in Marketing Management
5.	Trincomalee Campus	Bachelor of Science (Human Resource Management) (Special Degree)	Bachelor of Science Honours in Human Resource Management
6.		Bachelor of Science (Information Management) (Special Degree)	Bachelor of Science Honours in Information Systems
7.		Bachelor of Science (Accountancy and Financial Management) (Special Degree)	Bachelor of Science Honours in Accountancy and Finance
8.		Bachelor of Science in Management (General Degree) (Special Degree)	Bachelor of Science in Management
9.	University of Colombo	Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Statistics with Computer Science	Bachelor of Science Honours in Data Science
10.	Eastern University, Sri Lanka	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Bachelor of Science Honours in Nursing

Table 6.3.2 Name changes in Undergraduate Degree Programs approved in the year 2023



6.3.3 Name changes in Postgraduate Degree Programs approved in the year 2023

No	University / HEI	Existing Name	Approved Name
1.	University of Kelaniya	Master of Accounting	Master of Business Management in Accounting

Table 6.3.3 Name changes in Postgraduate Degree Programs approved in the year 2023

Note:

- Transfer of Master of Oral Medicine and Oral Radiology (01 Year Program) and Master of Science in Oral Medicine and Oral Radiology (02 Year Program) of Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya (PDN) to the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences (PGIMS), PDN under the approval of 1115th Meeting of the Commission.
- Transfer of Master of Science Degree programme in Exercise and Sport Sciences (MSc ESS) and Master of Public Health (MPH) Program from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya (PDN) to the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences (PGIMS), University of Peradeniya (PDN) under the approval of 1093rd Meeting of the Commission.

6.3.4 Revised Curriculum/ restructuring of Undergraduate Degree Programs approved in the year 2023

No	University / HEI	Approved Name of the Degree Program
1.	The Open University of Sri Lanka	Bachelor of Management Studies Honours
2.	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	Bachelor of Science Honours in Plantation Management and Technology <i>(Restructuring of two existing curricula and Termination of Bachelor of Science Honours in 'Tea Technology and Value Addition' AND Bachelor of Science Honours in 'Palm and Latex Technology and Value Addition')</i>



No	University / HEI	Approved Name of the Degree Program
3.	University of Colombo Institute for Agro-technology and Rural Sciences, University of Colombo	Bachelor of Agro-Technology Honours
4.	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

Table 6.3.4 Revised Curriculum/ restructuring of Undergraduate Degree Programs approved in the year 2023

6.4 Recognition of Local & Foreign Universities

The Academic Affairs Department of the UGC handled many requests for recognition of local & foreign universities by Sri Lankan students from where they have obtained academic distinctions during the year under review. The request made by the letter sent by Secretary-General, International Association of Universities dated 22nd June 2023, states that International Association of Universities informed to UGC that they stopped publishing the International Handbook of Universities from 2019 and pivoted their “data provision completing online. Accordingly, they have informed to remove any mention of the “International Handbook of Universities” from the website and instead refer to the “World Higher Education Database” as the current online repository.

Accordingly, in terms of the decision taken by the Commission at its 1106th meeting held on 27th July 2023 the University Grants Commission The Academic Affairs Department continuously facilitated to issue the letter of recognition for the Universities that are listed in the following International Publication/Database which are authentic sources of information on Universities and Higher Educational Institutions in different Countries of the World.

- Commonwealth Universities Yearbook
- World Higher Education Database

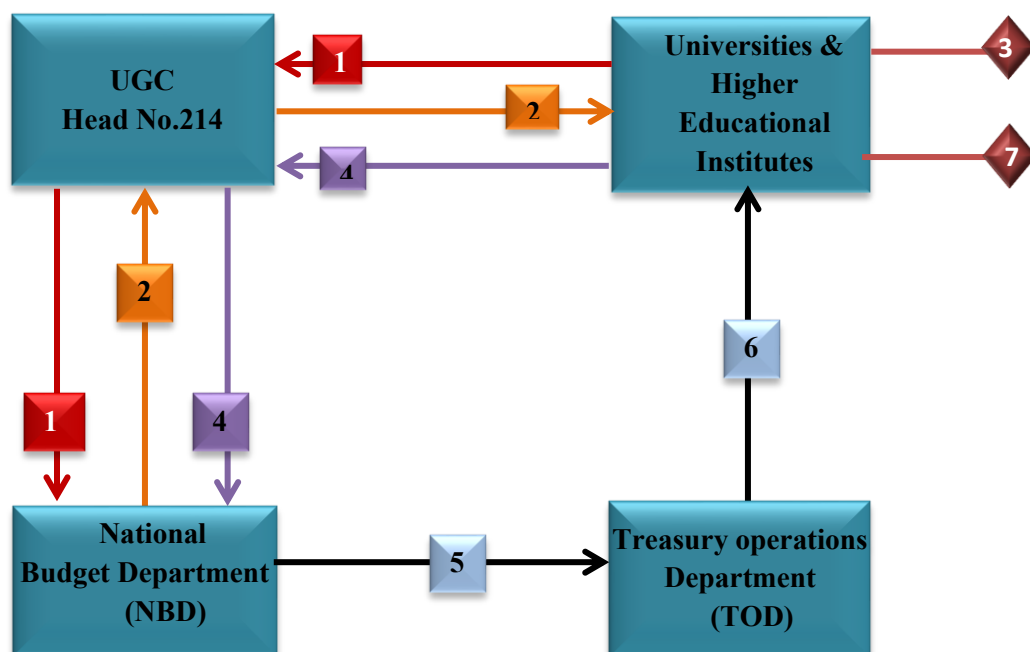


7. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

In terms of the Section 15 of Universities Act No 16 of 1978, University Grants Commission shall have the power to prepare triennial budgets of Higher Educational Institutions with the concurrence of the Higher Educational Institutions. The triennial budgets submitted by the Higher Educational Institutions are submitted to the National Budget Department with recommendation of the UGC.

In terms of the Section 100 of the Universities Act No 16 of 1978, the Deputy Secretary to the Treasury allocates recurrent and capital grants for the Higher Educational Institutions as approved by the Parliament under the Head No 214 University Grants Commission.

7.1 Summary Procedure on Financial Management of the University System



- i. In terms of section 15 (ii) of the Universities Act no 16 of 1978, universities/HEI's submit their budget estimates to the UGC. UGC prepare annual budget estimates for all universities under Head No 214 and submitted to the NBD for their approval as per the "Budget Call" issued by the NBD.
- ii. NBD recommend the annual capital and recurrent block grant for the Universities/HEI's and included in the Appropriation Bill. The NBD release the approved allocation with circular instruction on Authorization for Incurring Expenditure and Management of Public Expenditure for the Year. Accordingly, Universities/HEIs prepare their Annual Budget and Action Plan.



- iii. Based on the Block Grant allocated to the universities, governing authority of the university/HEI's decides the expenditure budget to finance their requirements as per the section 100 (2) of the Universities Act no 16 of 1978.
- In terms of the Finance Circular No. 02/2019, Development projects of the Universities/HEIs must be submitted to the National Planning Department (NPD) with the recommendation of the UGC for the approval subject to Total Estimated Cost (TEC) of the Project.
 - In terms of the Section 8 of the Finance Act No 38 of 1971, concurrence of the Minister of Finance as recommended by the Minister of Education is required to obtain for the implementation of the Capital projects more than Rs.500,000/-. NBD recommends the funds as per the Action Plans submitted by the universities/HEIs.
 - As per the Financial Regulations, Financial limits are decided by the Governing Authorities of the Universities/HEI's
 - Expenses are incurred by the Universities/HEI's subject to the financial limits delegated as per FR 135. Authorization –FR 136; Approval –FR 137; Certification –FR 138; Signatory powers –FR 139-141
 - In addition, treasury circular issued on expenditure management and National Procurement guidelines must be followed by the Universities/HEIs
- iv. Universities/ HEI's prepare their monthly cash forecast (expenditure information) and submitted to the NBD with the recommendation of the UGC as per guidelines given by the UGC from time to time.
- v. NBD issue release orders with their recommendations based on the cash forecast submitted by the universities.
- vi. TOD release funds/cash directly to the university/HEI's to manage their expenditure as recommended by the NBD.
- Universities/ HEI's records the funds released by the TOD as government grant. TOD records the funds released as expenditure to the treasury.
- vii. Universities keep financial records on accrual basis and prepare Financial Information as per the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
- Annual Financial Information is submitted to the Auditor General within 60days after the close of financial year.



- Annual report with the Audited Financial Information is submitted to the Parliament within 150 days after the close of financial year.
- Appropriation Accounts for the Head No 214 University Grants Commission is submitted to Auditor General after the close of financial year.

7.2 Allocation /Utilization of Funds in the University System

Grant	Year 2022			Year 2023		
	Total allocation	Total funds released	Release/ utilization ratio as a % of total allocation	Total allocation	Total funds released	Release/ utilization ratio as a % of total allocation
	Rs. Mn	Rs. Mn		Rs. Mn	Rs. Mn	
Recurrent	56,864	54,975	97%	59,871	58,289	97%
Capital	4,700	3,042	65%	6,700	6,515	97%
Total	61,564	58,017	94%	66,571	64,804	97%

Table 7.2 Allocation /Utilization of Funds in the University System

7.2.1 Recurrent Block Grant (RBG)

Recurrent Expenditure Category	Rs. Mn	
	Allocation 2023	Funds Released 2023
Personnel Emoluments	50,386	48,934
Other Recurrent	7,270	7,140
Mahapola & Bursary	2,215	2,215
Total	59,871	58,289

Table 7.2.1 Recurrent Block Grant (RBG)

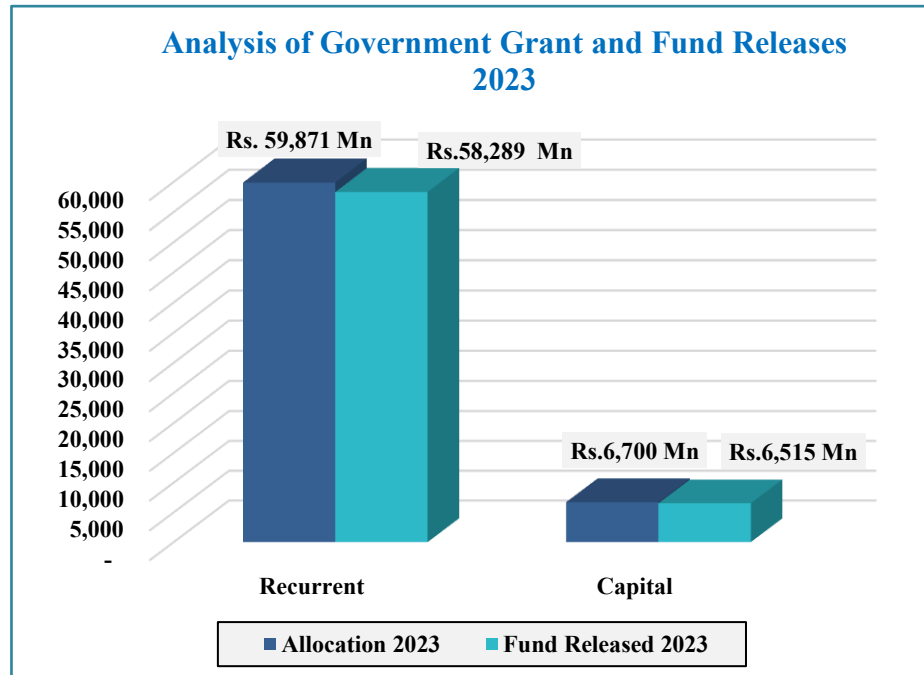
7.2.2 Capital Block Grants (CBG)

Capital Expenditure Category	Rs. Mn	
	Allocation 2023	Funds released 2023
Construction projects	3,762	
Rehabilitation and Improvement of Fixed Asset	793	5,689



Acquisition Fixed Asset	971	
Human Capital Development Projects	173	
Research & Development	176	
Budget Proposals	825	825
Total	6,700	6,515

Table 7.2.2 Capital Block Grants (CBG)

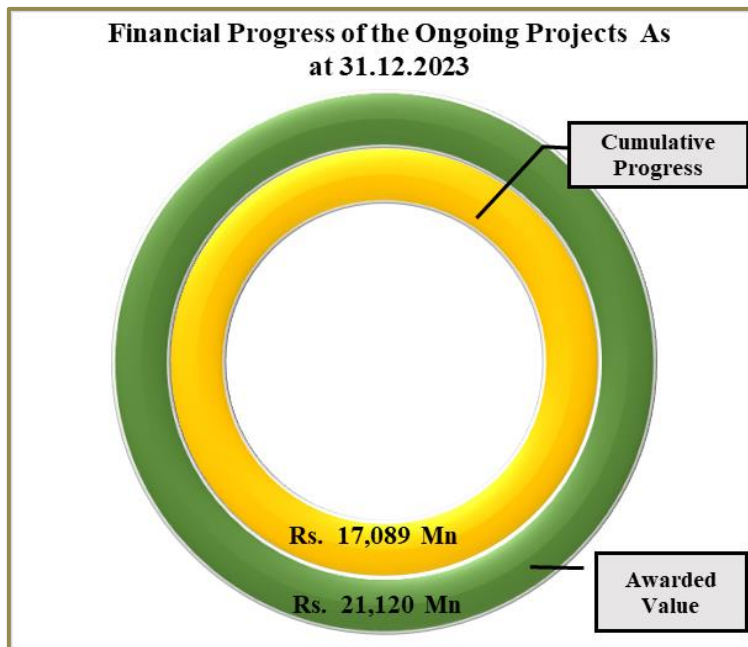
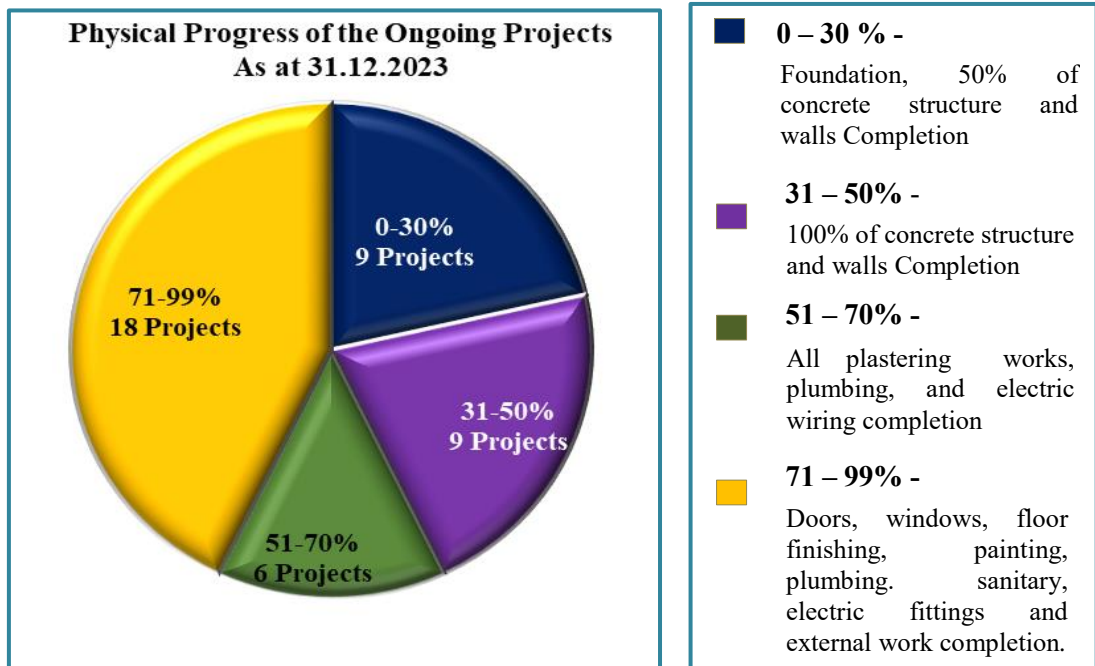


7.2.3 Budget Proposals – 2023

Capital Expenditure Category	Rs. Mn	
	Allocation 2023	Funds Released 2023
Establishment of Technology Faculties in Universities	725	725
Establishment of Colombo North center for Liver Diseases, University of Kelaniya	100	100
Total	825	825

Table 7.2.3 Budget Proposals – 2023

7.3 Infrastructure Development Projects – 2023



7.4 Allocation / Utilization of Funds in the University System – 2019 to 2023

Rs. Mn

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1. Government Allocation					
Recurrent	46,076	49,497	53,995	56,864	59,871
Capital	13,980	9,545	8,400	4,700	6,700
2. Expenditure					
Recurrent	45,544	49,457	52,490	54,975	58,289
Capital	10,820	9,545	6,549	3,042	6,515
3. Student Financial Assistance					
Mahapola	1,257	1,420	1,138	930	1192
Bursary	707	705	862	895	1023

Note : Funds released by the Treasury Operations Department has been recorded as the expenditure of Recurrent, Capital and Student Financial Assistance

Table 7.4 Allocation / Utilization of Funds in the University System – 2019 to 2023

7.5 Annual Allocation of Funds for the Payment of Mahapola & Bursary 2023

Rs.Mn

No	University/HEI's	Mahapola	Bursary	Total
1	University of Peradeniya	139	28	167
2	University of Colombo	164	17	181
3	University of Sri Jayewardenapura	208	48	256
4	University of Kelaniya	150	49	199
5	University of Moratuwa	81	13	94
6	University of Ruhuna	89	113	202
7	University of Jaffna	80	109	189
8	Eastern University of Sri Lanka	24	114	138
9	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	35	57	92
10	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	51	106	157
11	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	36	83	119
12	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	52	37	89
13	University of Visual & Performing Arts	14	43	57
14	Uva Wellassa University	20	32	52
15	University of Colombo School of Computing	7	1	8
16	Gampaha Wickramaarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine	8	6	14
17	University of Vavuniya	8	42	50



18	Trincomalee Campus, EUSL	8	42	50
19	Sripalee Campus	4	13	17
20	Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies	3	27	30
21	Institute of Indigenous Medicine	2	5	7
22	Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa	9	38	47
Total		1192	1023	2215

Table 7.5 Annual Allocation of Funds for the Payment of Mahapola & Bursary

7.6 Number of recipients of Mahapola & Bursary as at 31.12.2023

No	University/HEI's	Mahapola	Bursary	Total
1	University of Peradeniya	7579	955	8534
2	University of Colombo	7061	337	7398
3	University of Sri Jayewardenapura	9420	1379	10799
4	University of Kelaniya	7248	2048	9296
5	University of Moratuwa	4189	476	4665
6	University of Ruhuna	5164	3503	8667
7	University of Jaffna	5235	3313	8548
8	Eastern University of Sri Lanka	1989	3374	5363
9	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	1892	2849	4741
10	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	3471	3217	6688
11	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	2344	2721	5065
12	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	2724	1151	3875
13	University of Visual & Performing Arts	982	1225	2207
14	Uva Wellassa University	1156	1262	2418
15	University of Colombo School of Computing	393	63	456
16	Gampaha Wickramaarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine	330	270	600
17	University of Vavuniya	458	1061	1519
18	Trincomalee Campus	175	1046	1221
19	Sripalee Campus	191	356	547
20	Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies	242	756	998
21	Institute of Indigenous Medicine	522	312	834
22	Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa	261	618	879
Total		63026	32292	95318

Table 7.6 Number of recipients of Mahapola & Bursary as at 31.12.2023



Note I: Selection of Mahapola Scholarship recipients relevant to the 2021/2022 academic year has not been finalized yet. Total Scholarship is 16,000.

Note II: 2021/2022 academic year students have been selected for the bursary scholarships from CMB, SJP, KLN, MRT, RUH, UOJ, EUSL, SEUSL, SUSL, WUSL, UOV, UCSC, GWUIM, ITUM, Trincomalee Campus, Sripalee Campus and the selections are still ongoing for the other universities.

7.7 Mahapola & Bursary Summary

The Mahapola Scholarship is paid directly to student by the Mahapola Trust Fund as requested by the universities. At present Rs.2550/- paid Mahapola Scholarship Installment is transferred by the Mahapola Trust Fund where balance Rs.2450/- is contributed by the General Treasury.

Description	Mahapola	Bursary
Scholarship Instalment (Rs.)	5,000/-	4,000/-
Mahapola Trust Fund's Contribution (Rs.)	2,550/-	-
Treasury – Contribution (Rs.)	2,450/-	4,000/-
Number of Instalments per year	10	10
Number of Students receiving Mahapola* and Bursary	63,026	32,292

* *Mahapola Scholarship recipients relevant to the academic year 2021/2022 is 16,000.*

Table 7.7 Mahapola & Bursary Summary



8. THE CADRE OF THE UGC SECRETARIAT

The cadre approved for the UGC Secretariat as at end of 2023 was 325 under five different employee categories, whereas the actual number in service as of 31st December 2023 was 227, representing 98 unfilled vacancies.

Staff Category		Salary Scale	Approved Cadre	Existing Staff	Vacancy
Primary Level	Un Skilled	U-PL 1	45	36	09
	Semi-Skilled	U-PL 2	2	1	1
	Skilled	U-PL 3	18	12	6
Secondary Level	Management Assistant	U-MN 1	148	100	48
	Management Assistant (IT)	U-MT 1	4	2	2
	Associate Officer Seg.2	U-MN 2	8	4	4
	Associate Officer Seg.1	U-MN 3	2	1	1
	Senior Staff Management Assistant	U-MN 4	25	22	3
Tertiary Level	Academic Support Staff Seg. 2	U-AS 1	3	1	2
	Academic Support Staff Seg. 1	U-AS 2	6	5	1
	Junior Executive	U-EX 1	18	13	5
Senior Level	Middle Level Executive	U-EX 2	29	22	7
	Senior Level Executive	U-EX 3	8	3	5
	Senior Level Academic	U-AC 3 to U-AC 5	9	5	4
				325	227

Table 8 Cadre Details of UGC as at 31st December 2023

8.1. New Appointments, Promotions, Confirmations of the UGC Employees

During the year 2023, Two (02) new appointments of Executive Grade Employees and Sixteen (16) new appointments of Primary Level Employees had been made to the UGC Secretariat. Further, Twelve (12) employees of UGC Secretariat have been confirmed in service.

Eighteen (18) employees were promoted and seven (07) placements were made after evaluation for Efficiency Bar (EB) requirements.

8.2. Internal Transfers, Service Awards and Special Purpose Leave of the UGC Employees

The year 2023 recorded two (02) internal transfers of Executive Staff and Five (05) Primary Level Employees within UGC Secretariat. Four (04) employees became eligible to receive long service awards under the provisions of Commission Circular Nos. 678, 696 and 893 and they were granted cash awards for the long and meritorious service rendered by them to the University System.





8.3. Employee Departures from the UGC Secretariat

In 2023, one (01) transfer was made from the UGC to other Universities/HEIs and one (01) transfer was made from the other Universities/HEIs to UGC. Further, one employee of the UGC was permanently released to other Universities/ HEIs and one (01) employee was released on temporary basis from the UGC to other Universities/ HEIs.

Seven (07) leave preparatory to retirement, nine (09) retirements, eleven (11) resignations and three (03) vacation of post were recorded during the year under review.

The following leaves were recorded during the year.

Name of the Leave	No. of Leave
No pay Leave	10
Maternity Leave	11
Paternal Leave	04
Lapsed Leave	11
Leave on Medical Board	03
Study Leave	00
Sabbatical Leave	03
Placements granted to serve in the UGC on Sabbatical Leave	03
Leave to Travel Abroad	04
No pay Leave to work abroad under Com. Cir. No. 406 dated 29.09.1989	01
No pay Leave to be spent out of the Island as per PED 05/2022, PED 05/2022(i), PED 05/2022(ii)	05
Paid leave to sit Examinations	05

Table 8.3 No. of leaves were recorded during the year

8.4. Health Insurance Scheme

In collaboration with the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation, a Health Insurance Coverage has been provided for all permanent employees of the UGC Secretariat in 2023.



9. PROGRESS OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Keeping in line with its responsibility of providing Human Resources support for the university system, the Human Resources Department made steady progress in 2023. The key activities that were conducted under the assigned functions of the department are summarized below.

1) Appointments/ Promotions Made to the Posts in the Other Staff Grades During the Year – 2023

According to Section 71 (2) (ii) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978, University Grants Commission has granted approval for the following other Staff Grade Appointment in the year – 2023.

a. Appointments

No	Post	University	No. of Appointments
01	Project Manager Construction works *	– University of Ruhuna	01

Table 9.1(a) Appointments

* The letter of appointment is to be issued to the respective candidate subject to the prevailing restrictions on recruitments imposed by the Government on Public Sector Recruitments.

b. Promotions

According to Section 71 (2) (ii) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978, the following other Staff Grade Promotions were made in the year - 2023.

No	Post	University/ HEI	No. of promotions
01	Curator (Landscape) Grade I	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	01
02	Curator (Museum) Grade II	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	01
03	Chief Technical Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Sri Jayewardenepura • University of Peradeniya 	01 03
04	Senior Staff Technical Officer	• Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa	01
		• University of Moratuwa	01
		• University of Sri Jayewardenepura	01
		• Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine	01



No	Post	University/ HEI	No. of promotions
05	Director/ Physical Education – Higher Grade	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	01
06	Works Engineer (Civil) Grade I	University of Kelaniya	01
07	Works Engineer (Civil) Grade II	The Open University of Sri Lanka	01
08	Electronics Engineer Grade II	Postgraduate Institute of Science	01
09	Senior Medical Officer	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	01
Total			15

Table 9.1(b) Promotions

i. Promotion of Management Assistant, Management Assistant (Book Keeping), Management Assistant (Shroff) and Management Assistant (Store Keeping) from Grade III to Grade II

In terms of the Schemes of Recruitment and Commission Circular Nos. 06/2018 dated 16.07.2018 and 12/2018 dated 17.10.2018, the above activities was completed as follows.

Applications called through online application system - 22.03.2023

(2) Union Meetings

Seven (07) Academic staff Union meetings, seven (07) Administrative staff Union meetings and eight (08) Non Academic staff Union meetings were held during the year 2023.

(3) Inter University Transfers - 2023

In terms of Section 78 of the Universities Act, total numbers of transfers implemented by the UGC in 2023 are as follows;

- Administrative Staff - **14**
- Non- Academic Non Administrative Staff - **82**

(4) Review of Cadre

- i. The Department of Management Services has approved following new cadre positions for Higher Educational Institutions/Institutes in the year 2023.



(a) New cadre for the year 2023 – Category Wise

Employee Category	No. of posts approved
Academic Staff	42
Dean	02
Temporary Academic Staff	04
Administrative & Other Staff	02
Management Assistant/Technical	09
Primary (Skilled / Semi Skilled / Unskilled)	23
Total	82

Table 9.4.i.(a) New cadre for the year 2023 – Category Wise**(b) Distribution of the Cadre approvals in HEIs**

HEI	No. of posts approved
University of Colombo	12
University of Sri Jayewardenepura	04
University of Moratuwa	17
University of Jaffna	12
Open University of Sri Lanka	01
Uva-Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	18
Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine	18
Total New Cadre approvals	82

Table 9. 4.i.(b) Distribution of the Cadre approvals in HEIs

- ii. The Department of Management Services has approved following filling of vacancies for Higher Educational Institutions/Institutes for the year 2023.

(a) Category Wise

Employee Category	No. of posts approved for filling of vacancies
Academic Staff	360
Administrative & Other Staff	02
Medical Staff	01
Management Assistant/Technical	08
Primary (Skilled/Semi Skilled/Unskilled)	19
Total	390

Table 9.4.ii.(a) No. of posts approved for filling of vacancies – Category Wise

(b) Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) wise

HEI	No. of posts approved for filling of vacancies
University of Peradeniya	114
University of Kelaniya	01
University of Moratuwa	66
University of Jaffna	54
Eastern University, Sri Lanka	06
Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	36
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	01
South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	14
Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	74
University of Vavuniya , Sri Lanka	03
Trincomalee Campus	02
Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa	14
Institute of Biochemistry Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	03
Institute of Human Resource Advancement	02
Total	390

Table 9.4.ii.(b) Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) wise**(c) Approval to fill academic vacancies**

Cabinet approval was received to recruit academic staff for the vacancies created due to retirement, resignation and vacation of post during the years 2022 and 2023.

(d) Recruitment through Multi-Purpose Development Assistants

Approval has been received to fill one thousand three hundred and sixty-five (1365) vacancies in U-PL grade posts in university system through the Multi-Purpose Development Assistants within the approved budgetary allocation for the year 2023.

(5) Management Committee

Twenty two (22) meetings of the Management Committee were held during the year 2023.

(6) Forwarding Motor Vehicle Permits on Concessionary Terms

Forwarding Applications to the Ministry of Education during the period from 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023



No	University / Institute	No of Applications Forwarded
1	University of Colombo & Affiliated Institutes	83
2	University of Peradeniya	60
3	University of Kelaniya & Affiliated Institutes	74
4	University of Sri Jayewardenapura	80
5	University of Moratuwa & Affiliated Institutes	40
6	University of Jaffna & Affiliated Institutes	33
7	University of Ruhuna	48
8	Open University of Sri Lanka	41
9	Eastern University, Sri Lanka & Affiliated Institutes	24
10	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	36
11	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	42
12	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	28
13	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	25
14	University of Visual & Performing Arts	20
15	Uva Wellassa University	15
16	Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine	09
17	University of Vavuniya	08
18	University Grants Commission	09
Total		675

Table 9.6 Forwarding Motor Vehicle Permits on Concessionary Terms

(7) UGC Nominees for the Selection Committees of Academic Posts

UGC Nominees were appointed to the following academic staff Selection Committees during the year 2023.

a. Advertised Post of Professor (Chair)

No	University	Number of Selection Committees
1.	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	1
2.	University of Peradeniya	7
3.	University of Kelaniya	2
4.	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	2
5.	University of Jaffna	1
6.	University of Ruhuna	5
Total		18

Table 9.7(a) Advertised Post of Professor (Chair)



b. Merit Promotion to the Post of Associate Professor/Professor

No	University /Institute/Campus	Number of Selection Committees
1.	University of Colombo	25
2.	University of Peradeniya	17
3.	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	26
4.	University of Kelaniya	17
5.	University of Moratuwa	14
6.	University of Jaffna	10
7.	Open University of Sri Lanka	5
8.	University of Ruhuna	11
9.	Eastern University, Sri Lanka	8
10.	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	3
11.	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	10
12.	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	1
13.	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	6
14.	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	5
15.	University of Visual & Performing Arts	5
16.	University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka	2
17.	Trincomalee Campus	1
18.	University of Colombo, School of Computing	1
19.	University of Colombo Institute of Agro-Technology & Rural Sciences	1
20.	Postgraduate Institute of Medicine	1
Total		169

Table 9.7(b) Merit Promotion to the Post of Associate Professor/Professor**c. Merit Promotion to the Post of Deputy Librarian**

No	University/Campus	Number of Selection Committees
1.	University of Jaffna	2
2.	Open University of Sri Lanka	1
3.	University of Peradeniya	2
4.	Eastern University, Sri Lanka	1
Total		6

Table 9.7 (c) Merit Promotion to the Post of Deputy Librarian

d. Recruitment/Promotion to the post of Lecturer (Probationary)/Lecturer (unconfirmed) Senior Lecturer Gr.II/I

No	Institutes	Number of Selection Committees
1.	Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies	3
2.	Institute of Indigenous Medicine	1
3.	Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa	10
4.	Institute of Human Resource Advancement	2
5.	University of Colombo, School of Computing	2
6.	University of Colombo Institute of Agro-Technology & Rural Sciences	2
7.	Postgraduate Institute of English	1
8.	Institute of Biochemistry Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	1
9.	Postgraduate Institute of Management	1
10.	Postgraduate Institute of Medicine	1
11.	National Institute of Library & Information Science	1
Total		25

Table 9.7(d) Recruitment/Promotion to the post of Lecturer (Probationary) / Lecturer (unconfirmed) Senior Lecturer Gr.II/I

(8) Seeking UGC Approval for the Appointments to the Academic Staff Posts in the year 2023

(a) Post of Lecturer (Probationary)

No	University/Institute	Number of approved Appointments	Number of non-approved Appointments
1.	University of Visual and Performing Arts	03	-
2.	Open University of Sri Lanka	01	-
3.	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	-	01
Total		04	01

Table 9.8(a) Post of Lecturer (Probationary)

(b) Post of Lecturer (Unconfirmed)

No	University	Number of non-Approved appointments
1.	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	01
Total		01

Table 9.8(b) Post of Lecturer (Unconfirmed)



(c) Post of Senior Lecturer Grade II/I

No	University	Number of approved Appointments
1.	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	01
Total		01

Table 9.8(c) Post of Senior Lecturer Grade II/I**(d) Post of Temporary Lecturer**

No	University	Number of non-approved Appointments
1.	Eastern University, Sri Lanka	02
Total		02

Table 9.8(d) Post of Temporary Lecturer

10. ROLE AND AFFAIRS OF QUALITY ASSURANCE COUNCIL (QAC)

The year 2023 proved to be a complex year for the QAC. There were many tasks accumulated from 2022 and 2021 along with goals to be achieved before the end of the year.

The staff of the QAC includes a Director (on contract) (until 12.03.2023), an Assistant Secretary (until 14.02.2023), two Management Assistants (MA), one Works Aide and two Technical Assistants (TA, on contract). A Deputy Secretary was appointed to the QAC with Effect from 15.02.2023 after transferring the Assistant Secretary. One Technical Assistant left service in February 2023 and was not able to be replaced until the first week of December 2023, leaving one TA to handle the initial screening of new applications along with other tasks of the QAC. Two new technical assistants (on contract) started work from 2 and are being trained in proposal evaluation.

A consultant was appointed with effect from 03.04.2023 due to the long-term illness of the Director. A new consultant was appointed to cover the duties of Director QAC, with effect from 31.07.2023.

The Chairman and members of the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance guided the QAC in implementing the Action Plan – 2023 of the QAC as well as on other related matters.

Goal No 3 of the Strategic Plan of the UGC: Promote academic excellence of state HEIs through programmes, research and innovations that enable students to become life-long learners in a global environment.

Objective No. 08 - Continuous supervision, monitoring and development, that HEIs under the UGC and the academic programmes offered by them meet globally and locally accepted standards

10.1. Support Internal Quality Assurance Activities in the Universities

Quarterly progress reports were received from all internal quality assurance units at the 17 state universities. By the third quarter of 2023, CQAs had achieved at least 85% of the points on the Performance Score Card. This is an AHEAD Operation target, had been met by the end of 2023.

10.2. Update existing Subject Benchmark Statements and develop new Statements where relevant

2 panels were appointed to develop the first draft of a new SBS and 5 panels submitted revised SBSs. The current SBS guidelines revision was discussed at length in an appointed subcommittee of QA experts and chaired by Commission member Prof. Premakumara De Silva. The final recommendations are being prepared.



10.3 Conduct of Institutional Reviews (IRs)

The planned schedule for the second cycle of IRs included the reviews of the University of Peradeniya, the University of Colombo, and the Eastern University of Sri Lanka in 2021. However, due to unavoidable delays in the process and the need for the revised manual IR, these were postponed to 2023. All three reviews were completed and the final reports were uploaded to the QAC website by end September 2023. This is 100% achievement of the target of the AHEAD Operation for QA. The revised IR manual was published in 2023.



10.4 Conduct of Program Reviews (PRs)

1. Programme Reviews of internally offered degree programmes

As part of the 2020 Programme Reviews, 59 reviews of the Faculties of Sciences, Engineering, Architecture, and Geomatics were to be completed. Due to COVID 19, the 2020 reviews were postponed to 2021 with Commission approval. Again, due some issues with the SERs submitted, the compositions of the reviews were changed, and the number of reviews was increased to 74.

The reviews were to be conducted in two phases: 37 for Phase 1 and 37 for Phase 2 using an online review platform and a site visit. See Table 1 below for status of Phase 1 and 2 reviews by the end of 2023.

No	Phase 1	
1	Site visits conducted	37
2	Site visits pending (as of 31 st December 2023)	0
3	Final review reports received (up to 31 st December 2023)	34
4	Number of Final reports sent for editing	15
5	Edited reports received	8
6	PR reports published	0
No	Phase 2	
1	Site visits conducted	21
2	Site visits pending (as of 31 st December 2023)	17
3	Final review reports received (up to 31 st December 2023)	21
4	Number of Final reports sent for editing	0

5	Edited reports received	0
6	PR reports published	0

Table 10.4.1 Programme Reviews of internally offered degree programmes

As a separate manual is used for open and distance learning mode programmes of OUSL, a separate online review system was used.

In monitoring the action plans for the completed reviews, the same monitoring process developed for IR is used.

Proposed internally offered UG reviews 2024- A call for nominations for UG degrees that have never been reviewed but has completed at least one cycle or produced one set of graduates was sent out to universities in October 2023 by Chairman, UGC.

A call for new reviewers for UG reviews commencing from 2024 was sent to all universities by Chairman UGC in October 2023. This is necessitated by the fact that the pool of reviewers has to be increased to meet the higher diversity of programmes as well as to replace those who have left the trained pool.

2. Conduct of External Degree Programme (EDP) Reviews

Phase 2 review cycle included 20 EDPs. Of these 17 were completed while 3 are pending due to the resignations of reviewers from two panels with one review pending due to overseas leave of one reviewer. The manual for the external PRs which is different from that for the internal PRs was applied in these reviews.

The next phase of EDP reviews is scheduled for 2024. The QAC notes that an improvement of the quality of EDPs is needed as well as attention to the criteria for new EDPs in the science and technology subject areas.

External		
1	Site visits conducted	19
2	Site visits pending (as of 31 st December 2023)	1
3	Final review reports received (up to 31 st December 2023)	17
4	Number of Final reports sent for editing	0
5	Edited reports received	0
6	PR reports published	0

Table 10.4.2 Conduct of External Degree Programme (EDP) Reviews



3. Review of Postgraduate Programmes

These were postponed to after mid-2024. The number of PG programmes by end of 2022 is PG Degrees – 944, PG Diplomas – 207 (Source: MIS UGC). This demonstrates the fact that several review cycles as well as recruitment of a very high number of reviewers as well as training of them will be required for EDPs. The QAC continues to receive a large number of new applications for new PGs as well.

10.5 Support Universities in Mapping Their Qualifications to the SLQF 2015

In order to map the qualifications awarded by Universities, the QAC, with the approval of the Commission, SLQF Certification Panel was established. This task with financial support from the AHEAD project. The final SLQF Certification Manual was submitted to QAC in early December 2023 and will be published and disseminated in early 2024.

The SLQF 2015 document was submitted for approval by the Cabinet of Ministers on 30th May 2023 and it has been referred the document to the Cabinet subcommittee on developing a national education policy framework.

10.6 Establish National Recognition and Information Centre for Qualification under the UGC

In view of impending reforms in the higher education sector, this activity was not pursued

10.7 AHEAD Operation Activities

The AHEAD Operation that supported many activities of the QAC terminated on 31st December 2023. Consultant QAC and Deputy Secretary QAC made a presentation to the visiting mission team of the World Bank on 11th December 2023 on the progress to date of AHEAD funded activities.

The Consultant QAC and Deputy Director QAC attended an online meeting on Regional Cooperation in Quality Assurance in Higher Education, of South Asian countries organized by the World Bank AHEAD Operation, on 13th December. It was moderated by a senior Education Specialist from the World Bank Washington office and attended by QA experts and senior university governance officials from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives and Pakistan. The QAC had achieved all targets except the completion of PG degree reviews

10.8 Other

- There was a large backlog of proposals awaiting evaluation and by end December 2023 it was cleared by nearly 50%.As new technical assistants were available from December the process is more rapid than previously



- Providing clarification regarding qualifications recognized by the UGC, other queries from overseas institutions, the Sri Lankan public, and information requested by individuals under the Right to Information Act as well as providing guidance on new proposals, common mistakes made by applicants in completion of new proposals. QAC notes that many applicants are ignorant of the process as well as the detailed requirements in applications.
- Consultant QAC was invited as a panel member of the conference “Towards a Robust and Inclusive Quality Assurance and Accreditation Mechanism” at the National Higher Education Conference 2023, themed Transnational Education Contribution to Higher Education, organized by the Sri Lanka Association of Non-State Higher Education Institutes in November.
- Consultant QAC made a presentation in December 2023 on the Quality Assurance framework and process of the UGC at the event on Climate Change Education programme to be introduced in the Universities of Sabaragamuwa and Uva Wellassa funded by the Erasmus + programme of the European Union.

10.9 Website of QAC

Online Proposal Submission Portal- The draft online submission portal for new UG applications was launched in November 2023 and comments for improvements were requested from directors of CQA and deans of faculties who were initially provided access to upload trial documents. Two sets of comments were received and further comments are being awaited. The finalization of the online proposal portal is in progress.

Two documents were uploaded to the website. Namely: Standard Abbreviations for Nomenclature of Academic Qualifications and the Manual for Institutional Review of Sri Lankan Universities and Higher Education Institutions (January 2023).

The QAC website was noted to be in need of update.

- All directors of CQA were requested to submit new photographs of their institutions and information for consideration.
- Directors of CQA were requested to nominate older documents available on the website but now requiring to be archived.



11. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

In line with the assigned responsibilities, the Information Technology Division provided the management support to ensure healthy and uninterrupted computer systems to facilitate the IT requirements of the UGC Secretariat. The work carried by the division included development and installation of new IT systems, upgrading of the existing systems, formulation of requirements / specifications, manage audio visual activities of the UGC, overall administration of the computer and communication systems and network as well as the data processing activities to enhance the overall governance of the UGC.

Following is a summary of the activities conducted by the IT division in the year 2023.

- Development and installation of new IT systems and upgrades to existing systems, formulation of requirements and specifications, overall administration of the computer system & network including software, communication systems, data processing activities, and managing healthy uninterrupted computer system to provide IT requirements of the organization.
- Manage audio visual activities of the UGC
- Coordinate with Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA) and other relevant government and non-governmental organizations such as LEARN, SLT etc.
- Introducing latest Information Technologies to enhance the overall governance of the UGC.

Eg : The several public IP Addresses are accessing directly by bypassing the Firewall and it may cause for security issues. Therefore changes are made to correct the issue.

- Administration and maintenance of web sites;
 - Official website: <https://www.ugc.ac.lk/>
 - UGC portal: <https://www.eugc.ac.lk/>
 - eReservaion - Manage boardroom reservations
 - eDocuments - Collection of useful internal documents in UGC
 - eAcademic - Information related to academic affairs
 - eHRMS - Information related to Employee Attendance / Insurance
Employee Administration
 - eStock - Material requisition application to request items from stores.
- By coordinating the application development team and the service providers, covered under following areas to deliver successful outcomes.
 - SMS and Government Information Centre (1919 call Centre) activities related to University Admissions.



- Government SMS (GovSMS) service for the MA Promotion & Primary grade promotion online applications.
- Online Student Registration for the Universities. - Academic Year 2022/2023
- Online Application Calling Process – Academic Year 2022/2023.
- Administration and coordinate of online payment gateway process with ICTA:
 - Issuing recognition certificates for foreign universities and local non - state institutions.
- Implementation and maintenance of the business applications such as web portal, Boardroom Reservation System, eHRM system for marking attendance of the employees for Personnel Division, Online Application Calling System for employee promotion, e-Stores, Online Vehicle Reservation Application
- Initiate the new development of the UGC Official website.
- Maintain email backups relevant to university admissions process and handover to admissions department according to their request.
- Develop an online application for release of minimum cut-off marks via web for the Academic Year 2022/2023.

In line with the above scope, IT division carries out various routine operational activities to manage a healthy IT environment for the UGC and this report is only summary of the specific activities conducted in the year 2023.

11.1 Software Developments/ Maintenance

i. **Online Application Calling & Handling System for MA Grade III to Grade II Promotions**

This system facilitates to submit the application online for the employees. Submitted Applications are handled by the UGC HR Department through the online till the end of Promotions.

ii. **Online Application Calling & Handling System for appointments of primary grades employees to the post of Management Assistant Grade III**

This system facilitates to submit the applications online for the appointments of primary grades employees to the post of Management Assistant Grade III. Submitted Applications are handled by the UGC HR Department for the process of Examination, Paper Markings, Interviews and appointments.

iii. **Online Application Calling & Handling System for the Post of SAS/SAR and SAA/SAB/SAIA**

This system facilitates to submit the applications online and UGC HR Department are handled the submitted application for scheduling interviews.



iv. Induction Training Program and Program Handling System

Developing online form for gathering information of the University Administrative and Financial Officers and handling Induction Training Programme.

v. Stock Management System

Stock Management system is gathering all the items in Stores to a database and all the divisions can access to this database through an online application to generate their Material requisition form easily.

vi. File Delivery System for Legal & Documentation Division

This application is used for handling the letters received to the division and keeping scanned copies of letters for more secured and smooth functioning of the division.

vii. Vehicle Reservation Online Application.

This application is developed for handling online requests for vehicle reservations from the departments/ divisions and makes approval from the relevant party online. This application is currently under the testing level.

viii. Online Transfer Application for University.

Purpose of this application development is to convert the manual university transfer process to a computerized programme. This application is currently under the development level.

11.2 Network & Hardware Enhancement

IT division carries out Hardware and Network related operational activities to ensure smooth IT environment.

- Identify the issues in the current telephone system and take arrangements to solve them.
- Provide Technical assistance and support for daily IT related issues.
- Provides Technical specifications according to the requests.
- Upgrade the local area network infrastructure of the UGC.
- Upgrade the local area network of departments/divisions and troubleshoot the coming issues after the upgrade.
- Maintenance of devices/equipment for proper functionality.

i. Managing and maintenance of the Digital Phone System (PABX)

To improve the communication among UGC staff and to provide a productive public service, arranged a PABX system that offers inexpensive alternatives with customizable features for their internal phone lines.



Configuring the telephone system to align with the specific requirements of relevant departments/divisions is important. Special attention is given to implementing necessary enhancements during application calling/cut off periods to ensure efficient communication with the general public.

ii. Managing and maintenance of Firewalls at UGC Secretariat and Punchi Borella Premises

Firewall ensures network security that monitors and controls incoming and outgoing network traffic based on predefined security rules. The two Firewalls at UGC premises and the Punchi Borella premises are interconnected via Site to Site VPN tunnel.

iii. Providing of Network Facility

The network facilities have been successfully established for the new location of the CGEE.

iv. Administration & Monitoring of Network Infrastructure.

- Maintenance of Eduroam wireless service managed by the Lanka Education & Research Network (LEARN)
- Administration & monitoring of Kaspersky Antivirus Guard.
- Monitoring and renewal of licences (Firewall, SSL & etc.)
- Maintenance of existing wireless devices of the UGC.
- Managing the intercom system.
- Maintenance of CCTV Camera system.

v. Network Restructuring

The network of the several departments/divisions has been separated by different IP Addresses for the smooth functioning.

vi. Wireless Solution

Initiated a new wireless solution as old access points are outdated and not compatible with the latest technologies. Also, cannot achieve the expected internet speed with these old devices.



12. LEGAL AFFAIRS

12.1 New Legislation

During the year under review, the actions were taken to publish **seven (07)** Orders as stated below.

- **Orders Published in 2023**

- i. Order made under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, establishing a new Faculty of Indigenous Medicine in the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka replacing the institute formally known as the Institute of Indigenous Medicine which was published in the Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2319/22 of 13th February, 2023.
- ii. Order made Under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, establishing a new Department of Study namely, Department of Human Biological Sciences at the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences in the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka which was published in the Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2321/51 of 02nd March, 2023.
- iii. Order made under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, establishing a new Faculty of Medicine in the Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka which was published in the Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2324/12 of 20th March, 2023.
- iv. Order made under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, establishing a new Department of Economics and Statistics at the Faculty of Arts and Culture in the Eastern University, Sri Lanka which was published in the Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2326/11 of 03rd April 2023.
- v. Order made under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, establishing a new Department of Drama, Cinema and Television at the Faculty of Humanities in the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka which was published in the Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2326/10 of 03rd April, 2023.
- vi. Order made under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, establishing a new Department of Information and Communication Technology at the Faculty of Technology in the Eastern University, Sri Lanka which was published in the Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2336/48 of 14th June, 2023.
- vii. Order made under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, establishing a new Faculty of Siddha Medicine in the Trincomalee Campus of the Eastern University which was published in the Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2336/47 of 14th June, 2023.



12.2 Court Cases

Legal Division handled the following cases, which had been filed before Courts of Law and Tribunals against the UGC during the year 2023.

Supreme Court	- 53 Cases
Court of Appeal	- 48 Cases
University Services Appeals Board	- 40 Cases
District Court	- 02 Cases
Labour Tribunal	- 01 Case
Arbitration	- 01 Case
High Court	- 03 Cases

12.3 Contributions in Other Activities

- **Activities within the UGC**
 - i. Convened the meetings of the Committee appointed for the purpose of investigate the complaints against Vice-Chancellor, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka and give necessary assistance to the conduct of the said Committee.

- **Activities Outside the UGC**
 - i. Committee to propose amendments to National Institute of Education Act
 - ii. Provide assistance to draft legislation relating to the establishment to Nursing and Teaching Universities



13. UNIVERSITY SERVICES APPEALS BOARD (USAB)

The USAB had thirty three (33) sittings during the period 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023. Nineteen (19) appeals were registered at the USAB in 2023. No Preliminary orders were delivered. Orders were delivered in respect of thirteen (13) appeals of which one (01) was dismissed, five (05) were allowed. Seven (07) appeals were neither dismissed nor allowed. The proceedings of six (06) appeals were terminated due to settlements and with the consent of the appellants. No interim orders were issued. Seven (07) orders were being written by the end of 2023. There is one (01) appeal pending although the order has been delivered and one appeal was laid by. Totally forty seven (47) appeals were pending as at the end of 2023.

No cases were appealed in Court of Appeal and three (03) of the cases were appealed in the Supreme Court against the orders delivered by the USAB.



14. AFFAIRS OF THE CENTRAL INTERNAL AUDIT

The Central Internal Audit Division was established under the power vested by the Section 3, Chapter 1 of the Establishment Code of the University Grants Commission and the Higher Educational Institutions.

The Internal Audit Division is entrusted with the task of Internal Audit Assignments & Investigations of the University Grants Commission and Higher Education Institutions.

14.1 Audit Programme

Audit programme is prepared for the year in compliance with F.R.133 and the Annex 2 of the Audit and Management Circular No. DMA/2009 (1) issued by the Department of Management & Audit, Ministry of Finance & Planning.

14.2 Audit & Management Committee Meetings

The Audit Committee was chaired by the Treasury Representatives of the Commission and comprised of three other Commission Members who were formally constituted as the subcommittee of the Commission. The Audit Superintendent, National Audit Office attended the meeting as an Observer, Secretary / UGC, Accountant / UGC and other officers attended as invitees.

Five Audit Committee Meetings and one Special Audit Committee Meetings were held during the year 2023.

The Audit Committee makes recommendations to the Management Committee or the Commission with regard to the review of Annual Audit Plan, Policy Decisions that need to be circulated among the University System. The reports issued by the Auditor General and Internal Audit Reports also would be taken into discussion.

14.3 Pre Auditing

Pre audit was carried out in the following areas in order to ensure the accuracy of payments released to employees.

- Release of Provident Funds
- Payment of Gratuity
- Release of Pensions

14.4 Progress Report- Internal Audit Division 2023

The Staff of the Internal Audit Division/UGC have audited UGC and visited HEIs & Institutes for some special audit investigations during the period from January to December 2023. Reports were sent to the respective Officers of UGC and HEIs/Institutes through the Chairman, UGC to submit their responses to present at the Audit Committees of the UGC.



Summary of Internal Audit Reports – 2023

No	Subject	Reference No.	Submitted on
01	Audit Report – Inefficiencies of the Administration	UGC/CIA/F/IAR/23-01	26/01/2023
02	Audit Report – Procurement procedure of goods and services	UGC/CIA/IAR/23-02	11/05/2023
03	Audit Report – Delegation of Financial Powers 2023	UGC/CIA/IAR/23-03	20/06/2023
04	Audit Report – Motor vehicle usage and maintenance	UGC/CIA/IAR/23-04	30/06/2023
05	Audit Report – Stores and Stores Procedure	UGC/CIA/IAR/23-05	21/08/2023
06	Audit Report Receipts and Banking and Bank Reconciliation	UGC/CIA/IAR/23-06	06/09/2023
07	Audit Report – Cash Verification	UGC/CIA/F/IAR/23-07	18/10/2023
08	Audit Report – Fund Laundering/Tax Evasion – Bursar, University of Jaffna	UGC/CIA/F/IAR/23-08	05/12/2023
09	Audit Report – Postgraduate studies funded through DRIC Grants	UGC/CIA/F/IAR/23-09	18/12/2023
10	විගණන වාර්තාව - “යාපනය සරසවියෙන් රටගිය 92 ගෙන් කෝටි 13ක පොල්ලක්” මැයෙන් පලවූ ප්‍රවෘත්තිය සම්බන්ධයෙන්	UGC/CIA/F/IAR/23-10	18/12/2023
11	Audit Report – Examination of Payment Vouchers	UGC/CIA/F/IAR/23-11	24/01/2024
12	Audit Report – Advances and Settlements of the University Grants Commission	UGC/CIA/F/IAR/23-12	24/01/2024
13	Audit Report – Examination of Investment of University Grants Commission, University Provident Fund and University Pension Fund	UGC/CIA/F/IAR/23-13	24/01/2024

Table: 14.4 Progress Report- Internal Audit Division**14.4 Issued Internal Audit Circular Letters and Establishment Circular Letters**

Issued Three (3) circular letters with the approval of the Commission for the following areas.



Circular No.	Subject	Date of Circular
01 Internal Audit Circular Letter No. 01/2023	Payment of Interest to Provident Fund Refunds at the Peak Time of COVID Epidemic as Government Imposed Curfew, Closed the Country and Declared Isolated Areas	20/02/2023
02 Internal Audit Circular Letter No. 02/2023	Terms of Reference (TOR) for Farm Operations	09/05/2023
03 Internal Audit Circular Letter No. 03/2023	Internal Auditor of the UGC or Nominee to Attend the Audit Committee Meetings of Universities and Institutes	30/10/2023

Table: 14.5 Issued Internal Audit Circular Letters and Establishment Circular Letters



15. PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS / DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES / SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

15.1 Publications and Reports

During 2023, the MIS Division of the UGC provided administrative support to the system with the following important publications and reports;

- The publication of “Sri Lanka University Statistics 2022” which is the 21st volume of its series was published in September 2023 in the UGC Web.

15.2 Development Activities

- The updated rankings of the universities and Higher Educational Institutes in the webometrics and QS ranking published in the UGC web.
- Implementation of MIS Development System was tested and trained to the staff officers who are responsible for submitting data to the system in universities and HEIs.

15.3 Special Assignments

The following special assignments were done during the year 2023.

1. Data gathered from the Universities for the National Research and Development (R&D) Survey 2022 was checked and finalized.
2. The progress of action taken to recover the amount due from the staff with regards to breach of bond agreements in HEIs as at 30th June 2023 & as at 31st October 2023 were gathered, compiled & submitted the document to the Government Audit and COPE.
3. The Common Merit Order Lists of MBBS graduates based on final MBBS examination were compiled and submitted to the Ministry of Health for the purpose of internship placement as given below;
 - Merit Order List for 2015/16 Main Examination.
 - Merit Order List for 2014/15 Repeat Examination.
4. The Common Merit Order Lists of BAMS graduates were compiled and submitted to the Department of Ayurveda for the purpose of appointment as given below;
 - Merit Order List for 2011/12 Main & Supplementary Examination.
 - Merit Order List for 2012/13 Main & Supplementary Examination
5. The Common Merit Order Lists of BSMS graduates were compiled and submitted to the Department of Ayurveda for the purpose of appointment as given below;



- Merit Order List for 2011/12 Final Examination
 - Merit Order List for 2012/13 Final Examination
6. The Common Merit Order Lists for 2014/15 intake of BSc physiotherapy graduates of University of Colombo and University of Peradeniya were compiled and submitted to the Ministry of Health for the purpose of offering appointments.
 7. Report of all Lands/Land Acquisitions and Title deeds of Universities / HEIs was gathered and compiled and submitted to the Audit Committee.
 8. Information for the Central Bank Annual Report and Recent Economic Developments Highlights of 2023 and prospects for 2024 was completed and submitted to the Central Bank.
 9. Report of Unit Recurrent Cost of undergraduate by faculty for the year 2022 was analysed and submitted to the Commission.
 10. Data requests of following stakeholders were fulfilled with complete data;
 - UNESCO
 - Central Bank
 - Department of Census
 - AHEAD Project
 - Other Government Institutes
 11. Progress of Undergraduate programmes as at 25th of each month was compiled and submitted to the Chairman.



16. GENDER EQUITY AND EQUALITY

The Center for Gender Equity/Equality was established to promote a conducive learning/working environment in state universities in Sri Lanka that are sensitive to gender diversity and inclusivity. Functioning under the guidance of the Standing Committee on Gender Equity/Equality, the Centre is involved in activities that focus on minimizing inequalities in university communities. Prof. Hemamalie Gunatilaka (PhD in Women and Gender, University of Warwick, UK) completed her tenure as the Director in September 2023. Thereafter, Prof. Prabha Manuratne (PhD in English, University at Buffalo, New York, USA) was appointed on 15.12.2023 as the Director.

16.1 Centralized Grievance Redress Mechanisms at the UGC

Complaints on Ragging and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) were received by the UGC in 2023 from students or their parents and members of the university community through the following avenues established under grievance redress mechanisms at the UGC:

- Online ragging portal www.ugc.ac.lk/rag/ or <https://www.ugc.ac.lk/rag/>
- Hotline number 0112123700
- Email ragginghelp@ugc.ac.lk and helpme@ugc.ac.lk
- Calls, in person or in writing submissions, emails to the Chairman/ UGC

As in previous years since the establishment of the grievance-handling mechanism, functioned as the most immediate way of addressing the complaints regarding ragging and SGBV in the university system.

16.2 Complaint Portal

All the members of the state university community can access the online portal and lodge complaints that are related to ragging and SGBV. In the year 2023 the number of complaints lodged was higher compared to the previous year. This might be due to the fact that universities shifted back to in-person teaching, as a result, students and staff were physically present at the university premises. The complaints received were forwarded to the respective universities for necessary action and some existing complaints were processed and resolved. During 2023, 78 complaints were received and processed and 10 complaints were closed.

16.3 Initiatives Taken During 2023

Completion of Phase III of the Prevention of Ragging and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in Sri Lankan Public Sector Universities Project.

During the year 2023, the CGEE continued the implementation of the Phase III of the UNICEF-funded project on the Prevention of Ragging and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in Sri Lankan Public Sector Universities. As part of the project, a course module titled “Learning to Live with Diversity” (described in detail below) was developed during the 2020-2021 period to be



delivered across the state university system. The phase III consisted of Conducting Training of Trainers (ToT) Sessions in state universities. These ToT sessions were conducted by Prof. Hemamali Gunatilaka, Dr. Dushan Jayawickrama, and Prof. Prabha Manuratne on an honorary basis. The workshop was conducted for academic staff members representing each faculty of the relevant university, Director/Gender focal point and the Director/ Staff Development Centre of each university, and any other members invited by the Gender Focal Point. Fifteen ToT sessions were completed by the end of 2023, and the remaining sessions (02) will be held in 2024. A course manual with all the relevant materials was developed and shared as an e-book with each university soon after the completion of respective ToT sessions. The Web link of the e-book is given below.

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/clciu/pbbz/>

Training of Trainers (ToT) programs were held in 2023 at the following universities:

- South Eastern University of Sri Lanka
- Eastern University, Sri Lanka
- Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka
- University of Jaffna
- University of Vavuniya

This process was continuation of the project that commenced in 2018. Below is an outline of the other previous phases of the project.

Phase I – Conducting a research on “prevalence of ragging and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in Sri Lankan public sector universities”

Phase II – Developing suitable strategies to combat Ragging/ SGBV based on the findings of the said research. The CGEE/ UGC developed a course titled “Learning to Live with Diversity” in year 2021. It addressed the diversity issues in the university system and the course will be offered to the whole university system including the students, academic staff, administrative and non-academic staff members.

Course Content

1. Introduction to Learning to live with diversity
 - a) Introduction to the course
 - b) Introduction to diversity and inclusion
2. Introduction to gender diversity
3. Gender in society
4. Bodies and rights to the body
5. Sexual identities
6. Individual differences: Neurodiversity and different abilities



7. Class and caste identities
8. Language as identity
9. Mobility: Between the rural and the urban environments
10. Ethno-religious identities and diversity
11. Accessibility across the digital divide
12. Organizational power and politics
13. Non-violent behavior and affirmative interventions
14. Spiritual experiences, ethics and diversity
15. Living with diversity: your perspective

The aim of the course is to build a community that is ethical and inclusive, with strong social bonds, trust and shared loyalties. This course is designed according to the principles of learner-centered pedagogy. Each university has the freedom to offer the course to the relevant parties using a suitable mechanism. Initially, the course will be offered to all students, academic/executive and non-academic staff members and eventually phased out to be offered to new students every year.

This course aligns with the following Sustainable Development Goals as well.

- Goal 4: Quality Education
- Goal 5: Gender Equality
- Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities
- Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

The draft course was presented to the following forums for feedback and approval.

1. Commission Members – UGC
2. Committee on Vice-Chancellors and Directors (CVCD)
3. Members of the Standing Committee on Gender
4. Directors of Quality Assurance Cells of State Universities



16.4 International Women’s Day Celebrations

A two-hour workshop was conducted for the staff of the UGC on the topic, “Understanding Self and Others” to celebrate International Women’s day 2023. The resource person of the event was Prof. Hemamalie Gunatilaka, Director/ CGEE/ UGC. The event was graced by more than 100 participants representing all Departments/ Divisions/ Units of the University Grants Commission Secretariat.

16.5 Global Conference on Gender

The standing committee proposed to organize a global conference on gender to be held in 2024. A sub-committee was appointed to organize the conference. It will consist of volunteering members from the standing committee and directors/ gender focal points of all the universities.

16.6 Research, Innovation, Commercialization & National Development Activities.

The Centre for Gender Equity/ Equality (CGEE)/ UGC collaborated with the National Child Protection Authority to implement the “University Student Ambassador National Programme on Child Protection”. Over 2,000 undergraduates have joined this programme to provide their voluntary participation for building awareness among school children.



17. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Scholarships are those that have been established and those that may be established in future by individuals or organizations on such terms & conditions as agreed by the donors and the University Grants Commission (UGC). Academic Affairs Department of the UGC is coordinating the following Scholarship Schemes at present with the assistance of Finance Department and the Admissions Department;

17.1 Present status of Scholarship Programs managed and facilitated by the UGC-2023

Name of the Scholarship	Mitsubishi Corporation International Scholarships
Period of the Scholarship	Selected students during the period 30 th September 2022 to 29 th September 2023 would be paid the scholarship amount as a one-off lump-sum payment.
Amount of the Scholarships	Rs.58,479/- per recipient
Eligibility Criteria	Students who have been selected to follow courses of study in the Faculty of Finance Management & at the University of Colombo or Faculty of Management & Commerce at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.
No. of Students who have awarded with Scholarships	University of Colombo – 16 University of Sri Jayewardenepura – 14

Table 17.1.1 Mitsubishi Corporation International Scholarships

Name of the Scholarship	Mrs. W.D. Abeydeera Scholarship Programme
Period of the Scholarship	Only one scholarship per Academic Year would be paid to the student to be selected each Academic Year as a one-off lump-sum payment.
Amount of the Scholarships	The scholarship payment would be based only on the annual interest to be received (based on prevailing bank rates) after placing the deposit of Rs. 1,000,000/- and subject to a maximum ceiling as decided by the UGC.
Eligibility Criteria	To select only one respective student, out of the first 10 students who are being selected to the Course of Study in Engineering from the district of Hambantota in the order of their Z-score at the respective G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination after their parental annual income is verified by the respective university and the scholarship payment will be made as a one-off lump-sum payment.



No. of Students who have awarded with Scholarships To be commenced.

Table 17.1.2. Mrs. W.D. Abeydeera Scholarship Programme

Apart from above, following scholarships are facilitated when the relevant Institutions request assistance from the UGC and no fund accounts are maintained at the UGC;

Name of the Scholarship	Dialog Merit Scholarships			
	2020/2021		2021/2022	
No. of Students who have awarded with Scholarships	27		27	
	MRT 26	PDN 01	MRT 25	PDN 02
Amount of the Scholarships	Rs. 4,000/- up to 48 months funded by the Dialog Axiata PLC			
Eligibility Criteria	i. All island top performing student			
	ii. All island top performing female student - if the top performing student in (i) is a female, both (i) and (ii) will be females			
	iii. Top performing student from each district			
Eligibility Criteria	- who have faced A/Ls in physical science stream and gets selected to a degree programme in any engineering discipline i.e. Bachelor of the Science Engineering degree in an Engineering discipline including degree programs in Information Technology OR Bachelor of Engineering degree including degree programs in Information Technology at a state university that comes under the purview of the UGC at his/her first attempt.			

Table 17.1.3. Dialog Merit Scholarships

17.2 Other Activities

➤ Workshop on Curriculum Revision of Fine Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences (FAHSS)

The University Grants Commission (UGC) Sri Lanka with the collaboration of Higher Education Division, Ministry of Education is held the Workshop on Curriculum Revision of Fine Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences (FAHSS) with the participation of



the Vice-Chancellors, Deans of the faculties of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, and Fine Arts, and Heads of the Department coming under such faculties in the University system on 19th December 2023 at the Marquee Hall, Taj Samudra, Colombo.

The workshop was mainly divided to following clusters to hold discussions on the above and follow up activities are being continued with the Sub -Cluster Committees under the three main clusters;

- Humanities Cluster
- Social Sciences Cluster
- Fine Art Cluster



➤ **Centenary Celebration of Humanities & Social Sciences education in Sri Lanka 1921-2021**

The University Education in Humanities and Social Sciences in Sri Lanka has reached the 100th year in 2021. Accordingly, the Conference on “Centenary Celebration of Humanities & Social Sciences Education in Sri Lanka 1921-2021” was held in December 2021 publishing 4 publications as follows;

- Humanities Volume I
- Social Sciences Volume II
- Graduate Survey Book
- Abstract Book on Humanities and Social Sciences Education in Sri Lankan Universities: Issues and Challenges

In related to the above, "Humanities and Social Sciences Education in Sri Lankan Universities: Past, Present & Future (Volume III) - Conference Full Paper publication was launched on 11.05.2023.

➤ **Pilot Test of the University Test of the English Language (UTEL)**

The pilot test of the UTEL was conducted from 10th of January to 15th of February 2023 in thirteen universities (13) for nearly 600 students who are in their third year. The marking and entering marks of all four components Writing, Listening, Reading and Speaking of the pilot test were finalized. Further, a certificate will be issued to the students who participated for the pilot test of the UTEL.

➤ Execution of Pre-University Online/E-Learn English Language Teaching Program

The Pre-University Online/E-Learn English Language Teaching Program was executed on 12.06.2023. A team consisting of eight (08) members who are experts in the field of teaching English under the consultation of two lead Consultants developed the lesson materials of 15 modules of this program. Further, a five (05) member Committee was appointed to Review the developed lesson materials of this program. The UGC and the University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC) in agreement developed the video materials and interactive learning materials of this program.

All the students who were registered for the Academic Year 2021/2022 were issued with a registration number to follow this program online by the UCSC. Accordingly, starting from 12.06.2023 students was given access to follow this program. Further, in future access for this program will be given to the each batch of students who will register for the universities to follow up as a Pre-University program in English Language.

➤ IT for Humanities

The Foundation programme ‘Future Careers Bridge Platform’ of the SLASSCOM was approved by the Commission. The Sub-Committee has appointed with a panel of expert to develop the curriculum of Diploma in IT, with the composition of Consultant/ IT Humanities Project, SLASSCOM, Faculty of Information Technology/ University of Moratuwa, Member nominations of the Standing Committee on Humanities & Social Sciences and Fine Arts. Presently, it’s in the curriculum development process considering all the aspects.

➤ Development of University Business Linkage (UBL) Cells

The detailed description of the actions is in the publication below through the UBL cells under the Universities.

Following, licensed agreements and 22 products were introduced to the market.

No	University	Licensed Agreements	Products in the Market
1.	University of Ruhuna	5	4
2.	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	3	2
3.	University of Colombo	3	-
4.	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	3	-
5.	University of the Visual and Performing Arts	1	7
6.	Eastern University, Sri Lanka	1	1
7.	University of Peradeniya	3	2
8.	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	3	-



No	University	Licensed Agreements	Products in the Market
9.	University of Kelaniya	10	1
10.	Open University of Sri Lanka	4	-
11.	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	3	2
12.	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	2	1
13.	University of Moratuwa	3	1
14.	University of Jaffna	1	1
15.	University of Vavuniya	-	-
16.	Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine	-	-
17.	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	5	-
	Total	50	22

Table 17.2 Licensed agreements and 22 products were introduced to the market

Some products are in the market in large scale, some are only available in the region, and some are sold on line. The macroeconomic issue in the country affects the supply chain and therefore keeping a product in the market is challenging.



18. HIGHER EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO UNIVERSITY ACADEMICS

In keeping with the UGC policy to facilitate and encourage the academic staff, especially the young academics to pursue their higher studies and also to foster and strengthen the research culture within the university system, the UGC made concerted efforts during 2023 through the Division of Research and International Cooperation. The works carried out in order to achieve the said objectives are as follows;

18.1 Grants for Higher Studies

- **UGC Postgraduate Grant Scheme – 2023**

The purpose of the UGC Postgraduate Grant Scheme is to strengthen the research capacity of state universities under the University Grants Commission by way of financially supporting permanent members in the teacher category in all disciplines to acquire required postgraduate qualifications for their career advancement.

Grants are available only for local/foreign PhDs, and MPhils leading to PhDs and equivalents.

The UGC Postgraduate Grant Scheme provides a maximum of only 03 years of funding for PhD/Doctoral studies and maximum of only 02 years funding for MPhil leading to PhDs. Overall grant limit of UGC Postgraduate Grants Scheme is LKR 2 million per year per candidate for both institutional and living expenses. Maximum Limit for living expenses is LKR 1.5 million per annum per candidate for their postgraduate studies overseas. Limit applicable to individual candidate under living expenses will vary depending on the country within the maximum limit specified above.

Scholarships under UGC postgraduate Scheme were not awarded in 2023, However, UGC has released Rs. 5.5 Mn for the ongoing UGC grantees to continue their postgraduate studies.

- **Scholarship Schemes in collaboration with Foreign Universities - 2023**

- i. **UGC – Griffith University, Australia (GU) Full / Joint PhD Scholarship Programme**

Griffith University, Australia (GU) and the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka (UGC) has entered into MoU with the objective of obtaining mutual benefits from scholarly interaction, cultural interchange, cooperative research and other forms of academic collaboration.

Under the MoU signed between Griffith University, Australia and UGC Sri Lanka, Griffith University will cover the full cost of tuition fees for a period up to 03 years while, within the limits approved by the UGC for Australia, UGC will provide candidates with a living stipend for a period of 3 years and Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). Griffith will



provide up to 12 International Postgraduate Research Scholarships per year.

Joint PhD Model

Joint PhD program supervision arrangements for UGC supported candidates from any one the following four universities and other Sri Lankan universities are also encouraged, subject to final approval by all parties:

- University of Colombo
- University of Kelaniya
- University of Peradeniya
- University of Sri Jayewardenepura

UGC called applications for the UGC – Griffith University, Australia (GU) Full / Joint PhD Scholarship Programme – 2023 However, No Scholarships were awarded due to the discrepancies in terms of the MoU signed between GU and UGC and present financial regulations . UGC initiated the process of amending the MoU with revised terms which are compatible with the present scenario.

ii. UGC- Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Australia Joint / Split PhD Scholarships Programme

QUT will provide a full tuition fee sponsorship (valued at approximately AUD 100, 000) for the duration of the PhD candidature (up to three years).

The UGC will provide financial support to Sri Lankan academics who meet UGC and QUT eligibility requirements to cover expenses while they attend and undertake research at QUT for one year. This support includes a living allowance, Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) and associated incidental costs as required as per the UGC guidelines. Maximum Grant limit is Rs. 3.5 Mn per candidate for 03 years.

QUT supports a cohort model of doctoral supervision, whereby 10 - 12 candidates of different disciplines from Sri Lankan Universities undertake a minimum of 12 months of their doctoral studies on campus at QUT.

There are two models of UGC-QUT Scholarship schemes as follows;

i. Joint PhD Model

- QUT-UGC collaborative PhD programs include the joint PhD model initiated in partnership with the University of Colombo (CMB), University of Peradeniya (PDN) and University of Sri Jayewardenepura (SJP).



- Joint PhD students will be co-supervised by two QUT academics, one academic from CMB, PDN or SJP, and another academic from the candidate's home University if applicable.

ii. Split/External PhD Model

Split PhD students will have two QUT academic supervisors and a local supervisor from any University within the purview of UGC.

In, 2023 the UGC renewed the MoU signed between UGC & QUT for another period of 5 years.

iii. **International University of Japan and University Grants Commission Scholarship Programme for Masters and Doctoral Degree Programmes**

The UGC jointly with the International University of Japan (IUJ) has launched a co-sponsored scholarship programme to extend the financial assistance to the academics and administrative staff of Universities under the UGC for their higher studies at IUJ. According to the letter of intent between the UGC and IUJ, the IUJ will fund 50% of the tuition fee and the UGC will fund the balance 50% of the tuition fee (which will be notified by the IUJ) and a monthly living stipend of JPY 90,000. Grantees are also entitled for air passage which is paid to the academic staff going abroad on Study Leave.

iv. **University Grants Commission (UGC), Sri Lanka and Edith Cowan University, Australia (ECU) Scholarship Scheme**

In 2023, the UGC signed a MoU with Edith Cowan University, Australia to cooperate with each other.

(ECU) Edith Cowan University (ECU) is a public university in Australia which provides the ideal learning environment for educators & more than 30,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students, including international students from 100 countries. Eight schools of ECU collectively deliver a diverse range of courses across arts and humanities, business and law, education, engineering, medical and health sciences, nursing and midwifery, science and the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

ECU courses are developed in consultation with industry, and teaching staff have extensive industry experience and networks and therefore ECU students can expect work integrated learning placement opportunities, fieldwork, practicums and networking events as part of their studies.



Areas of collaboration and activities proposed to be carried out are as follows:

- i. Offering (Joint / Collaborative) PhD programme with selected Sri Lankan Universities.
 - ii. Selecting qualified candidates for ECU's higher degree by research programmes, recommended by UGC and approved by ECU.
 - iii. Exploring opportunities to establish at least one fully funded ECU PhD scholarship for highly talented Sri Lankan students.
 - iv. Exploring possibilities for exchange of academic staff, joint research activities and publications, participation in seminars and academic meetings subject to financing from an external granting agency.
 - v. Exploring possibilities for special short-term academic programs/administrative and management programs, with prior approval from each institution.
 - vi. Exploring possibilities for funded short and medium term research visits for doctoral students and postdoctoral fellowships for academic staff, with prior approval from each institution.
- v. **Research Training Collaboration (Joint PhD programme) between University Grants Commission (UGC), Sri Lanka and Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT University), Australia - 2023**

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) an Australian higher education institution ranked 140 in the world (QS world ranking 2023) has partnered with University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka to train junior academics of Sri Lankan Universities through a joint PhD program.

RMIT University has highly successful joint PhD programs which commenced in 2018, with currently 32 candidates in progress with 4 successful PhD completions. Joint PhD programs were established in partnership with four academic institutions in Sri Lanka:

- University of Peradeniya (PDN)
- University of Moratuwa (MRT)
- University of Ruhuna (RUH)
- University of Sri Jayewardenepura (SJP)



UGC, Sri Lanka, wish to enhance the research capacity of the academia by offering PhD scholarships to increase the number of academics with doctoral qualifications. The mutually beneficial partnership will enhance global outreach of RMIT and enhance the research culture of the Sri Lankan institutions. Accordingly, RMIT, Australia and UGC, Sri Lanka entered into a MoU on 16th February 2023.

Scholarship to be awarded by the RMIT , Australia

- RMIT will offer for up to 10 PhD scholarship positions.
- RMIT tuition fee scholarship for up to a maximum of 3.5 years, approximate value AU \$80,000.
- RMIT stipend (living allowance) for up to 12 months while in Melbourne, approximate value AU \$35,000.

Scholarship to be awarded by the UGC, Sri Lanka

- As per the MoU,
- Within the limits approved by the UGC for Australia, UGC will provide candidates with a living stipend and will pay for Overseas Student Health Cover, for a period which the candidates pursue their studies at RMIT, Australia up to a maximum period of one (01) year in case of the RMIT is not providing a stipend scholarship for grantees while they are in Melbourne.

Note: However, There is no financial obligation to the UGC since RMIT provides living allowance for up to 12 months while in Melbourne.

18.2 Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) / Agreements to be entered by State Universities with Foreign Partners

i. Obtaining prior approval for Signing Memoranda of Understanding (MoU)/ Agreements to be Entered by State Universities with Foreign partners

This has reference to the letter no. UGC/CH/7/1 dated 05.06.2018, letter No. UGC/S/PA/111 dated 03.08.2018, UGC/S/PA/111 dated 22.01.2019 and the Circular No. PS/SP/SB/Circular/06/2019 dated 19.12.2019 issued by the Presidential Secretariat on the above subject.

Accordingly, the University Grants Commission (UGC) informed all Vice Chancellors that prior approval should be obtained from the line Ministry with the recommendation of the UGC before entering into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) / Agreements with the Foreign Institutions. Further,



the Cabinet of Ministers on 03.07.2018 had decided that all the MoUs / Agreements to be entered by the Universities are required to be tabled before Parliament through the Cabinet of Ministers.

It was noted by the Commission that most of the MoUs / Agreements signed by state universities are quite beneficial to our country and a large number of foreign funding opportunities are given to university system by way of Scholarships/research grants or teaching opportunities for our academic staff to further their expertise in the field / higher studies or carry out research activities in foreign countries. Most of the state universities have enter into internationally enabling profound collaborations with well-reputed foreign institutions which paves the way to the advancement of knowledge and capacity building which in turn will be reflected through better University rankings. Unfortunately, most of the universities have failed to continue such long term research collaborations due to lengthy procedure of obtaining approvals when signing MoUs / Agreements. It is observed that the current procedure will take minimum 5-6 months to obtain the approvals and for the signing.

UGC has taken initial steps to coordinate with other relevant parties /stake holders and to simplify the existing processes of obtaining approval when signing Memorandum of Understanding/ Agreements with the foreign parties & State Universities.

Accordingly, a letter no. PS/M&E – 3/04/04 dated 27th May, 2022 was issued by the Additional Secretary to the President on “Obtaining prior approval for Signing Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) / Agreements to be entered into by State Universities” stating that , having considered concerns of undue delays raised by you, His Excellency the President has instructed that you may proceed to enter into MoUs / Agreements which are to be signed between Sri Lankan and foreign higher academic institutions, where there is no monetary or other obligation by the Government of Sri Lanka and where the collaboration is only between the relevant academic institutions. Further, action will be taken by this office to amend the aforementioned circular accordingly.

However, It was noted that the Circular PS/EAD/Circular/16/2022 dated 9th January 2023 on “Interaction by Government Ministries/ Institutions with Foreign States, International Organizations, Diplomatic Missions accredited to Sri Lanka and Sri Lanka Missions Abroad” issued by the Secretary to the President setting out the procedure to follow when Government Institutes in their interactions of foreign states & international organizations. Accordingly, it was observed that the earlier relaxation given to Universities and HEIs to sign MoUs with Foreign counterparts has been restricted with the above circular and it has caused serious setbacks and delays in the procedures again.



19. UNIVERSITIES PENSION FUND

The Pension Scheme of the Universities has been established by University Grants Commission as approved by the Cabinet of Ministers. Accordingly, the Universities Pension Scheme has been implemented as a contributory Pension Scheme for the employees of the University System with effect from 1st September 1999. The Governance of the Universities Pension Fund has been strengthened by the Investment Committee, Supervisory Board and commission in addition to the generally practice public financial management framework.

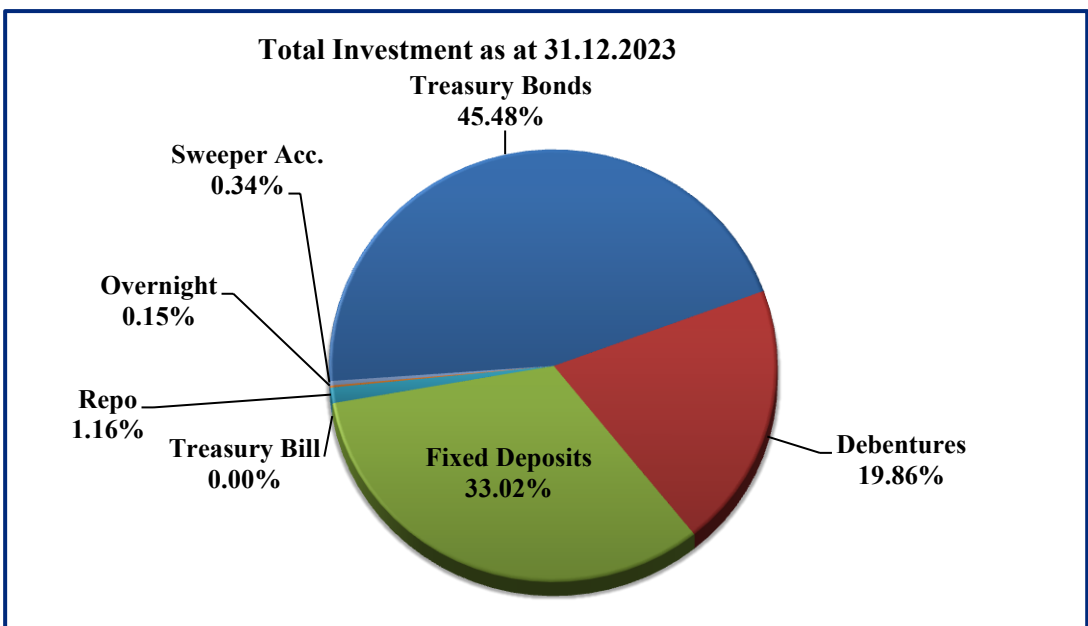
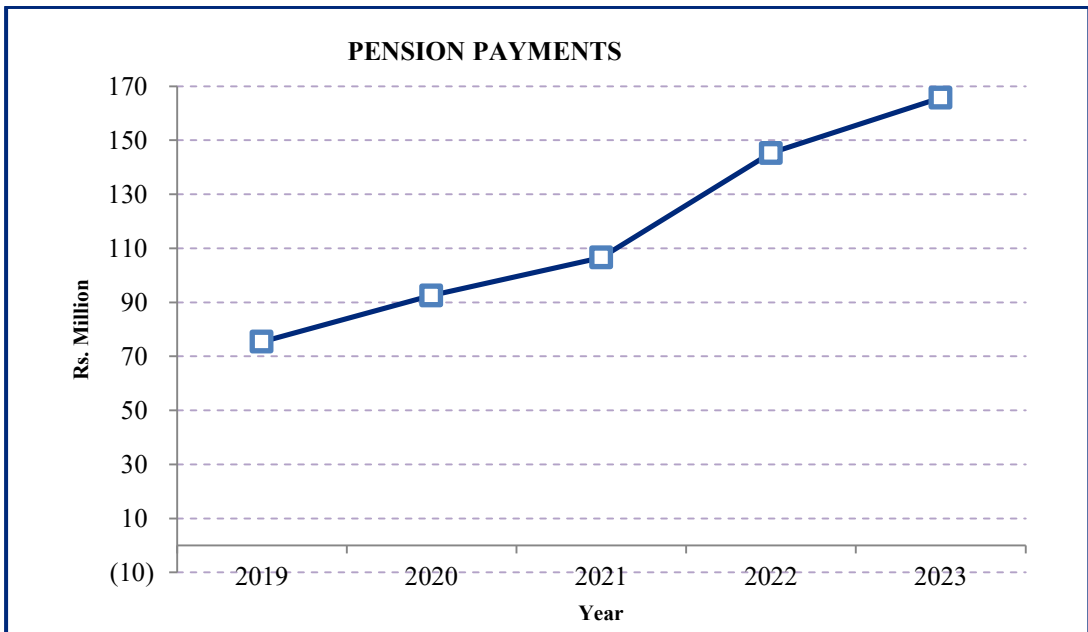
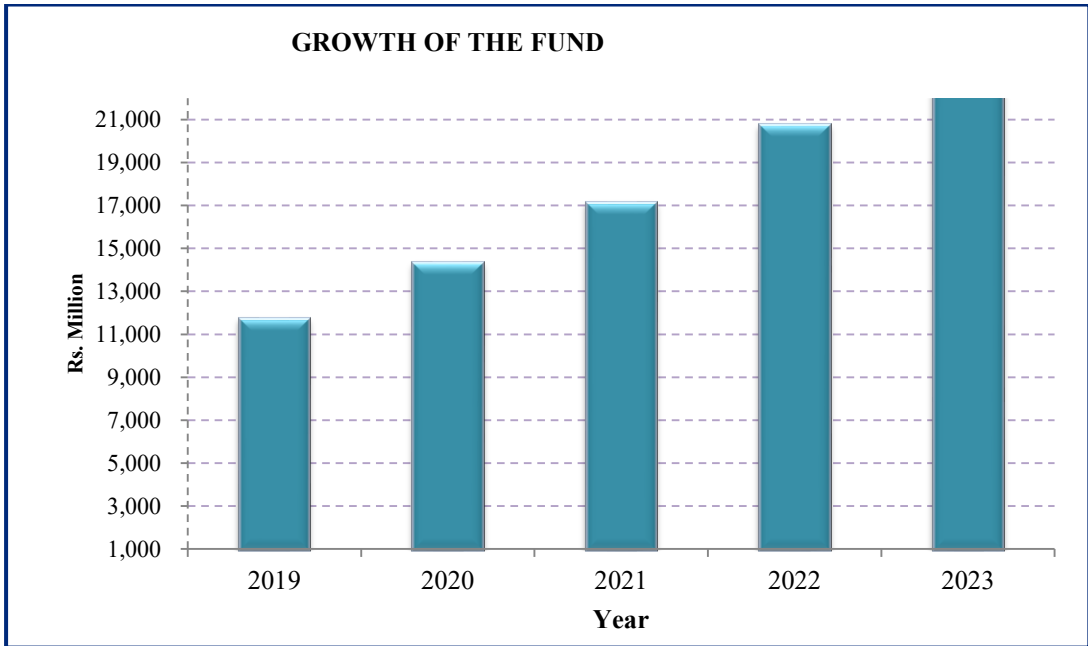
Employees who have served 20 years or more and served till mandatory age of retirement are eligible for lifetime monthly pension. On death of a pensioner 50% of the pension will be paid to the widow/widower and 50% will be equally divided and paid to the children until they reach 18 years of age. The amount and interest lying to the credit of an employee who has not completed 20 years of service will be refunded at the point of retirement.

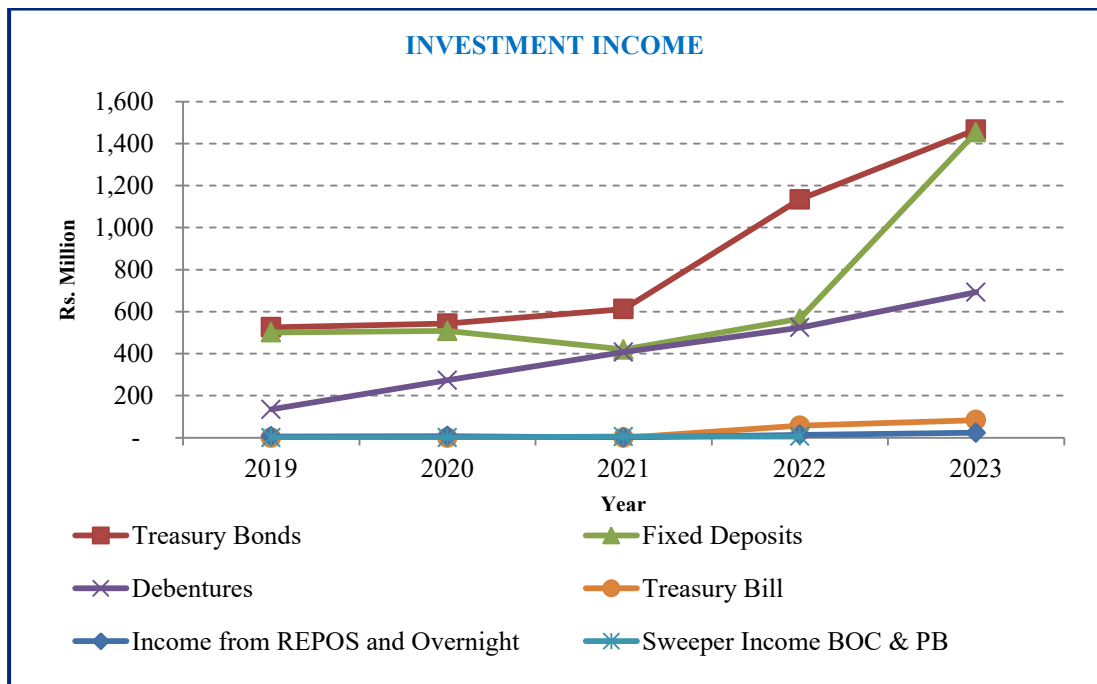
19.1 Key Financial Highlights

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1 Members					
Active Members	14,922	15,211	16,602	16,191	15,553
Inactive Members	2,025	2,203	2,139	2,420	2,764
Total Members	16,947	17,234	18,201	18,611	18,317
2 Total Membership	21,275	21,951	23,449	24,467	25,118
3 No. of Pension Receiving Members	314	351	402	449	531
4 No. of Lumpsum Refund Members	1,082	1,186	1,287	1,469	1,854
3 Fund Balance (Rs. Mn)					
Contributors Fund	10,906	13,473	16,238	19,559	23,874
Pensioner's Fund & Reserve	815	855	914	1,189	1,445
Total Fund (Rs. Mn)	11,721	14,328	17,152	20,748	25,320
Growth of the Fund %	24%	22%	19.71%	21%	22.03%
4 Total Investment (Rs. Mn)	11,060	13,347	15,967	19,059	24,074
5 Total Investment Income (Rs. Mn)	1,168	1,333	1,444	2,300	3,726
6 Income Tax (Rs. Mn)	166	190	206	320	511
7 Return on Investment (%)	10.56	9.98%	9.05%	12.07%	15.48%
8 Declared Interest to Members	10%	9.6%	8.4%	10%	13%
9 Pension Payments (Rs. Mn)	75	93	107	145	166
10 Growth of the Pension Payment %	29%	24%	15%	21%	14.07%
11 Five year Average Interest Rate of FD, TB, Debenture (After Tax)	-	-	-	9.57%	

Table 19.1 Key Financial Highlights of the Pension Fund)





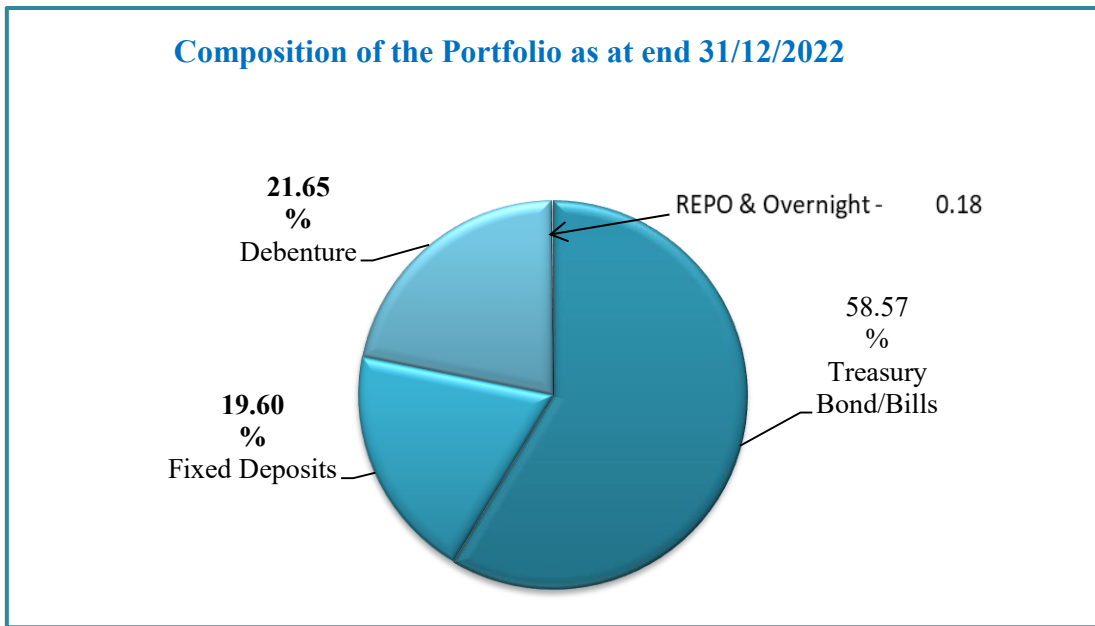


19.2 Summary of the Investment Portfolio as at 31.12.2023 –Universities Pension Fund

Category	31/12/2022		31/12/2023	
	Face Value (RS Mn)	Share (%)	Face Value (Rs Mn)	Share (%)
Treasury Bond/Bills	11,445.95	58.57	11,428.99	46.54
Fixed Deposit	3,830.00	19.60	7,950.00	32.38
Debenture	4,230.00	21.65	4,780.00	19.47
Repo and Overnight	34.74	0.18	396.00	1.61
Total	19,540.69	100.00	24,554.99	100.00

Table 20.2 Summary of the Investment Portfolio As At 31.12.2023 – Universities Pension Fund





20. UNIVERSITIES PROVIDENT FUND

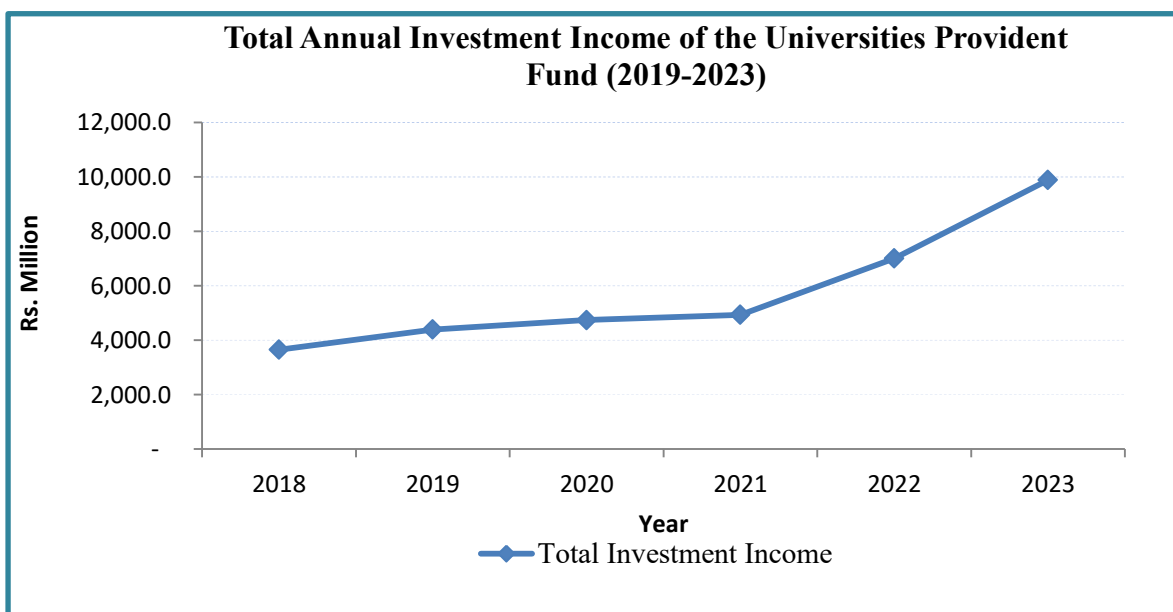
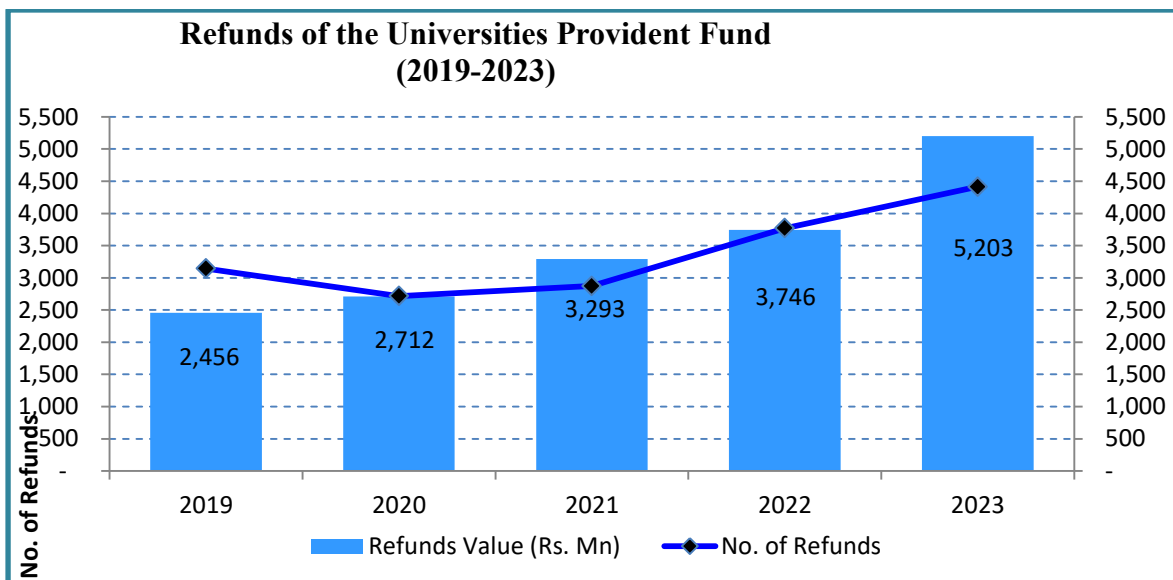
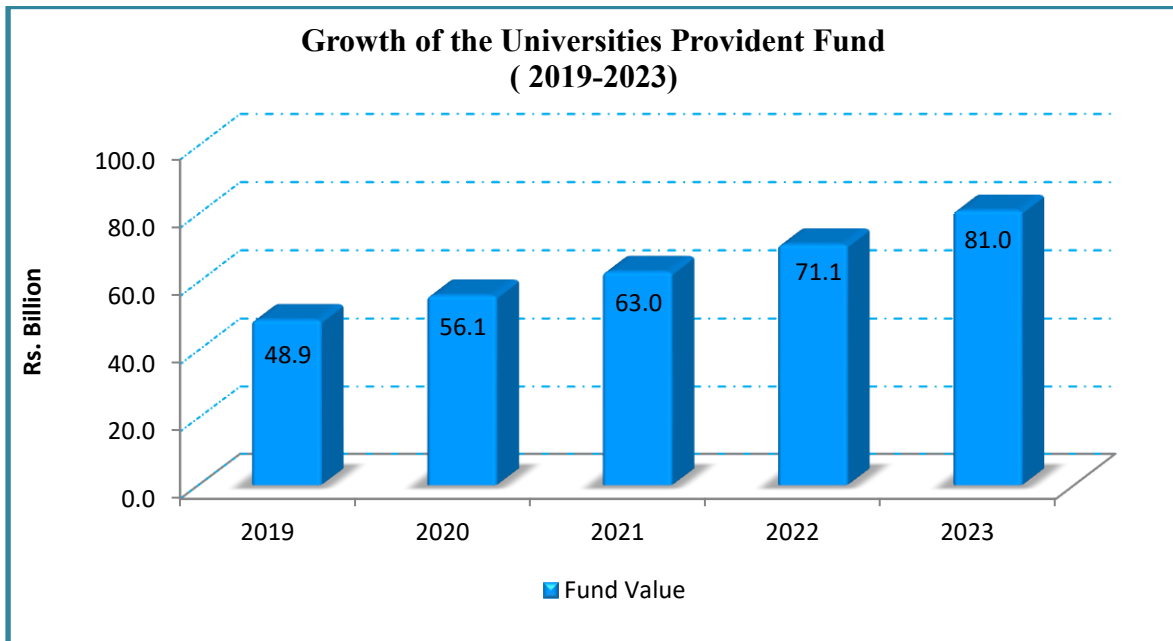
In 1966 “Universities Provident Fund” was established under the higher Education Act No 20 of 1966 and individual universities maintained the provident fund for their employees separately. In 1972 the “University Provident Fund” was centralized by the University of Ceylon Act No 01 of 1972. Accordingly, the Senate house was maintained the amalgamated “Provident Fund”. The university Grants Commission was established in 1978 under the Universities Act No 16 of 1978 and accordingly the “Universities Provident Fund” was established.

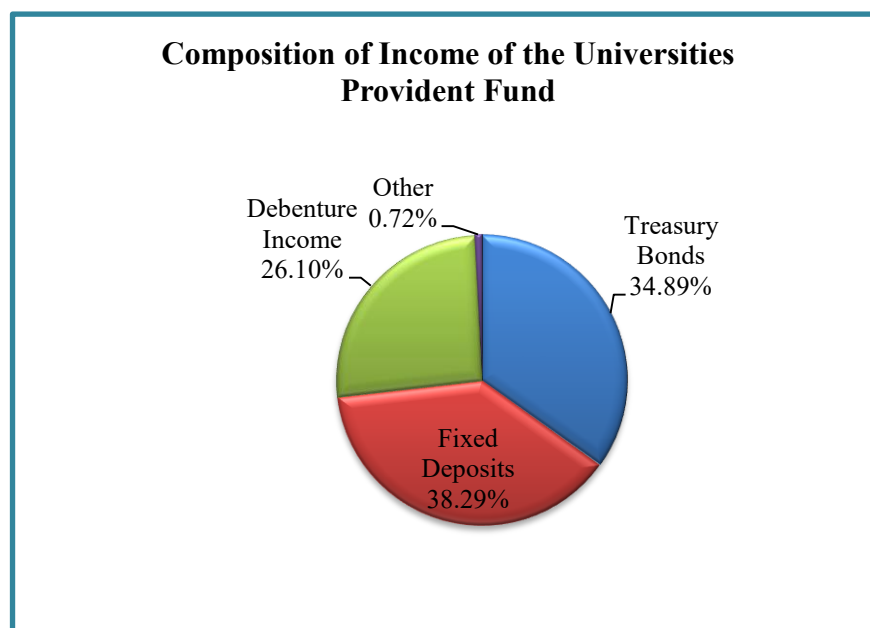
21.1 Financial Highlights of the Provident Fund

	As at	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1. Membership						
Active Members Accounts	31-Dec	22,172	22,318	23,046	23,349	22,447
Inactive Members Account:	31-Dec	21,866	22,980	24,498	24,784	25,996
2. Refunds						
No. of Refunds	31-Dec	3,143	2,717	2,872	3,771	4,415
Refunds Value (Rs. Mn)	31-Dec	2,456	2,712	3,293	3,746	5,203
3. Fund Balance (Rs. Mn)	31-Dec	48,729	56,059	63,026	71,096	81,010
4. Loan Balance (Rs. Mn)	31-Dec	7,047	7,432	7,715	10,825	13,190
5. General Reserve (Rs. Mn)	31-Dec	121	65	145	695	327
7. Loan Granted during the year (Rs. Mn)	31-Dec	1,897	1,471	1,678	4,505	4,581
8. Total Investments(Rs. Mn)	31-Dec	38,275	45,585	51,991	56,441	64,724
9. Investment Income (Rs.Mn)	31-Dec	4,393	4,741	4,932	7,004	9,886
10. Income Tax (Rs. Mn)	31-Dec	622	674	703	983	1,377
11. Return on Investments (Before Tax)	31-Dec	11.48%	10.40%	9.49%	12.41%	15.27%
12. Declared Interest -On Opening Balance	1-Jan	10.00%	9.60%	8.40%	10.00%	15.00%

Table 21.1 Financial Highlights of the Provident Fund



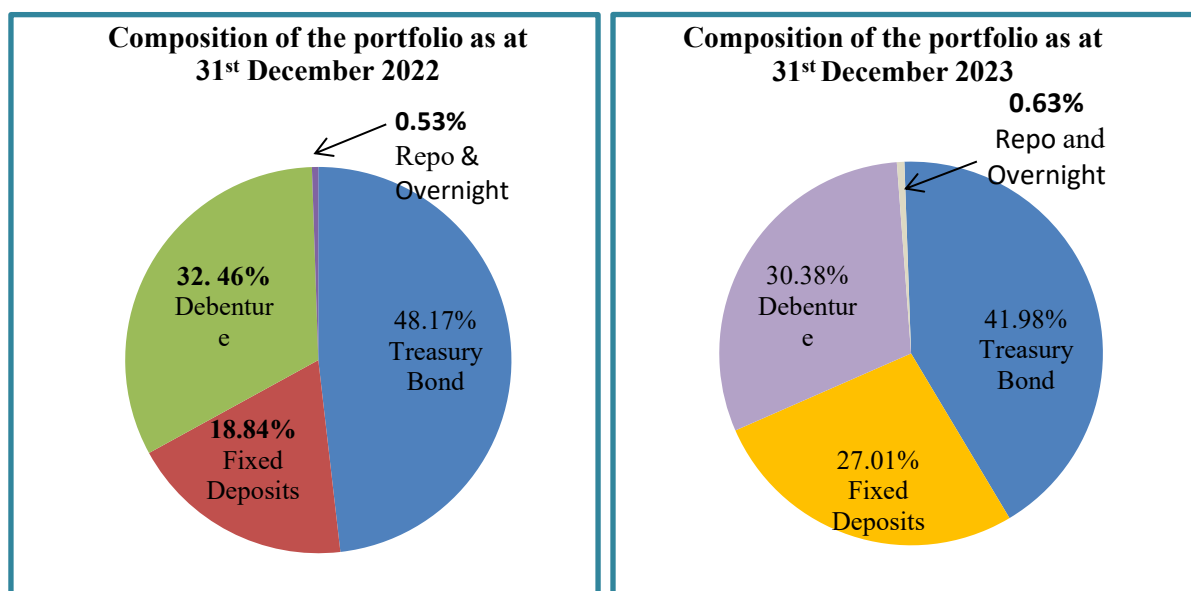




21.2 Summary of the Investment Portfolio as at 31.12.2023 – Universities Provident Fund

	31/12/2022		31/12/2023	
	Face Value (Rs. Mn)	Share (%)	Face Value (Rs Mn)	Share (%)
Treasury Bond/ Tbill	27,412.43	48.17	27,451.12	41.98
Fixed Deposit	10,720.00	18.84	17,660.00	27.01
Debiture	18,470.00	32.46	19,870.00	30.38
Repo and Overnight	300.06	0.53	413.54	0.63
Total	56,902.49	100.00	65,394.66	100.00

Table 21.2 Summary of the Investment Portfolio as at 31.12.2023 – Universities Provident Fund



21. COMMISSION CIRCULARS AND ESTABLISHMENTS CIRCULAR LETTERS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR 2023

The UGC within the powers, duties and functions vested in the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 as amended, together with the directives made by the respective Government bodies, following Commission Circulars and Establishments Circular Letters were issued during the year 2023 giving instructions and necessary guidelines on decisions and policies arrived at the Commission for smooth functioning of the UGC and the Higher Educational Institutions.

(a) Commission Circulars

No.	Commission Circular No.	Title	Date of Circular
01	01/2023	Use of Designators and Qualifiers in Naming SLQF Level 5 & 6 Qualifications	25.01.2023
02	13/2022(i)	Retirement of Age of the Employees other than Teachers in the University System	28.02.2023
03	02/2023	Common Directives/ Guidance on Non-Evidenced, Anonymous Complaints and Discontinuation of Investigations at Universities	01.03.2023
04	03/2023	Appointment to the Post of Vice Chancellor	10.04.2023
05	04/2023	Relief for the Lecturers (Probationary) who have been terminated due to the failure to complete prescribed Postgraduate Degree owing to COVID-19 Pandemic	13.07.2023
06	05/2023	Scheme of Recruitment for the Post of Alternative Communication Facilitator, Grade II and Grade I	18.07.2023

Table 21(a) Commission Circulars



(b) Establishments Circular Letters

No.	Estab. Circular Letter No.	Title	Date of Circular Letter
01	01/2023	Adoption of Public Administration Circular 31/2022 - Special Advance for Public Officers - Year 2023	02.01.2023
02	02/2023	Adoption of Public Administration Circular 02/2021(VII) – Measures to be taken with regard to Leave and Allowances of Public Officers after 13 th of March 2020 in line with the Methodology followed by the Government for Prevention of COVID – 19	26.01.2023
03	03/2023	75 th Independence Day Commemoration Ceremony - 2023	03.02.2023
04	04/2023	Adoption of Public Administration Circulars - List of Names of Disciplinary Inquiry Officers under Sub Section 19:5, Chapter XLVIII, Volume II of the Establishments Code	03.02.2023
05	05/2023	Granting of Special Leave during the Ramalan (Ramazan) Season 2023	07.03.2023
06	01/2023 (i)	Adoption of Public Administration Circular No. 31/2022(i) - Special Advance for Public Officers –Year 2023	08.03.2023
07	06/2023	Adoption of Public Administration Circular No. 07/2023 - Providing relief to the public officers entitled to political rights who have submitted nominations for the Local Government Election 2023	09.05.2023
08	07/2023	Adoption of Public Administration Circular No 02/2021(VIII) - Maintaining the Public Service under Normalcy	16.05.2023
09	09/2022 (i)	Granting leave with no pay to be spent in out of the island to officers in state owned enterprises without causing any prejudice to the seniority	22.05.2023
10	09/2022 (ii)	Granting leave with no pay to be spent in out of the island to officers in state owned enterprises without causing any prejudice to the seniority	02.08.2023
11	08/2023	Revised Establishments Code of the University Grants Commission and the Higher Educational Institutions/Institutes	03.10.2023



No.	Estab. Circular Letter No.	Title	Date of Circular Letter
12	09/2023	Recruitment for the Posts of Registrar and Bursar	21.11.2023
13	10/2023	Determining the salary applicable when appointing an Ex-serviceman to the University System	30.11.2023
14	11/2023	Adoption of Public Administration Circular No.25/2023 - Commencement of Work, Year-2024	19.12.2023

Table 21(b) Establishments Circular Letters



22. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

A total sum of Rs. 6,700 Million was allocated for the new construction & continuation projects, rehabilitation projects, acquisitions, Human capital Development projects and Research and Development projects in year 2023. Treasury has recommended and released the total sum of Rs. 6,515 Million by the end of the year 2023.

During the year, 09 new project proposals were received by the Commission from Universities and HEI's and after careful scrutiny and evaluation no projects approved by the Commission during the year 2023. Line Ministry has not forwarded Project Proposals to Department of National Planning for approval during the year 2023. There were 02 projects physically commenced in year 2023 & 46 construction projects are in progress at different levels in the design and construction process within the university system as at the end of the year amounted to Rs. 17,089 million and no completed projects during the period. Details are given below.

	2021		2022		2023	
	No. of Projects	Total Value (Rs. Mn)	No. of Projects	Total Value (Rs. Mn)	No. of Projects	Total Value (Rs. Mn)
No. of Project Proposals received by UGC	33	16,598.11	10	14,733.95	9	9,673.15
No. of Project Proposals approved by UGC	17	7,003.71	8	2,200.65	-	-
No. of Projects submitted to National Planning	22	14,288.69	8	2,200.65	-	-
No. of Projects approved by National Planning	1	132.00	-	-	-	-
No. of Projects approved by Cabinet of Ministers	-	-	-	-	-	-
No. of Projects commenced during the year	12	1,739.70	-	-	-	-
No. of Projects in Progress (Continuation)	80	62,202.0	56	28,748	-	-
No. of Projects Completed	5	1,131.0	1	99.1	-	-

considered only the physical condition of the project

Table 22 Projects Completed and Handed over to the University System



23. STUDENTS AFFAIRS AND WELFARE DIVISION

The Commission at its 1090th meeting held on 17.11.2022 granted approval to create a new division named “Students Affairs and Welfare Division”, concerning the necessity of establishing a separate division at the University Grants Commission Secretariat to handle student matters/grievances.

During the year 2023, the UGC received a total of 78 requests from students for various interventions, all of which were promptly addressed. The summary of these requests, categorized by university is presented below.

No	University	Total Requests
01	University of Colombo	06
02	University of Peradeniya	02
03	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	08
04	University of Kelaniya	05
05	University of Moratuwa	01
06	University of Jaffna	03
07	University of Vavuniya	07
08	University of Ruhuna	03
09	Eastern University, Sri Lanka	09
10	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	08
11	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	03
12	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	07
13	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	02
14	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	01
15	University of the Visual and Performing Arts	01
16	Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine	05
17	Trincomalee Campus	07
Total		78

Table 23 Summary of requests, categorized by the university

24. RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

The Commission at its 1090th meeting held on 17.11.2022 decided to create a new division at the University Grants Commission named “Research & Development Division”.



24. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31st December 2023

	Note	2023 Rs.	2022 Restated Rs.
ASSETS			
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	04	226,411,917	344,503,883
Receivables	05	76,633,328	80,934,531
Inventories		9,760,325	14,225,056
Pre Payments/Deposits	06	9,290,151	7,627,570
Total Current Assets		322,095,720	447,291,039
<u>Non-Current Assets</u>			
Infrastructure, Plant & Equipments	07	98,600,580	137,241,384
Land & Building	07	570,649,772	581,319,302
Intangible Assets - Computer Software	08	4,375,228	6,721,075
Work in Progress - Computer Software	09	1,148,000	1,413,500
Investments	10	27,147,972	26,688,282
Investment - Gratuity	11	30,467,291	31,031,326
Endowment /Scholarship Fund Investments	12	40,722,417	39,722,417
Total Non-Current Assets		773,111,260	824,137,287
Total Assets		1,095,206,981	1,271,428,326
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Payables	13	290,490,667	404,940,111
Payments Received in Advance/Deposits	14	25,686,556	32,854,887
Unspent Capital Grant- Universities	15	17,982,819	40,956,121
Total current liabilities		334,160,041	478,751,120
<u>Non- Current Liabilities</u>			
Retirement Benefit Obligation	16	91,305,682	96,195,231
Endowment Fund	17	52,446,002	41,789,019
Total non-current liabilities		143,751,684	137,984,250
Total Liabilities		477,911,725	616,735,369
NET ASSETS		617,295,255	654,692,957



UNIVERSITY FUND & RESERVES


Specific Funds	18	2,426,017	2,002,844
Unspent Capital Grant-UGC	15	36,347,763	12,728,859
Staff Development Fund		25,233,454	25,233,454
UGC Development Fund		26,370,779	36,154,376
Revaluation Surplus-Land & Building		509,313,767	509,313,767
Revaluation Surplus-Motor Vehicle		44,903,164	44,903,164
Accumulated Surpluses/ (Deficits)		(27,299,689)	24,356,493
TOTAL NET ASSETS/ EQUITY		617,295,255	654,692,956

Members of the University Grants Commission are responsible for the preparation & presentation of these Financial Statements.

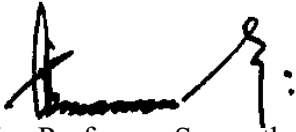
These Financial Statements were approved by the members of the University Grants Commission and signed on their behalf;



R.A.U. Ranaweera
Accountant



Dr. Priyantha Premakumara
Secretary



Senior Professor Sampath Amaraturunge
Chairman



Senior Professor A.K.W. Jayawardane
Commission Member



STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Note	2023 Rs.	2022 Restated Rs.
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</u>		
Surplus/(deficit)	(49,886,915)	(282,613,533)
<u>Adjustments</u>		
Depreciation/Amortization	54,585,278	59,023,671
Transfer to Development Fund	(11,552,864)	(14,976,567)
Provision for gratuity	6,755,811	12,743,561
Operating Profit before changes in working capital	(98,689)	(225,822,868)
<u>Changes in Working Capital</u>		
(Increase)/Decrease in inventory	4,464,730	(2,267,666)
Increase/(Decrease) in payables	(144,591,078)	190,790,109
Interest for Gratuity	3,569,617	3,568,817
(Increase)/Decrease in prepayments/deposits	(1,662,581)	232,208
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables	4,301,203	(3,043,563)
Gratuity payment	(14,650,942)	(9,095,381)
Net cash flows from Operating Activities	(148,667,739)	(45,638,345)
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</u>		
Acquisition of Property, Plant & Equipment	(2,929,097)	(15,313,240)
Investment in Fixed Deposits/Treasury Bonds	(1,459,690)	(2,084,930)
(Increase)/Decrease in Work in Progress	265,500	-
Net cash used in Investing Activities	(4,123,287)	(17,398,170)
<u>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</u>		
Funds received for specific activities	423,173	207,019
Government grants received & Unspent	23,618,904	12,728,859
Receipts/(payments) from scholarship fund	10,656,983	1,185,067
Net cash used in financing activities	34,699,060	14,120,945
Net increase /(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	(118,091,966)	(48,915,570)
Cash & cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	344,503,883	393,419,453
Cash & cash equivalents at the end of the year	226,411,917	344,503,883
Note-Bank Balances as at 31/12/2023		
UGC A/C 2323284 - BOC	(71,253,201)	(6,169,223)
BOC-University Scholarship fund	14,655,300	8,257,368
Overnight Deposit	273,000,000	275,000,000
Fund Management Account	9,231,917	66,554,588
Peoples Bank-Collection Account	777,900	861,150
Total	226,411,917	344,503,883



STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITYfor the year ended 31st December 2023

Description	Retained Surplus/ (Deficit)	UGC Development Vote	Revaluation Surplus	Revaluation Surplus- Motor Vehicle	Staff Development Vote	Unspent Capital Grant - UGC	Total Net Assets Equity
Balance as at 1st January 2022-Restated	321,946,593	36,154,376	509,313,767	44,903,164	25,233,454	-	937,551,355
Government Grants Received - Capital UGC	-	-	-	-	-	26,000,000	26,000,000
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	(282,613,533)	-	-	-	-	-	(282,613,533)
Expenditure related to Staff Development Funds	-	-	-	-	(15,655,459)	-	(15,655,459)
Interest on Investment	-	-	-	-	678,892	-	678,892
Transfer of Funds to Staff Development Fund	(14,976,567)	-	-	-	14,976,567	-	-
Capital Expenditure incurred during the year	-	-	-	-	-	(13,271,141)	(13,271,141)
Balance as at 31st December 2022 - Restated	24,356,493	36,154,376	509,313,767	44,903,164	25,233,454	12,728,859	652,690,113
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	(49,886,915)	-	-	-	-	-	(49,886,915)
Transfer of Funds to Finance Recurrent Grant Shortfall	9,783,597	(9,783,597)	-	-	-	-	-
Government Grants Received - Capital UGC	-	-	-	-	-	26,000,000	26,000,000
Interest on Investment	-	-	-	-	5,942,029	-	5,942,029
Expenses made out of Staff Development Fund	-	-	-	-	(17,494,893)	-	(17,494,893)
Transfer of Funds to Staff Development Fund	(11,552,864)	-	-	-	11,552,864	-	-
Capital Expenditure incurred during the year	-	-	-	-	-	(2,381,096)	(2,381,096)
Balance as at 31st December 2023	(27,299,689)	26,370,779	509,313,767	44,903,164	25,233,454	36,347,763	614,869,239



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the year ended 31st December 2023

	Note	2023 Rs.	2022 Restated Rs.
REVENUE			
<u>Revenue from Non Exchange Transactions - Current</u>			
Government Grant-Recurrent	19	2,900,253,224	2,372,945,200
		<u>2,900,253,224</u>	<u>2,372,945,200</u>
<u>Revenue from Exchange Transactions - Current</u>			
Other Revenue	20	74,328,891	36,901,756
		<u>74,328,891</u>	<u>36,901,756</u>
Total Revenue Current		<u>2,974,582,115</u>	<u>2,409,846,956</u>
<u>Revenue from Non Exchange Transactions - Capital</u>			
Capital Grants	21	951,955,037	537,854,905
Total Revenue Capital		<u>951,955,037</u>	<u>537,854,905</u>
Total Revenue		<u>3,926,537,152</u>	<u>2,947,701,861</u>
<u>Operating Expenses - Current</u>			
Personnel Emoluments	22	313,543,013	343,894,679
Supplies & Consumables Used	23	164,618,191	131,562,968
Grants & Other Transfer Paymens	24	2,427,804,433	2,037,249,423
Other Recurrent Expenses	25	66,847,210	136,042,988
		<u>2,972,812,848</u>	<u>2,648,750,058</u>
<u>Non Operating Expenses - Capital</u>			
Human Capital Development	26.1	119,805,777	117,930,161
Budget Proposals	26.2	825,000,000	403,713,913
Rehabilitation Expenses	26.3	4,220,164	897,591
Depreciation & Amortization Expenses	26.4	54,585,278	59,023,671
		<u>1,003,611,219</u>	<u>581,565,336</u>
Total Expenses		<u>3,976,424,067</u>	<u>3,230,315,394</u>
Total Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period		<u>(49,886,915)</u>	<u>(282,613,533)</u>
Total surplus / (deficit) for the period comprise current and capital surplus / (deficit) for the period as follows,			
Current surplus / (deficit) for the period		1,769,267	(238,903,102)
Capital surplus / (deficit) for the period		<u>(51,656,182)</u>	<u>(43,710,431)</u>
		<u>(49,886,915)</u>	<u>(282,613,533)</u>

Accounting Policies and Notes are an integral part of these Financial Statements.



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20th of June 2024

Chairman,
University Grants Commission.

Report of the Auditor General in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018 regarding the Financial Statements and other legal and regulatory requirements of the University Grants Commission for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Certified Account and the above report are enclosed herewith.

Signed by: W.M.P.A. Fonseka
Deputy Auditor General
For Auditor General

Copies: -

01. Secretary – Ministry of Education
02. Secretary – Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

Chairman
University Grants Commission

Report of the Auditor General in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018 regarding the Financial Statements and other legal and regulatory requirements of the University Grants Commission for the year ended 31 December 2023.

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Opinion

The Audit of the Financial Statements of the University Grants Commission for the year ended 31 December 2023 comprising the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2023 and the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Changes in Equity and Cash Flow Statement for the year then ended along with notes relevant to the Financial Statements including information on the quantitative accounting policies, was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, read in conjunction with Sections 12(4) and 8 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 and Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. My report will be tabled in Parliament in due course, in accordance with Article 154(6) of the Constitution.

In my opinion, the Financial Statements of the University Grants Commission reflect a true and fair view of its Financial Position as at 31 December 2023 and its Financial Performance and Cash Flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.

1.2 Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibilities, under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

1.3 Other information included in the Annual Report 2023 of the Commission

Other information means the information included in the Annual Report 2023 of the University Grants Commission, which is expected to be provided to me after the date of this audit report, but not included in the Financial Statements and in my audit report thereon. Management is responsible for the other information.

My opinion on Financial Statements does not cover any other information and I do not express any kind of assurance or opinion about it.

In connection with my audit of Financial Statements, it is my responsibility to read the other information identified above when it is available and to read other information when available and in doing so, it is to consider whether other information is quantitatively inconsistent with my knowledge obtained with the financial statements or in the audit or otherwise.

If I conclude that it contains quantitative errors, after reading the 2023 Annual Report of the Commission, those matters will be communicated to the governing parties for correction. If there are any further unresolved errors, they will be included in the report that I will table in Parliament in due course in accordance with Article 154 (6) of the Constitution.

1.4 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Commission or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Commission's financial reporting process.

As per Sub-section 16 (1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the Commission is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities to enable annual and periodic financial statements to be prepared of the Commission.

1.5 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an audit's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risk of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for

my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Commission to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

The important audit findings identified during my audit, key internal control weaknesses and other issues will be informed to the governing parties.

2. Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

2.1 The National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 contains special provisions relating to the following requirements.

2.1.1 I obtained all the information and explanations required for the audit as per the requirements of Section 12 (a) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 and my investigation revealed that the proper financial reports had been maintained by the Commission.

2.1.2 In accordance with the requirements of Section 6 (1) (d) (iii) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the financial statements of the Commission are consistent with that of the previous year.

2.1.3 The recommendation made by me during the last year in accordance with the requirements of section 6 (1) (d) (IV) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 are included in the financial statements.

2.2 Nothing caught to my attention as much as to make the following statements within the limitations of the measures adopted and the evidence obtained and quantifying the facts.

2.2.1 In accordance with the requirements mentioned in Section 12 (d) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, whether any member of the governing body of the Commission has any direct or indirect interest in any contract entered into by the Commission outside of the normal business situation.

2.2.2 That there has been any non-compliance with any relevant written law or other general or special provisions issued by the Governing Body of the Commission, other than the observations referred to in Section 12(f) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

Reference to laws, rules/ regulations

Observations

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(a) Section 11 of Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 and University Grants Commission Internal Audit Circular Letter No. 04/2019 dated 29 July 2019.	As on 31 December 2023 without the approval of the Finance Minister, a sum of Rs. 1,459,690 had been invested in fixed deposits.

2.2.3 In accordance with the requirements mentioned in Section 12 (g) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, whether the Commission has not complied with their powers, functions & duties.

2.2.4 In accordance with the requirements of Section 12(h) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018, whether the resources of the Commission had not been procured and utilized economically, efficiently and effectively within the time frames and in compliance with the applicable laws.

2.3 Other matters

(a) Various stocks with a total value of Rs.2,647,969 remained idle in the stores for a period of 2 to 5 years.

(b) The progress in finalizing complaints received by the Centre for Gender Equity and Equality in the years 2020 to 2022 was in the low range of 23.5 percent to 36.6 percent and relevant to the year under review, out of the 68 complaints received up to 31 October 2023, the progress in resolving complaints was as low as 14.7%.

(c) The Commission had received the approval of the Director General, National Budget on 09 November 2020 to cancel the lease agreement of renting of the 3,337 square feet building due to the lack of space and transportation difficulties which had been rented for Rs.350,000 per month in the year 2017 and obtain 7,000 square feet building for a monthly rent of Rs.950,000. However, contrary to that approval, the new building was acquired on a rental basis without cancelling the agreement of monthly rent of Rs.350,000, and a total of Rs.12,600,000 was paid as building rent from the year 2021 until March 2024.

(d) After admitting students to the universities for the two academic years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, there were 3,008 and 2,233 vacancies respectively and due to not admitting

students for those vacancies, 5,241 students had lost their admission to the university in those 2 academic years alone.

- (e) 22 grantees who received postgraduate grants from 2009 to 2017 had not completed the course till 31 December 2023 and out of the grants given to 11 beneficiaries, a sum of Rs. 17,498,461 remained to be recovered by 31st December 2023. Further, no postgraduate grants were awarded to any applicant in 2022 and 2023.
- (f) Though Rs.1,148,000 had been spent in the year 2019 for the software development, the related work had not been completed till the date of the report.
- (g) Rs. 2,262 million was to be recovered as of December 31, 2023, from 551 academic staff members of 22 Higher Educational Institutions due to breach of bonds.

Signed by : W.P.C.Wickramaratne
Auditor General

Report of the Auditor General in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018 regarding the Financial Statements and other legal and regulatory requirements of the University Grants Commission for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Audit observation	Observations	Audit observations and other steps taken by management
<p>1. Financial statements</p> <p>1.1 Opinion</p> <p>1.2 Basis for opinion</p> <p>1.3 Other information included in the Annual Report 2023 of the Commission</p> <p>1.4 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements</p> <p>1.5 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements</p>	<p>In my opinion, the Financial Statements of the University Grants Commission reflect a true and fair view of its Financial Position as at 31 December 2023 and its Financial Performance and Cash Flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>

Audit observation	Observations	Audit observations and other steps taken by management
<p>2. Report on other legal and regulatory requirements</p> <p>2.1 The National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 contain special provisions relating to the following requirements.</p> <p>2.2 Nothing caught to my attention as much as to make the following statements within the limitations of the measures adopted and the evidence obtained and quantifying the facts.</p> <p>2.2.1 In accordance with the requirements mentioned in Section 12 (d) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, whether any member of the governing body of the Commission has any direct or indirect interest in any contract entered into by the Commission outside of the normal business situation.</p> <p>2.2.2 That there has been any non-compliance with any relevant written law or other general or special provisions issued by the</p>	<p>No audit observations.</p> <p>No audit observations.</p> <p>No audit observations.</p> <p>No audit observations.</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>

Audit observation	Observations	Audit observations and other steps taken by management
<p>Governing Body of the Commission, other than the observations referred to in Section 12(f) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.</p>		
<p>(a) Section 11 of Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 and University Grants Commission Internal Audit Circular Letter No. 04/2019 dated 29 July 2019.</p>	<p>As on 31 December 2023 without the approval of the Finance Minister, a sum of Rs. 1,459,690 had been invested in fixed deposits.</p>	<p>As of December 31, 2023, the University Grants Commission has not invested any surplus funds in fixed deposits. However, the funds relating to the Employee Development Fund established under Section 8(1) (d) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 are maintained as fixed deposits.</p>
<p>2.2.3 In accordance with the requirements mentioned in Section 12 (g) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, whether the Commission has not complied with their powers, functions & duties.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>-----</p>
<p>2.2.4 In accordance with the requirements of Section 12(h) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018, whether the resources of the Commission had not been procured and utilized</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>-----</p>

Audit observation	Observations	Audit observations and other steps taken by management
<p>economically, efficiently and effectively within the time frames and in compliance with the applicable laws.</p> <p>2.3 Other matters</p>	<p>(a) Various stocks with a total value of Rs.2,647,969 remained idle in the stores for a period of 2 to 5 years.</p> <p>(b) The progress in finalizing complaints received by the Centre for Gender Equity and Equality in the years 2020 to 2022 was in the low range of 23.5 percent to 36.6 percent and relevant to the year under review, out of the 68</p>	<p>The idleness of various stock items in the warehouse was not due to “non-identification of proper needs” and was due to changes in consumption patterns due to the following reasons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Closure of the institution for longer periods in 2020 and 2021 due to the spread of COVID. 2. A significant reduction in print work with more focus on doing work through electronic means. 3. With the government issuing various circular instructions to reduce the use of printed copies (Physical Documents) along with the financial situation in the country, resorting to the use of electronic media (e-mail, whatsapp & etc.). <p>Arrangements have been made to use the relevant stocks by distributing these stock items to as many universities as possible.</p> <p>The Vice - Chancellors of affiliated universities are informed to investigate and report within 14 days regarding the complaints received by the Centre for Gender Equity and Equality. Progress on this will be discussed at each Standing Committee session.</p>

Audit observation	Observations	Audit observations and other steps taken by management
	<p>complaints received up to 31 October 2023, the progress in resolving complaints was as low as 14.7%.</p> <p>(c) The Commission had received the approval of the Director General, National Budget on 09 November 2020 to cancel the lease agreement of renting of the 3,337 square feet building due to the lack of space and transportation difficulties which had been rented for Rs.350,000 per month in the year 2017 and obtain 7,000 square feet building for a monthly rent of Rs.950,000. However, contrary to that approval, the new building was acquired on a rental basis without cancelling the agreement of monthly rent of Rs.350,000, and a total of Rs.12,600,000 was paid as building rent from the year 2021 until March 2024.</p>	<p>However, as the Council of the respective Universities is the final authority to investigate complaints about students and staff and take disciplinary action, the role of the University Grants Commission is limited.</p> <p>The Centre for Gender Equity and Equality has received these funds to implement 05-year project plans. Accordingly, there was a possibility of utilizing these funds from 2018 to 2023.</p> <p>However, some of the planned works could not be completed in 2023 due to the lack of staff in the sector. Accordingly, the action plan of the year 2024 has been prepared including the remaining tasks and it has been approved by the Commission.</p> <p>As expected by the University Grants Commission, the facilities of the new building were not sufficient to accommodate the Internal Audit Department, Quality Assurance Council and University Appeal Service Board established in the building acquired on rental basis of Rs.350,000/- per year in 2017. Establishing the Information Division, especially in connection with the University Admissions Division was also a reason for this matter.</p> <p>After studying this for a long time, the approval of the General Treasury has been requested to continue to maintain the building acquired on rental basis in 2017.</p>

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	<p>(d) After admitting students to the universities for the two academic years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, there were 3,008 and 2,233 vacancies respectively and due to not admitting students for those vacancies, 5,241 students had lost their admission to the university in those 2 academic years alone.</p> <p>(e) 22 grantees who received postgraduate grants from 2009 to 2017 had not completed the course till 31 December 2023 and out of the grants given to 11 beneficiaries, a sum of Rs. 17,498,461 remained to be recovered by 31st December 2023. Further, no postgraduate grants were awarded to any applicant in 2022 and 2023.</p>	<p>In relation to the academic year 2020/2021, there were 3008 vacancies after the admission of students under normal intake, but by now 04 rounds of vacancies have been completed for that academic year and the number of vacancies has reduced to 1857.</p> <p>In relation to the academic year 2021/2022, there were 2233 vacancies after admitting students under normal intake, but by now 03 rounds of vacancies have been completed for that academic year and the number of vacancies has reduced to 1084.</p> <p>Even if the University Grants Commission assigns students to vacancies, vacancies will arise if those students do not accept admission. However, once the studies related to the course have started, the University Grants Commission cannot proceed to fill any more vacancies.</p> <p>From the year 2009 to the year 2017, the grants of 11 out of 22 grantees who received postgraduate grants have been fully recovered and the grants of 03 grantees have been partially recovered. Arrangements have been made to update the information by sending reminder letters to the respective universities regarding the amount still to be collected.</p> <p>Accordingly, it has been informed that the respective universities have taken steps to take legal action against the grantees who have not yet taken any steps to pay the money. In accordance with existing State Finance Act regulations, no Postgraduate Grants had been awarded in the years 2022 and 2023. But when the existing grant beneficiaries were closely</p>

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	<p>(f) Though Rs.1,148,000 had been spent in the year 2019 for the software development, the related work had not been completed till the date of the report.</p> <p>(g) Rs. 2,262 million was to be recovered as of December 31, 2023, from 551 academic staff members of 22 Higher Educational Institutions due to breach of bonds.</p>	<p>monitored, a significant progress of the grantees was observed. Accordingly, a letter has already been sent to all the universities asking for information regarding the current performance of the above grantees in their studies and the money to be collected from the grantees who left their positions and did not complete their degrees on time, and the reply letters are currently being received.</p> <p>Although the development of the software system for the collection of basic management information required by the University Grants Commission started in 2019, the work was delayed due to the spread of the Covid pandemic in 2020 and 2021.</p> <p>Currently, the development of the software is in the final stage and after the completion of the work, the amount of Rs. 1,148,000 which was paid for it will be capitalized.</p> <p>551 members of the academic (550) and non-academic (01) staff have been identified as having breached bonds as of 31.12.2023. Out of these, necessary steps have been taken to recover the relevant amounts in respect of 347 of whom 139 have already commenced payment proceedings.</p> <p>However, since the recovery of the money of 204 staff members cannot be carried out under the existing rules and regulations (Universities Act 1978 and the Establishment Code for Higher Educational Institutions), a cabinet paper has been submitted to obtain the necessary recommendations for that purpose and further action will be decided based on those recommendations.</p>

25. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY PROVIDENT FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION			
As At 31st December	Note No	2023 LKR	2022 LKR
<u>ASSETS</u>			
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	06	413,541,835	302,060,542
Interest Income Receivable	07	1,672,106,191	5,374,162,634
Contributions Receivable	08	229,665,151	212,477,601
Loan Installments Receivable	09	47,506,318	35,224,961
Current Portion of Loans	14	1,564,525,821	1,265,997,652
Investments	13	6,500,000,000	13,756,945,688
Other Advances & Prepayments	10	354,613	268,712
Inventory		135,051	438,274
Total Current Assets		10,427,834,979	20,947,576,064
<u>Non Current Assets</u>			
Interest Income Receivable	07	2,532,803,014	-
Property, Plant & Equipment	11	4,292,657	5,407,856
Intangible Assets	12	287,000	235,311
Investments	13	58,223,949,786	42,684,425,600
Loans	14	11,625,411,903	9,559,162,280
Total Non Current Assets		72,386,744,360	52,249,231,048
Total Assets		82,814,579,339	73,196,807,111
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	06	236,438,055	103,512,872
Loan Payable	15	-	186,274,821
Other Payable	16	2,589,885	3,488,241
COLA Payable		43,182,641	43,182,641
Refunds Payable	17	59,021,247	50,732,906
Tax Payable	18	1,121,618,533	1,004,352,835
Total Current Liabilities		1,462,850,362	1,391,544,316
Total Net Assets		81,351,728,977	71,805,262,795

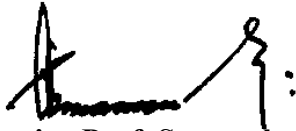


As At 31 st December	Note No	2023 LKR	2022 LKR
<u>NET ASSETS /EQUITY</u>			
Member Balances - Active	19	80,971,985,050	71,057,499,025
Member Balances - Inactive	20	38,091,457	38,094,733
Provision for Inactive Members A/C		8,000,000	8,000,000
Unclaimed Benefits Reserve		6,997,078	6,997,078
Retained Profit Carried Forward		326,655,393	694,671,959
Total Net Assets		81,351,728,977	71,805,262,795

The Accounting Policies on pages 06 to 09 & Notes on pages 10 to 26 form an integral part of these Financial Statements. The members of the University Grants Commission are responsible for the preparation & presentation of these Financial Statements. These Financial Statements were approved by the members of the University Grants Commission at its special meeting held on 29th February 2024.



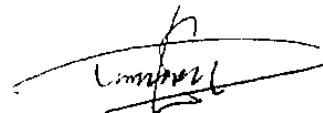
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Accountant



Senior Prof. Sampath Amaratunge
Chairman



Dr. Priyantha Premakumara
Secretary



Senior Prof. A K W Jayawardane
Commission Member

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW		
For the year ended 3^{1st} December	2023	LKR
<u>Cash flows From Operating Activities</u>		
Net Income After Taxes and Expenses	8,501,528,246	6,015,429,579
<i>Adjustment for</i>		
Non Cash Movements		
Add/(Less): Discount/Premium on Treasury Bonds	(48,097,749)	20,598,514
Depreciation	1,115,199	164,270
Amortization	235,311	485,311
Income Tax	1,377,299,680	983,491,335
Surplus from Operating Activities	9,832,080,687	7,020,169,010
(Increase)/ Decrease in Inventory	303,224	(330,663)
(Increase)/ Decrease in Investment Income Receivable	1,169,253,429	(1,247,261,406)
(Increase)/ Decrease in Advances & Pre-Payments	(85,900)	217,899
(Increase)/ Decrease in Loan Installments Receivable	(12,281,357)	(4,364,695)
Increase/ (Decrease) in COLA Payable	-	(392,379)
Increase/ (Decrease) in Sundry Creditors	(898,356)	(32,136,073)
Cash Generated From Operations	10,988,371,727	5,735,901,692
Less: Income Tax Paid	(1,260,033,982)	(727,594,282)
Net Cash flows from Operating Activities	9,728,337,745	5,008,307,410
<u>Cash flows from / (Used in) Investing Activities</u>		
Purchase of Property Plant & Equipment	(287,000)	(5,556,659)
Maturity of Fixed Deposits	10,720,000,000	17,294,882,009
Investment in Fixed Deposits	(17,660,000,000)	(11,620,000,000)
Sale/maturity of Treasury Bonds	908,317,437	393,000,000
Maturity of Debentures	1,000,000,000	-
Purchase of Debentures	(2,400,000,000)	(170,000,000)
Purchase of Treasury Bonds	(1,424,455,387)	(9,747,679,559)
Purchase of Treasury Bills	(511,033,600)	(1,552,974,200)
Maturity of Treasury Bills	1,132,690,800	931,317,000
Loans Granted/Settled	(2,551,052,613)	(2,923,682,845)
Net Cash flows Used in Investing Activities	(10,785,820,363)	(7,400,694,255)
<u>Cash flows From Financing Activities</u>		
Contributions Received	6,230,919,803	6,347,808,222
Refunds	(5,194,881,075)	(3,744,814,395)
Net Cash flows From Financing Activities	1,036,038,728	2,602,993,826
Net Increased / (Decreased) in Cash & Cash Equivalents	(21,443,889)	210,606,982
Cash & Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the year	198,547,669	(12,059,313)
Cash & Cash Equivalents at the end of the year	177,103,780	198,547,669
Cash & Cash Equivalents :		
Cash and Bank Balances (Note No: 06)	177,103,780	198,547,669



STATEMENT FOR CHANGES IN EQUITY / NET ASSETS

For the year ended 31st December 2023

(LKR)							
	Member Balances Active	Member Balances Inactive	Provision for inactive accounts	Unclaimed Benefit Reserve	Retained Profit	Total Net assets Equity	
Balance as at 1st January 2022	62,988,316,953	38,134,412	8,000,000	6,997,078	144,933,312	63,186,381,755	
Contributions During the Year	6,381,480,119	-	-	-	-	6,381,480,119	
Current Year Members Interest	5,518,371,852	-	-	-	(5,518,371,852)	-	
Interest for Inactive A/C s	-	-	2,081,868	-	(2,081,868)	-	
Refunds During the Year	(3,745,644,210)	-	-	-	-	(3,745,644,210)	
Recoveries for Sabbatical Leave	(32,384,449)	-	-	-	-	(32,384,449)	
Adjustments	(52,641,241)	(39,679)	(2,081,868)	-	54,762,788	-	
Net Income After Tax	-	-	-	-	6,015,429,579	6,015,429,579	
Balance as at 1st January 2023	71,057,499,025	38,094,733	8,000,000	6,997,078	694,671,959	71,805,262,796	
Contributions During the Year	6,281,038,709	-	-	-	-	6,281,038,709	
Current year Members Interest	8,919,171,535	-	-	-	(8,919,171,535)	-	
Interest for Inactive A/C s	-	-	189,426	-	(189,426)	-	
Refunds During the Year	(5,203,169,417)	-	-	-	-	(5,203,169,417)	
Recoveries for Sabbatical Leave & Erroneous Contribution Payments	(32,931,356)	-	-	-	-	(32,931,356)	
Adjustments	(49,623,447)	(3,276)	(189,426)	-	49,816,149	-	
Net Income After Tax	-	-	-	-	8,501,528,246	8,501,528,246	
Balance as at 31st December 2023	80,971,985,050	38,091,457	8,000,000	6,997,078	326,655,393	81,351,728,978	



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER	NOT E NO	2023 LKR	2022 LKR
INCOME			
Investment Income	21	9,885,952,606	7,004,339,594
Less :- Operating Expenditure	22	(7,124,680)	(5,418,680)
Net Income Before Tax		9,878,827,926	6,998,920,914
Less:- Income Tax	18	(1,377,299,680)	(983,491,335)
Net Income After Tax		8,501,528,246	6,015,429,579
Adjustments to Income		49,816,149	54,762,788
Retained Profit of the Previous Year		694,671,959	144,933,312
Net Income Available for Distribution		9,246,016,354	6,215,125,680
Interest on Member Balances		(8,919,171,535)	(5,518,371,852)
Interest for Inactive A/Cs		(189,426)	(2,081,868)
Retained Profit Carried Forward		326,655,393	694,671,959



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31st of May 2024

Chairman,
University Grants Commission.

Report of the Auditor General in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 regarding the Financial Statements and other legal and regulatory requirements of the Universities Provident Fund for the year ended 31 December 2023

Certified Account and the above report are enclosed herewith.

Signed by: W.M.P.A. Fonseka
Deputy Auditor General
For Auditor General

Copies: -

01. Secretary – Ministry of Education
02. Secretary – Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

Chairman
University Grants Commission

Report of the Auditor General in terms of Section 11(1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 regarding the Financial Statements and other legal and regulatory requirements of the Universities Provident Fund for the year ended 31 December 2023.

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Opinion

The audit of the Financial Statements of the Universities Provident Fund for the year ended 31 December 2023 comprising the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2023 and the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Cash Flow Statement for the year then ended, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, had been carried out under my direction in accordance with the provisions of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018 which should be read in conjunction with the Section 12 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 and the article 154 (3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. My report will be tabled in Parliament in due course in accordance with Article 154 (6) of the Constitution.

In my opinion, the Financial Statements of the Fund give a true and fair view of its Financial Position as at 31 December 2023 and its Financial Performance and Cash Flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.

1.2 Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibilities, under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

1.3 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

As per Sub-section 16(1) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, the Fund is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities, to enable annual and periodic financial statements to be prepared of the Fund.

1.4 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an audit report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Quantitative misstatements may occur, due to individual or collective influence of fraud and misconduct and its adequacy depends on the impact on economic decisions made by users based on these financial statements.

As part of the audit in accordance with the Sri Lanka Audit Standards, I acted with professional judgment and professional incredulity during the audit. And further,

- In providing a basis for the published audit opinion, appropriate audit procedures were designed and implemented from time to time to identify and assess the risk of quantitative misstatements in financial statements due to fraud or errors. The impact of fraud is far greater than the impact of quantitative misrepresentations due to misconduct, such as misappropriation, forgery, intentional evasion, misrepresentation or evasion of internal controls.
- Although not intended to express an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control, an understanding of internal control was gained in order to design appropriate audit procedures from time to time.
- Evaluated the appropriateness of the accounting policies used, the fairness of the accounting estimates and the related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my audit report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to

modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Institute to cease to continue as a going concern.

- The appropriate and reasonable inclusion the transactions and events underlying the structure and content of the financial statements and the overall presentation of financial statements including disclosures were appreciated.

The important audit findings identified during my audit, key internal governance weaknesses and other issues will be informed to the governing parties.

2. Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

2.1 The National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 contains special provisions relating to the following requirements.

2.1.2 In accordance with the requirements of Section 6 (1) (d) (iii) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the financial statements of the Fund are consistent with the previous year.

2.1.3 The financial statements made by me during the last year in accordance with the requirements of section 6(1) (d) (iv) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018 are contained in the financial statements.

3. Operational review

3.1 Non – compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations

Reference to laws, rules/ regulations -----	Description -----
Section 95 of the University Act No. 16 of 1978 and Commission Circular No. 03/2022 dated 07 February 2022.	Although the balance of the contributor's provident fund account should be paid within 03 months after closing the contributor's account, in 155 cases, due to late payment for a period of 01 to 69 months, an interest of Rs.9,021,851 has also been paid to the contributors for that period.

Signed by: W.P.C. Wickramaratne
Auditor General

Measures taken by the University Grants Commission on the matters highlighted in the Report of the Auditor General in terms of Section 11(1) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018 regarding the Financial Statements and other legal and regulatory requirements of the Universities Provident Fund for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Audit Observation	Observations	Audit observations and other steps taken by management
<p>1. Financial Statements</p> <p>1.1 Opinion</p> <p>In my opinion, the Financial Statements of the Fund give a true and fair view of its Financial Position as at 31 December 2023 and its Financial Performance and Cash Flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.</p> <p>1.2 Basis for Opinion</p> <p>1.3 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements</p> <p>1.4 Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements</p> <p>2. Report on other legal and regulatory requirements</p> <p>2.1. Special provisions are included regarding the requirements set out in the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018.</p>	<p>In my opinion, the Financial Statements of the Fund give a true and fair view of its Financial Position as at 31 December 2023 and its Financial Performance and Cash Flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.</p>	<p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center">-----</p>
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Audit Observation	Observations	Audit observations and other steps taken by management
<p>2.1.2 In accordance with the requirements of Section 6 (1) (d) (iii) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the financial statements of the Fund are consistent with the previous year.</p> <p>2.1.3 The financial statements made by me during the last year in accordance with the requirements of section 61) (d) (iv) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018 are contained in the financial statements.</p> <p>3. Operational review</p> <p>3.1 Non – compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations</p> <p>Section 95 of the University Act No. 16 of 1978 and Commission Circular No. 03/2022 dated 07 February 2022.</p>	<p>Although the balance of the contributor's provident fund account should be paid within 03 months after closing the contributor's account, in 155 cases, due to late payment for a period of 01 to 69 months, an interest of Rs.9,021,851 has also been paid to the contributors for that period.</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>If the Provident Fund balance of a contributor releases within 03 months of termination of his service, the interest shall be payable up to the date of termination of service, otherwise, the interest shall be payable up to the last day of the month preceding the month in which his Provident Fund balance is released. However, in cases where the release of Provident Funds is delayed due to the fault of the contributor, such interest shall not be payable.</p> <p>The payment process starts after the Provident Fund Division receives the duly completed Provident Fund release applications from the member universities and Higher Educational Institutions, and all the 155 Provident Fund release applications mentioned in the draft report have been received by the University Grants Commission</p>
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Audit Observation	Observations	Audit observations and other steps taken by management
		<p>during the period where final accounts of the Provident Fund have been prepared and interest rates for the coming year are being determined (between December 2022 and March 2023). Generally, this is an annual process, during which no Provident Fund release is made and since it is not the fault of the members, the Provident Fund calculates and pays the interest for that period without subjecting the members to liability.</p> <p>Accordingly, the interest amounting to Rs. 9,021,851 paid to the members calculating the compound interest up to 28.02.2023 after the interest rates for the year 2023 were approved for the 155 cases mentioned in the draft report by You is compliant with Section 95 of the Universities Act and Commission Circular 03/2022.</p> <p>As above, a committee has been appointed to discuss the issues related to the implementation of Section 95 of the Universities Act and get a recommendation, and accordingly, a definite solution will be taken.</p>

26. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY PENSION FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31st December 2023

	Note	2023 Rs.	2022 Rs.
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalent	5	399,672,599	36,889,759
Investment Income Receivable	6	625,629,857	1,983,751,837
Contribution Receivable	7	62,456,862	62,932,015
Investments	8	800,000,000	5,164,436,717
		1,887,759,318	7,248,010,328
Non Current Assets			
Investments	8	22,878,221,590	13,860,103,993
Investment Income Receivable	6	1,030,262,466	-
		23,908,484,056	13,860,103,993
Total Assets		25,796,243,374	21,108,114,321
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors	9	935,496	976,633
Payments Due to Members	10	51,738,774	3,440,665
Payments Due to Universities/UPF	11	747,157	17,293,336
COLA Payable	12	29,705	29,705
Income Tax Payable	13	423,151,345	338,150,944
		476,602,477	359,891,283
Total Net Assets		25,319,640,897	20,748,223,039
Members' Fund & Reserves			
Contributors' Fund		23,874,391,478	19,559,253,506
Pensioners' Fund		629,841,162	464,256,596
Retained Earnings		815,408,258	724,712,937
Total Net Assets		25,319,640,897	20,748,223,039

The Accounting policies on pages 05 to 07 and Notes on pages 07 to 19 form an integral parts of these Financial Statements. The members of the University Grants Commission are responsible for the preparation and presentation of these Financial Statements. The Financial Statements were approved by the members of the University Grants Commission at its special meeting held on 29th February 2024.



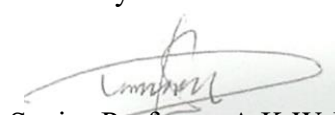
Ubayakula Ranaweera
Accountant



Senior Professor Sampath Amaratunge
Chairman



Dr. Priyantha Premakumara
Secretary



Senior Professor A.K.W. Jayawardena
Commission Member



CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the Year ended 31st December 2023

	2023 Rs	2022 Rs
Cash flows From Operating Activities		
Net Income After Taxes and Expenses	3,182,236,075	1,957,339,557
Non-cash movement		
Discount/(Premium) on Treasury Bonds	(76,171,041)	(17,571,757)
Pensioners' Fund Adjustment	30,905,042	21,013,889
Provision for Income Tax	511,411,896	319,538,749
	3,648,381,972	2,280,320,439
<u>Changes in Working Capital</u>		
(Increase)/Decrease in Investment Income Receivable	327,859,514	(622,234,307)
Increase/(Decrease) in Sundry Creditors	(41,137)	(166,505)
Cash Generated from operations	3,976,200,349	1,657,919,627
Less: Income Tax Paid	(426,411,495)	(205,726,210)
Net Cash flows From Operating Activities	3,549,788,854	1,452,193,417
Cash flows From Investing Activities		
Maturity of Fixed Deposits	3,830,000,000	4,981,355,837
Investment in Fixed Deposits	(7,950,000,000)	(3,900,000,000)
Maturity of Debentures	-	-
Purchase of Debentures	(550,000,000)	(330,000,000)
Maturity of Treasury Bonds	566,953,511	453,508,997
Purchase of Treasury Bonds	(997,647,050)	(3,765,150,187)
Maturity of Treasury Bills	709,014,100	-
Purchase of Treasury Bills	(185,830,400)	(523,183,700)
Net Cash flows From Investing Activities	(4,577,509,840)	(3,083,469,053)
Cash flows From Financing Activities		
Contributions Received	1,885,136,436	1,901,758,489
Refunds	(328,895,205)	(133,151,253)
COLA Refunds	-	(1,913)
Pension Paid	(165,737,405)	(145,299,143)
Net Cash flows From Financing Activities	1,390,503,825	1,623,306,179
Net Increase in Cash & Cash Equivalents	362,782,840	(7,969,456)
Cash & Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Period	36,889,759	44,859,215
Cash & Cash Equivalents at the End of the Period	399,672,599	36,889,759
Bank Balance		
BOC	1,798,579	150,022
PB	2,000,000	2,000,000
Add - Fund Management Accounts		
Overnight Deposits	35,000,000	7,000,000
Sweeper Deposits BOC	8,313,240	2,659,389
Sweeper Deposits PB	72,560,780	25,080,348
Repo RTGS	280,000,000	-
	399,672,599	36,889,759



STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the Year ended 31st December 2023

	Contributors Fund Rs.	Pensioners Fund Rs.	Retained Profit Rs.	Total Rs.
Balance as at 1st January 2021	16,238,158,170	417,723,204	496,273,155	17,152,154,529
Surplus for the Year 2022	-	-	1,957,339,557	1,957,339,557
Interest withheld from members	(10,370,096)	-	10,370,096	-
Correction of Erroneous Contribution	(192,298)	-	-	(192,298)
Arrears/non receipts Contribution	11,273,959	-	-	11,273,959
Transfer from Current Year Income	-	21,013,889	-	21,013,889
Adjustment of Contr. Fund to Pension Fund	17,440	(17,440)	-	-
Current Year Contribution	1,896,563,354	-	-	1,896,563,354
Lumpsum Refunds	(138,718,914)	-	-	(138,718,914)
Transferred to Pensioners Fund	(132,732,502)	132,732,502	-	-
Transfer to UPF Account	(5,911,895)	-	-	(5,911,895)
Pension Payment During the Year 2022	-	(145,299,143)	-	(145,299,143)
Contributor's Fund/Pensioner's Fund Interest	1,701,166,288	38,103,584	(1,739,269,871)	-
Balance as at 31st December 2022	19,559,253,506	464,256,596	724,712,937	20,745,338,929
Surplus for the Year 2023	-	-	3,182,236,075	3,182,236,075
Interest with held from members	(8,697,612)	-	8,697,612	-
Correction of Erroneous Contribution	(1,505,891)	-	-	(1,505,891)
Arrears/non receipts Contribution	15,265,919	-	-	15,265,919
Transfer from Current Year Income	-	30,905,042	-	30,905,042
Adjustment of Contr. Fund to Pension Fund	-	-	-	-
Current Year Contribution	1,870,901,255	-	-	1,870,901,255
Lumpsum Refunds	(332,870,397)	-	-	(332,870,397)
Transferred to Pensioners Fund	(233,494,266)	233,494,266	-	-
Transfer to UPF Account	(27,776,739)	-	-	(27,776,739)
Pension Payment During the Year 2023	-	(165,737,405)	-	(165,737,405)
Contributor's Fund/Pensioner's Fund Interest	3,033,315,703	66,922,664	(3,100,238,367)	-
	4,315,137,972	165,584,566	90,695,321	4,571,417,859
Balance as at 3^{1st} December 2023	23,874,391,478	629,841,162	815,408,258	25,319,640,898



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

	Note	2023 Rs.	2022 Rs.
Income			
Investment Income	14	3,726,229,846	2,299,989,277
Less: Income Tax Expense		(511,411,896)	(319,538,749)
Net Income after Tax		3,214,817,950	1,980,450,528
Less: Expenditure			
Pensioners' Fund Adjustments	15	30,905,042	21,013,889
Operating Expenses	16	1,676,833	2,097,081
		32,581,875	23,110,971
Net Income after Expenditure		3,182,236,075	1,957,339,557
Add: Adjustment to income		8,697,612	10,370,096
Retained Profit Brought Forward		724,712,937	496,273,155
Net Income available for Distribution		3,915,646,624	2,463,982,808
Less: Members' Interest			
Contributors' Fund		3,033,315,703	1,701,166,288
Pensioners' Fund		66,922,664	38,103,584
		3,100,238,367	1,739,269,871
Retained Profit Carried Forward		815,408,258	724,712,937



Chairman
University Grants Commission

Report of the Auditor General in terms of Section 11(1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 regarding the Financial Statements and other legal and regulatory requirements of the Universities Pension Fund for the year ended 31 December 2023

The verified account and the above report are enclosed herewith.

Signed by: W.M.P.A. Fonseka
Deputy Auditor General
For Auditor General

Copies: - 01. Secretary – Ministry of Education
02. Secretary – Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

Chairman
University Grants Commission

Report of the Auditor General in terms of Section 11(1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 regarding the Financial Statements and other legal and regulatory requirements of the Universities Pension Fund for the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Financial statements

1.1. Opinion

The audit of the Financial Statements of the Universities Pension Fund for the year ended 31 December 2023 comprising the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2023 and the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, had been carried out under my direction in accordance with the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 read in conjunction with the provisions of Article 154 (3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. My report will be tabled in Parliament in accordance with Article 154 (6) of the Constitution.

In my opinion, the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the Financial Position of the Fund as at 31 December 2023 and its Financial Performance and its Cash Flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.

1.2 Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibilities, under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

1.3 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either

intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

As per Sub-section 16(1) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, the Fund is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities, to enable annual and periodic financial statements to be prepared of the Fund.

1.4 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an audit report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Quantitative misstatements may occur, due to individual or collective influence of fraud and misconduct and its adequacy depends on the impact on economic decisions made by users based on these financial statements.

As part of the audit in accordance with the Sri Lanka Audit Standards, I acted with professional judgment and professional incredulity during the audit. And further,

- In providing a basis for the published audit opinion, appropriate audit procedures were designed and implemented from time to time to identify and assess the risk of quantitative misstatements in financial statements due to fraud or errors. The impact of fraud is far greater than the impact of quantitative misrepresentations due to misconduct, such as misappropriation, forgery, intentional evasion, misrepresentation or evasion of internal controls.
- Although not intended to express an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control, an understanding of internal control was gained in order to design appropriate audit procedures from time to time.
- Evaluated the appropriateness of the accounting policies used, the fairness of the accounting estimates and the related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my audit report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up

to the date of my audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Institute to cease to continue as a going concern.

- The appropriate and reasonable inclusion the transactions and events underlying the structure and content of the financial statements and the overall presentation of financial statements including disclosures were appreciated.

The important audit findings identified during my audit, key internal governance weaknesses and other issues will be informed to the governing parties.

2. Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

2.1 The National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 contains special provisions relating to the requirements.

2.1.2 In accordance with the requirements of Section 6 (1) (d) (iii) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the financial statements of the Fund are consistent with the previous year.

2.1.3 The recommendation made by me during the last year in accordance with the requirements of section 6(1) (d) (iv) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 is contained in the financial statements.

3 Operational review

3.1 Non- compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations

Though the balance to the credit of the contributor's Pension Fund account should be paid within 03 months after closing the account as per the University Grants Commission Circular No. 03/2022 dated February 07, 2022, an interest of Rs.715,283 had to be paid from the Pension Fund due to late payments on 4 occasions ranging from 08 months to 39 months during the year under review.

Signed by: W.P.C. Wickramaratne
Auditor General

Actions taken by the University Grants Commission on matters pointed out in the Report of the Auditor General in terms of Section 11(1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 regarding the Financial Statements and other legal and regulatory requirements of the Universities Pension Fund for the year ended 31 December 2023

Audit observation	Observation	Audit observations and other measures taken by Management
<p>1. Financial statements</p> <p>1.1 Opinion</p> <p>In my opinion, the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the Financial Position of the Fund as at 31 December 2023 and its Financial Performance and its Cash Flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.</p> <p>1.2 Basis for Opinion</p> <p>1.3 Responsibilities of Management and those charged with Governance for the Financial Statements</p> <p>1.4 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements</p>	<p>In my opinion, the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the Financial Position of the Fund as at 31 December 2023 and its Financial Performance and its Cash Flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>

Audit observation	Observation	Audit observations and other measures taken by Management
<p>months after closing the account as per the University Grants Commission Circular No. 03/2022 dated February 07, 2022, an interest of Rs.715,283 had to be paid from the Pension Fund due to late payments on 4 occasions ranging from 08 months to 39 months during the year under review.</p>	<p>of Pension funds is not submitted within 03 months after termination of service of a contributor. Accordingly, the pension fund has not paid additional interest to the retiring contributors and the calculation of interest is in accordance with Section 95 of the University Act.</p> <p>In relation to the four cases mentioned in the audit query, the pension benefits were paid to the respective contributors in less than a month after the pension benefit applications were duly completed and received by the pension department. The Pension Fund has not paid any pension benefit payment late.</p>	<p>-----</p>

**FUTURE PROJECTION REPORT
BASED ON A SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

2023

FUTURE PROJECTION REPORT BASED ON A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS – 2023

The National Budget Circular No. 02/2017 dated 25.07.2017 issued by the Ministry of Finance & Mass Media provides Guidelines and Directions for the preparation of Annual Budget Estimates.

It also states that the introduction of medium-term perspective to the budgetary process makes it more strategic and responsive to the priorities of the government. Accordingly, budgetary process could link the availability of estimated resources with medium-term, macro-fiscal framework along the path of fiscal policy priorities, hereby strengthening financial discipline in the execution of the budget, as well as realigning budgetary allocations with the policies and priorities of the Government.

Meanwhile, the broader perspective of budget preparation involves the necessity to move towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, in relation to the list of SDGs adopted by member states of United Nations in 2015.

There are 17 Sustainable Development Goals, out of which the most applicable Goal for the University Grants Commission (UGC) is Goal No. 4 – Quality Education. Accordingly, UGC in line with the SDG No.4 has align the Goals identified in the Strategic Plan 2019-2023 of UGC, which had recognized the required incremental and progressive changes under five main aspects;

- Increase Equitable Access to State Sector Higher Education.
- Facilitate State Higher Educational Institutions by apportionment of funds to develop students' skills and knowledge required for the 21st Century Citizenship.
- Promote Academic Excellence of State Higher Educational Institutions through programmes, research and innovations that enable students to become life-long learners in a Global Environment.
- Ensure improved State Higher Educational Institutions equipped with efficient and quality human resources, excellent facilities and sustainable / green concepts.
- Strengthen the Governance and Management of UGC and Higher Educational Institutions through secure and stable systems and mutually productive stakeholder relationships.

Accordingly, SDG and Institutional Goals with Key Performance Indicators were taken into account along with the emerging expectations and needs of the Country, human requirements in the proposed knowledge-based economy and the policies of Sri Lankan Government.

Sustainable Development Goals	UGC Goals	Objective	Activity	KPI
Quality Education	Goal No 01: Increase Equitable Access to State Higher Education.	1. To achieve a Cumulative Growth Rate (CGR) of 15% in the University Intakes for the Undergraduate academic programmes of the state universities by 2023. 2. To reduce the time gap between releasing of A/L results and admission of students to universities, by two months 3. To promote the existing Undergraduate (UG) courses of study with less demand, among potential students. 4. To reduce the number of vacancies in the existing UG courses of study by 25% over the next 5 years.	Increase intakes of existing courses of study with high market demand by 10,000. Design & introduce new courses of study based on the demands of the labour market Reduce the time gap between releasing the A/L results and the admission of students to HEIs Reduce the number of vacancies in HEIs	- Percentage increase in the intake of undergraduate students for the academic programmes (both existing & new) of the State Universities - Achieve a 2 months' reduction in the time gap between releasing of A/L results & admission of students to the State Universities. - Percentage increase in the number of students who get registered for the least demand Unicodes each year. - Percentage reduction in vacancies of the existing courses of study in the universities, including the least demand courses. - Percentage reduction in vacancies of the existing courses of study in the universities, including the least demand courses.

Sustainable Development Goals	UGC Goals	Objective	Activity	KPI
		<p>5. To increase by 8% the number of students admitted with foreign qualifications to undergraduate programmes of the state universities by 2023.</p>	<p>Strengthening links with Foreign Universities for building up partnerships and to learn new things which can be applicable to Sri Lankan Universities to enhance the quality of education</p> <p>Promote Sri Lankan universities & academic programmes to foreign countries and to attract more students with foreign qualifications to courses of study in Sri Lankan</p> <p>Expedite the selection process of the foreign intake.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Percentage increase in the number of foreign qualified students admitted to undergraduate degree programmes with existing demand. - Design and implement a mass and social media campaign to promote the foreign intakes among potential candidates across the world. - Number of UG degree courses of study with no prior demand for which foreign applications were received.
		<p>6. To develop specific industry targeted and quality regulated external degree programmes that accommodate eligible students who do not qualify for state universities admission.</p>	<p>Conduct awareness programmes to all the universities including Open University on quality assurance manual on external degrees</p> <p>Direct all universities/ HEIs improve standards and quality of external degree programmes and extension courses in accordance with UGC directives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Percentage of students enrolled for the specially designed external UG degree programs from those who do not qualify for state university admissions.

Sustainable Development Goals	UGC Goals	Objective	Activity	KPI
			<p>Continuous review of external study programmes offered by all universities / HEIs through ODL mode with UGC directives through the External Degree Standing Committee</p> <p>Direct all universities to continuously review and improve the governance and management procedures in the external examination compartment.</p> <p>Group work, Meetings and obtaining Commission approval</p>	
		<p>7. To provide more higher educational opportunities by 2023 for students who do not qualify for state university admissions, through UGC approved UG degree courses of study offered by state universities and delivered through UGC recognized institutions.</p>	<p>Facilitate Ministry of Higher Education to Establish a university for education and upgrade 18 National colleges of education as faculties and if it requires amending the Act</p> <p>Increase admission of students to Higher Educational Institutions providing infrastructure facilities & Human Resources</p>	<p>- Establishment of UGC Recognized institutions for delivery of UGC approved UG degree programmes offered by universities.</p>

Sustainable Development Goals	UGC Goals	Objective	Activity	KPI
			<p>Facilitate to Accredited private institutions to offer degrees in the field of maritime services and if requires amending the Act</p> <p>Facilitate to Accredited private institutions to offer degrees in the field of aviation and if require amending the Act</p> <p>Establish 10 institutes affiliated to UVPA to award diploma courses</p> <p>Facilitate to Upgrade nursing schools to degree awarding level</p> <p>Facilitate to establish a higher education Institute for mass media and if requires amending the Act</p> <p>Finalize project Universities proposal through a consultative committee</p> <p>Develop necessary Legal framework</p>	

Sustainable Development Goals	UGC Goals	Objective	Activity	KPI
			<p>Activities related to upgrade Nursing Schools to degree awarding Institutes, as recommended by the relevant Presidential Task Force</p>	
			<p>Activities related to Establish a HEI dedicated for Sports education, as recommended by the relevant Presidential Task Force</p>	
	<p>8. To facilitate the CGR of 30% in the intakes of postgraduate programmes of the state universities by 2023.</p>		<p>Promote new postgraduate programmes on the emerging areas of importance, based on projections coming from labour market observatory</p>	<p>- Number of new and relevant postgraduate degree programmes approved per year.</p>

Sustainable Development Goals	UGC Goals	Objective	Activity	KPI
		<p>university students</p> <p>4. To improve timely fund flow from the Treasury to ensure efficient implementation of the infrastructure development projects in HEIs</p>	<p>Preparation of Public Investment Programme</p> <p>Approval for Annual Budget</p> <p>Introduce Financial Management Information System for UGC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of progress review meetings on infrastructure development projects conducted per year. - Number of field visits to the HEIs per year. - Number of progress review reports on infrastructure development projects submitted to the Treasury / MOHE / Commission during a year. - Number of progress reports on financing universities submitted to the Commission during a year.

Sustainable Development Goals	UGC Goals	Objective	Activity	KPI
Quality Education	Goal No 03: Promote Academic Excellence of State Higher Educational Institutions through programmes, research and innovations that enable students to become life-long learners in a Global Environment.	1. To develop new courses of study and to revise the curricula of existing courses as needed in order to ensure programme relevance and matching with the market demand. 2. To introduce either modes of delivery of degree programmes in order to enhance the access to higher education.	Revise existing courses of study as per the labour market observations Design & introduce new courses of study based on the demands of the labour market. Report on quality of proposals for new & existing degree programmes. Facilitate adoption of UGC's online system for approval of new degree programmes, departments and faculties Identify & analyze present situation of HEIs relating to delivery modes of in the degree programmes Guidelines for lateral entry & credit transfer recognition of prior learning. To introduce either modes of delivery of degree programmes in order to enhance the access to higher education.	- Percentage of new customized degree programmes approved to meet trending market demands. - Number of existing courses of study revised to enhance the demand and ensure the market relevance. - Number of courses of study for which lateral entry/credit transfer provisions were approved.

Sustainable Development Goals	UGC Goals	Objective	Activity	KPI
		<p>3. To implement structured plans through Career Guidance Units (CGUs) of Universities for personal and necessary skills development of the undergraduate students.</p>	<p>Preparation of score card system to see the performance of CGUs.</p> <p>Provide training for Career Guidance Units for training opportunities approved by the Commission.</p> <p>Establish National Centre for UTEL Testing Service.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of personal and soft skills development programmes facilitated by the UGC for UG students through Faculty CGUs of universities. - Number of training programmes and/or workshops arranged by the UGC for counselors / Staff of CGUs of universities. - Percentage of academic staff appointed as student counselors / mentors annually. - Establishing University Test of English Language (UTEL) Cells along with the coordinating center at University of Colombo. - Percentage of students taking UTEL tests per year out of the total university undergraduate student population.
		<p>4. To enhance the importance of reading habit and ensure the effective utilization of e-library systems and other facilities available in the Universities</p>	<p>Identify & analyse present situation of HEIs relating to e-libraries</p> <p>Providing Anti-plagiarism Software for the university system</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of awareness campaigns held at Universities to promote and enhance the student usage of research databases, plagiarism software and e-books.

Sustainable Development Goals	UGC Goals	Objective	Activity	KPI
		<p>5. Strengthen student support services as mentioned in the Commission Circular 933 and facilitate student learning process within the University system.</p> <p>6. To establish effective university-industry partnership through operation of University Business Linkage Cells empowering Academia and students to promote research and innovation in the areas of global and national interest.</p>	<p>Identify the existing status of the student support systems and facilitate to be strengthened.</p> <p>Promote and facilitate student engagement in quality assurance.</p> <p>Include representatives of the private sector, to Standing Committees of UGC, to support the development of sustainable processes for Capacity Building of graduates and to contribute to reduce skills mismatch.</p> <p>Initiate actions to strengthen University Business Linkage Cells.</p> <p>Invite academics to apply for existing postgraduate research schemes.</p> <p>Identify eminent foreign universities to establish postgraduate research grants scheme.</p> <p>Provide opportunities and encourage to strength the young entrepreneurship.</p>	<p>- Implementation of 933 Commission Circular to establish the Student Support Service and Welfare System.</p> <p>- Number of active University Business Linkage Cells established in the state university system to facilitate research and innovations.</p> <p>- Number of UGC facilitated public awareness sessions, jointly organized by two or more state HEIs in collaboration with public / private sector.</p>

Sustainable Development Goals	UGC Goals	Objective	Activity	KPI
		<p>7. To enhance the stakeholder satisfaction on quality of higher education provided by State Universities</p>	<p>Enhance Research facilities from the annual allocation of Ministry of Agriculture to universities & other institutions.</p> <p>Provide Continuous Professional Development (CPD) opportunities to university staff members / students.</p> <p>Provide opportunities to external stake holders to establish a link with HEIs via UBL.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum of 80% satisfaction rating in internal stakeholder assessment of University services by 2023. - Minimum of 75% satisfaction rating in external stakeholder assessment of University output by 2023.
		<p>8. To ensure, through continuous supervision, monitoring and development, that HEIs under the UGC and the academic programmes offered by them, meet globally and locally accepted standards.</p>	<p>Support internal quality assurance activities in the Universities.</p> <p>Update existing Subject Benchmark Statements and develop new Statements where relevant.</p> <p>Conduct Institutional Reviews.</p> <p>Conduct Programme Reviews</p> <p>Revise & Renaming all the existing courses of study as per the SLQF and update the Handbook accordingly.</p> <p>Support universities in mapping their qualifications to the SLQF 2015.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Percentage of IQAUs in HEIs under the UGC, achieving more than 75% for the Performance Score Card. - Number of Institutional Review Reports of HEIs released during the year. - Number of Programme Review Reports of HEIs released during the year.

Sustainable Development Goals	UGC Goals	Objective	Activity	KPI
			<p>Support universities in working towards a synchronized academic calendar</p> <p>Start a national academic conference on QA in higher education</p> <p>Establish National Recognition and Information Centre for Qualification under the UGC</p> <p>Assist & promote Ocean University & Kotelawala Defence University to International Standard.</p>	
Quality Education and Gender Equality	Goal No 04: Ensure improved state HEIs equipped with efficient and quality human resources, excellent facilities and sustainable/ green concept.	<p>1. To ensure recruiting and retaining the most talented and diverse workforce possible for the University System at all levels over the next 5 years.</p> <p>2. To initiate action in order to identify and nurture potential talent among the existing University staff through training and development.</p>	<p>Develop Competencies of the human capital and expertise at the UGC & HEIs.</p> <p>Revision of Schemes of Recruitment of categories of staff.</p> <p>Invite academics to apply for existing Postgraduate Research Schemes</p> <p>Facilitate Administrative officers to acquire postgraduate / professional qualification</p>	<p>- Percentage of University staff confirmed in service at the first attempt of eligible confirmation</p> <p>- Percentage pool of Administrative officers with local job related training.</p>

Sustainable Development Goals	UGC Goals	Objective	Activity	KPI
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Percentage pool of Administrative officers with foreign job related training. - Percentage of PhD scholarships granted through the UGC to Academic Staff. - Percentage of PhD scholarships granted through the UGC to Administrative Staff. - Percentage of Administrative officers with postgraduate and/or professional qualifications.
		<p>3. To effectively address the underperforming staff and to proactively enhance employee welfare at all levels of the University System</p>	<p>Review the system to reduce underperforming staff and to proactively enhance employee welfare at all levels of the University System.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Percentage of staff who obtain a minimum of 3 in the periodic performance rating, on a 5 point scale. - Number of Universities achieving a score of > 75% in a survey of employee welfare and satisfaction. - Number of employee related legal/court cases handled by the Legal Division of the UGC.

Sustainable Development Goals	UGC Goals	Objective	Activity	KPI
		<p>4. To facilitate a culture and environment within universities that allow both University students and staff to pursue their work without oppression and discrimination</p>	<p>Consultatively facilitate the establishment / development of appropriate structures / systems on Gender Equity / Equality and ragging and SGBV in all Universities</p> <p>Research - Implementing / Proposing interventions and mechanisms for combating ragging and Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in the Sri Lankan university system (UNICEF Funded).</p> <p>Publicity relating to programmes in respect of combating ragging and SGBV using print and / or electronic media on ragging and SGBV and its social and legal consequences.</p> <p>Facilitating establishment / strengthening grievance handling mechanism of ragging and SGBV in universities and create awareness on the grievance handling mechanism for ragging and SGBV among student and staff population and promote and encourage complaints / reporting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Percentage satisfaction in students' assessment of a conducive and safe learning environment in universities, which is free of ragging. - Percentage satisfaction of students and staff about a university environment that is free from Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV).

Sustainable Development Goals	UGC Goals	Objective	Activity	KPI
		<p>5. To establish clear direction and policy for capacity and professional development of non-academic staff at all levels of the University System</p>	<p>Facilitate to eliminate ragging from all HEIs.</p> <p>Issue instructions to provide Accessibility provisions for all disabled students at universities to have their academic activities without any obstructions</p> <p>Facilitate Administrative and other Executive Officers to obtain Postgraduate and Professional Qualifications.</p> <p>Review the existing procedures and develop better procedures for academic establishments matters.</p>	<p>- Number of non-academic staff trained annually through customized programmes aimed at professional and management skills development.</p>
		<p>6. To develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the modernization of university facilities including lecture rooms and laboratories with standards meant for such facilities including friendly environment for differently abled students</p>	<p>Issue instructions to provide Accessibility provisions for all differently abled students at universities to have their academic activities without any obstructions.</p> <p>Conduct a pilot project to support differently abled students to assist them when they face common examinations.</p> <p>Introduce a mechanism to establish a close partnership between CIDA, Universities & other institutions in</p>	<p>- Number of universities with more than 50% modernized and high standard lecture room/ laboratory facilities with access to differently abled students.</p>

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		<p>7. To build a strong quality assurance culture within the university system with necessary measures to achieve and maintain HEI facilities, learning environment and staff services at required standards/levels.</p>	<p>branding local construction field in international level.</p> <p>Introduce a mechanism to establish a Public-private partnership to obtain hostel facilities.</p> <p>Introduce foreign quality assurance experts to quality assurance panels to visit universities.</p> <p>Review the current norms of teacher-student ratio in all teaching modules in order to improve student centered learning culture in HEIs.</p> <p>Sharing of Lecture Halls/ Laboratories within Faculties,/ Departments mechanism at universities Ex. Faculty of Technology University of Sri Jayewardenepura Lab adopted this principle.</p> <p>Increase of Annual student intakes at Faculties / Universities.</p>	<p>- Number of universities achieving a score of > 80% on a student satisfaction survey on HEI facilities / learning environment / teaching quality / support services.</p>

Sustainable Development Goals	UGC Goals	Objective	Activity	KPI
		<p>8. To build and operate environmentally healthier and greener HEIs with University communities that practice sustainability solutions</p>	<p>Issue instructions to be environmental friendly in building future projects while promoting Green Concept</p> <p>Identify areas of UGC Secretariat to promote Green concept</p> <p>Conduct a pilot project to convert as "smart faculties" for technology faculties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning and nurturing of 5,000 new Trees within - 20% 20% 30% 30% university / HEI premises. - Number of HEIs using renewable solar energy for at least 25% of their electricity consumption. - Number of HEIs using an effective waste management system within their premises. - Number of universities within the state system achieving >50% reduction in their paper usage. - Percentage of Video conference meetings conducted by the UGC for the participants from State Universities / HEIs. - Number of UGC initiated Green awareness programmes conducted within the university system to enhance the student / staff knowledge on their environmental responsibility.

Sustainable Development Goals	UGC Goals	Objective	Activity	KPI
Quality Education	Goal No 05: Strengthen the governance and management of UGC and HEIs through secure and stable systems and mutually productive stakeholder relationships	1. To ensure the University Act No. 16 of 1978 as well as the E-Code of UGC/HEIs and Institutional Ordinances support the current requirements and trends in the field of higher education 2. To introduce systems, policies and technological aids that enhance transparency and facilitate the administrative/ regulatory role of the UGC	Amend the Act which needs to support the current requirements and trends in the field of higher education Introduce a computerized management information system Develop a benchmarking system or eligibility criteria for the members appointed to the University Councils Identify areas which need to be addressed to make policy decisions for university system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of actions implemented at the Finance Department of the UGC to promote sustainable / green concepts. - Review and update the University Act No. 16 of 1978, E-Codes of the UGC/HEIs and Institutional ordinances to suit current and future higher educational needs. - Development of an Integrated and secured MIS with live data of all HEIs.
	3. To strengthen the safety and security of the highly confidential data processed by the Department of University Admissions at the UGC		Upgrade the Online Application System. Implement a new Security Policy for the Department of University Admissions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of an IT policy for the Admissions Department of the UGC.

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		4. To introduce unique financial reporting system and procedures to enhance good governance	Design and implement Standard Accounting & Reporting Format - Common Payroll System.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of Standard Reporting Formats (SRFs) introduced and implemented for finance functions of the UGC/HEIs. - Introduction of a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for finance functions of the UGC/HEIs.
		5. To develop a responsive Finance Information System for the UGC and HEIs by 2023.	Introduce Financial Management Information System for UGC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementing an improved version of a Computerized UPF and PF system. - Introducing an Ordinance for Pension Fund.
		6. To forge lifelong, meaningful and mutually beneficial relationships with the alumni communities at the Faculty level of individual Universities.	Strengthening links with mutually beneficial relationships with stakeholders of university system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Percentage of faculties in the state university system with achieve and mutually supportive Alumni Associations.

ANNEXTURES

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/2023																										
NUMBER OF STUDENTS SELECTED UNDER NORMAL PROVISION AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS																										
	Medicine	Dental Surgery	Veterinary Science	Agriculture	Food Science & Nutrition	Biological Science	Applied Sciences (Bio.)	Engineering	Engineering (EM)	Engineering (TM)	Quantity Surveying	Computer Science	Physical Science	Surveying Science	Applied Sciences (Phy.)	Management	Estate Mgt. & Valuation	Commerce	Arts	Arts (SP) / Mass Media	Arts(SAB)-A	Management Studies (TV) - A	Architecture	Design	Law	Information Technology
Normal	2056	127	129	882	162	1672	406	2205	78	96	150	691	2303	163	761	5377	68	879	6505	108	168	226	98	85	491	249
Special	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1006	0	70	0	0	0	0	0
Blind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disabled	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defence	10	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign	26																									
Teachers																			1							
Additional (Special Subjects)																										
Appeals	3	5	2	11	3	47	9	5	0	3	1	18	46	5	23	83	0	25	66	1	9	10	0	0	0	2
Total	2095	137	131	893	165	1730	415	2213	78	99	151	709	2350	168	784	5460	68	918	7657	109	247	236	98	85	491	251

	Management & Information Technology	Management (Public) Honours	Communication Studies	Computation & Management	Town & Country Planning	Peace & Conflict Resolution	Ayurvedic Medicine & Surgery	Banking and Insurance	Unani Medicine & Surgery	Fashion Design & Product Development	Food Science & Technology	Siddha Medicine and Surgery	Nursing	Information & Communication Technology	Agricultural Technology & Management	Management Studies (TV) - B	Arts (SP) / Performing Arts	Arts(SAB) - B	Translation Studies (UJA)	Musie (SVIAS)	Dance (SVIAS)	Musie (VPA)
Normal	117	98	198		86	34	379	48	87	77	216	245	562	283	219	229	108	137	65	101	90	286
Special	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disabled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign																						
Teachers																						
Additional (Special Subjects)																						
Appeals	0	0	9	0	4	0	10	2	1	0	7	2	13	3	3	6	1	9	0	2	2	1
Total	117	98	207	0	90	34	389	50	88	77	223	247	575	286	222	235	109	146	65	103	92	287

	Normal	Special	Blind	Disabled	Defence	Foreign	Teachers	Additional (Special Subjects)	Appeals	Total
Landscape Architecture	79	0	0	0	0				0	79
Translation Studies	67	0	0	0	0				0	67
Software Engineering	170	0	0	0	0				6	176
Film & Television Studies	58	0	0	0	0				0	58
Financial Economics	48	0	0	0	0				0	48
Project Management	99	0	0	0	0				2	101
Engineering Technology	1321	0	0	0	0				23	1344
English Language and Applied Linguistics	48	0	0	0	0				1	49
Biosystems Technology	1233	0	0	0	0				15	1248
Information Communication Technology	910	0	0	0	0				9	919
Teaching English as a Second Language	99	0	0	0	0				1	100
Marine and Fresh Water Sciences	98	0	0	0	0				4	102
Food Business Management	66	0	0	0	0				1	67
Food Business Management (Commerce Stream)	67	0	0	0	0				0	67
Physical Science - ICT	154	0	0	0	0				5	159
Business Science	147	0	0	0	0				0	147
Financial Engineering	79	0	0	0	0				0	79
Geographical Information Science	73	0	0	0	0				0	73
Social Work	99	0	0	0	0				0	99
Financial Mathematics & Industrial Statistics	71	0	0	0	0				0	71
Human Resource Development	83	0	0	0	0				0	83
Occupational Therapy	48	0	0	0	0				0	48
Optometry	58	0	0	0	0				2	60

	Artificial Intelligence	Applied Chemistry	Electronics and Computer Science	Indigenous Medicinal Resources	Health Information and Communication Technology	Health Tourism and Hospitality Management	Biomedical Technology	Indigenous Pharmaceutical Technology	Yoga and Parapsychology	Social Studies in Indigenous Knowledge	Accounting Information Systems	Arts - Information Technology	Aquatic Bioresources	Urban Bioresources	Plantation Management and Technology	Data Science	Primary Education	Medical Imaging Technology	Music (SJP)	Total
Normal	48	58	79	68	68	68	69	68	68	68	48	48	48	48	215	48	73	48	48	42147
Special	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1076
Blind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Disabled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
Defence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Foreign																				26
Teachers																				1
Additional (Special Subjects)																				0
Appeals	0	1	0	1	2	5	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	3	6	0	0	2	0	632
Total	48	59	79	69	70	73	71	70	70	70	48	48	50	51	221	48	73	50	48	44005

Faculty/ Academic Programme	District Admission Category ⁽²⁾	District																			Total							
		Colombo	Gampaha	Kalutara	Matale	Kandy	Nuwara Eliya	Galle	Matara	Hambantota	Jaffna	Kilinochchi	Mannar	Mullaitivu	Vaunya	Trincomalee	Batticaloa	Ampara	Putalam	Kurunegala		Anuradhapura	Polonnaruwa	Badulla	Monaragala	Kegalle	Rathnapura	Special & Additional Intakes ⁽¹⁾
Medicine	Other	8	7	4	2	5	3	4	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	3	5	4	2	3	2	3	4	2	82
	Merit	50	47	82	15	80	13	107	97	73	55	4	2	4	1	19	17	19	27	101	34	7	33	21	82	46		1036
Agriculture	Other	158	157	81	35	98	64	74	54	52	20	19	19	21	35	47		60	68	113	74	35	73	40	57	92	55	1651
	Merit	218	75	39	5	64	8	89	86	22	53	2	1	0	7	9	20	18	18	79	16	5	35	13	41	25		948
Engineering	Other	146	143	76	31	88	56	68	52	49	11	10	9	15	32	42		54	61	102	69	32	65	36	53	85	11	1442
	Merit	25	8	8	0	4	1	3	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	1		64
Fashion Design/ Transport & Logistic Management	Other	11	10	6	2	7	3	5	4	4	3	1	1	1	2	2		3	4	8	5	2	4	2	4	7		102
	Merit	67	4	17	1	19	1	14	17	8	8	0	0	0	1	0		2	3	24	2	0	8	2	13	13		226
Architecture/ Quantity Surveying ⁽⁴⁾	Other	37	38	20	7	26	11	17	15	15	9	3	4	3	5	6		13	10	28	16	6	15	7	15	22	6	357
	Merit	257	88	47	9	48	5	104	126	52	111	0	1	7	4	3		27	8	48	20	4	17	6	41	35		1102
Computer Science/IT ⁽⁵⁾	Other	183	166	88	36	105	58	83	65	54	13	16	13	21	37	45		62	61	119	76	33	75	40	67	96	31	1695
	Merit	41	27	33	5	20	1	50	49	35	57	3	3	4	5	21		49	15	54	5	2	16	9	25	32		595
Allied Health Sciences ⁽⁶⁾	Other	91	91	46	20	55	37	43	31	30	27	11	11	12	21	27		34	39	65	43	21	41	24	32	51	31	945
	Merit	18	9	8	4	7	0	9	14	15	18	6	3	5	3	19		49	19	15	3	2	9	6	6	6		284
Indigenous Medicine	Other	44	42	24	9	27	17	20	15	15	14	4	3	3	4	9		17	18	32	20	9	19	8	15	26	13	440

Faculty/ Academic Programme	District Admission Category ⁽²⁾	District																	Total									
		Colombo	Gampaha	Kalutara	Matale	Kandy	Nuwara Eliya	Galle	Matara	Hambantota	Jaffna	Kilinochchi	Mannar	Mullaitivu	Vaunya	Trincomalee	Batticaloa	Ampara		Puttalam	Kurunegala	Anuradhapura	Polonnaruwa	Badulla	Monaragala	Kegalle	Ratnapura	Special & Additional Intakes ⁽¹⁾
Technology	Merit	168	163	86	52	98	34	97	105	38	25	3	1	1	4	22	33	35	32	106	69	11	63	21	64	106		1437
	Other	221	218	116	47	133	86	103	78	73	67	16	14	13	22	49	64	83	93	155	104	49	98	55	78	129	51	2215
Total	Merit	2858	1656	1227	405	1319	284	1706	1442	818	867	96	97	114	124	464	684	779	607	1835	649	222	735	378	1040	1161		21567
	Other	2086	2023	1077	453	1295	819	955	736	683	661	185	179	161	229	466	614	802	855	1459	965	447	952	508	760	1210	1858	22438
Grand Total		4944	3679	2304	858	2614	1103	2661	2178	1501	1528	281	276	275	353	930	1298	1581	1462	3294	1614	669	1687	886	1800	2371	1858	44005

Note:

- (1) Special & Additional Intakes refers to the students admitted on the basis of Special Categories such as blind and differently abled, excelled in fields other than studies, armed forces, foreign, teachers..... etc. , on the recommendation of the Appeals Committee and Additional Intakes for special subjects in Arts such as Japanese, English, History etc.
- (2) "Other" refers to students admitted under District quota and Underprivileged District quota.
- (3) Admission to Arts Degree programme is purely on merit however, policy ensures the total number of students admitted from a given district to be not less than the total number admitted from that district in the academic years 1993/94 or 2002/2003, whichever is greater. This adjustment is shown under the Other category.
- (4) Includes all other courses conducted in the Architecture Faculty such as Design, Town & Country Planning, Landscape Architecture and Facilities Management too.
- (5) Includes the Management & Information Technology, Information Technology, Information & Communication Technology, Information Technology and Management, Artificial Intelligence, Business Information Systems, Computer Science and Technology, Electronics and Computer Science, Accounting Information Systems etc.
- (6) Includes Nursing, Pharmacy, Medical Laboratories Sciences, Radiography, Physiotherapy, Speech & Hearing Sciences, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Indigenous Pharmaceutical Technology and Yoga and Parapsychology.

THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS SELECTED FOR VARIOUS COURSES OF STUDY UNDER NORMAL AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/2023
[DISTRICT AND COURSES WISE CLASSIFICATION]

District	District														Total													
	Colombo	Gampaha	Kalutara	Matale	Kandy	Nuwara Eliya	Galle	Matara	Hambantota	Jaffna	Kilinochi	Mannar	Mullaitivu	Vauniya		Trincomalee	Batticaloa	Ampara	Puttalam	Kurunegla	Anuradhapura	Poonarawa	Badulla	Monaragala	Kegalle	Ratnapura	Special & Additional Intakes ⁽¹⁾	
Accounting Information Systems	8	4	2	2	2	1	2	5	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	48
Agri Business Management	5	6	4	3	7	2	9	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	5	3	2	2	1	4	4	3	79	
Agri Resource Mgt. & Technology	11	13	8	4	13	4	11	15	12	4	1	1	1	1	2	3	6	6	13	14	2	8	5	9	12	3	182	
Agricultural Technology & Management	14	16	12	4	19	7	12	11	14	8	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	12	23	8	3	8	4	16	11	3	222	
Agriculture	72	70	56	20	64	27	50	33	35	53	6	5	6	6	21	24	28	35	82	34	14	30	20	44	47	11	893	
Animal Science	6	11	5	1	9	3	13	6	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	7	4	1	3	2	7	7	3	109	
Animal Science & Fisheries	5	4	4	1	6	2	3	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	6	2	1	4	4	8	4	2	74	
Applied Chemistry	9	8	4	1	5	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	2	2	1	5	1	59	
Applied Sciences (Bio.)	41	33	35	8	36	10	28	17	16	9	2	1	1	2	5	7	10	12	41	15	6	19	7	21	24	9	415	
Applied Sciences (Phy.)	97	67	43	13	42	18	85	58	27	24	3	3	2	5	12	19	20	23	52	26	10	26	14	33	39	23	784	
Aquatic Bioresources	8	4	1	1	2	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	3	2	50	
Aquatic Resources Technology	9	9	6	2	6	3	10	8	5	6	1	1	1	1	3	5	4	3	10	3	1	8	2	2	5	3	117	
Arabic Language	4	39	1	0	24	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	29	25	45	13	15	4	1	0	0	15	0	1	224	
Architecture	12	8	6	1	7	2	6	5	4	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	12	5	1	5	2	6	5	0	98	
Art & Design (Ramanathan)	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	11	2	1	2	1	9	6	10	1	0	3	0	4	1	2	1	0	60	
Artificial Intelligence	6	3	1	1	5	1	2	4	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	48	
Arts	334	397	346	163	289	91	462	345	326	266	54	52	69	50	186	260	309	264	605	299	118	276	181	324	439	1152	7657	
Arts - Information Technology	7	3	2	2	1	0	7	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	4	0	2	1	1	3	3	0	48	
Arts (SP) ⁽²⁾ / Mass Media	12	10	5	3	8	3	10	7	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	5	8	4	0	3	3	7	8	1	109	
Arts (SP) ⁽²⁾ / Performing Arts	6	8	7	2	6	3	7	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	5	7	6	1	9	2	9	8	1	109	
Arts(SAB) - A ⁽²⁾	23	9	16	0	1	0	16	37	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	3	2	11	6	9	146	
Arts(SAB) - B ⁽²⁾	13	12	6	3	7	2	13	8	8	6	1	2	1	0	4	2	6	5	18	12	2	1	3	15	18	79	247	
Ayurvedic Medicine & Surgery	39	32	20	9	19	9	19	21	21	10	2	1	1	2	10	14	25	19	29	14	6	17	11	11	18	10	389	
Banking and Insurance	6	3	3	1	2	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	50	
Biological Science	268	155	94	29	152	39	108	78	53	46	8	7	5	10	26	36	44	59	133	50	23	66	28	62	93	58	1730	
Biomedical Technology	5	5	3	2	4	2	6	5	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	5	6	1	3	1	1	3	2	71	

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	123	123	77	33	89	40	53	53	41	29	5	5	5	9	28	32	47	47	87	57	21	61	25	56	87	15	1248
Biosystems Technology																											
Business Information Systems (Honours)	20	7	3	1	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	3	4	1	2	2	3	6	0	78
Business Science	45	14	10	2	6	3	4	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	5	8	5	2	5	2	8	6	0	147
Commerce	176	93	46	23	65	24	58	31	25	17	4	3	3	9	12	16	21	24	52	29	16	36	15	34	47	39	918
Communication Studies	3	6	7	8	13	3	21	13	15	0	0	0	0	2	5	3	5	5	27	14	2	13	8	9	16	9	207
Computation & Management	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computer Science	118	73	30	10	35	17	60	66	31	26	3	2	2	5	9	13	16	20	41	24	10	20	12	21	27	18	709
Computer Science & Technology	7	6	3	1	7	2	5	5	5	25	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	4	3	1	3	1	2	7	0	99
Computing & Information Systems	18	13	13	3	8	4	16	12	14	11	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	4	11	6	2	8	5	7	8	0	176
Creative Music Technology and Production	7	5	2	3	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	48
Dance (Ramanathan)	11	1	2	3	5	9	0	0	0	18	4	6	3	3	4	7	6	4	0	0	0	6	0	1	5	0	98
Dance (SVIAS) ⁽²⁾	2	0	1	3	10	6	0	0	0	14	5	2	3	4	1	22	12	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	92
Dance (UVPA) ⁽²⁾	36	28	18	8	18	8	19	18	11	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	10	12	29	13	5	13	11	10	14	3	289
Data Science	6	5	2	1	2	1	2	5	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	48
Dental Surgery	24	8	4	2	5	3	13	20	3	8	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	5	4	2	3	2	3	4	10	137
Design	24	7	6	1	9	1	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	2	0	3	1	5	5	0	85
Drama & Theatre (UVPA) ⁽²⁾	9	6	5	1	11	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	5	4	3	4	1	1	7	0	70
Drama & Theatre (SVIS) ⁽²⁾	6	0	1	3	2	7	0	0	0	10	2	2	2	2	3	25	7	3	1	0	1	7	0	7	11	1	103
Electronics and Computer Science	11	4	4	1	3	2	3	9	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	1	3	1	8	4	0	79
Engineering	336	206	101	34	143	60	147	126	66	94	11	9	7	20	39	59	67	74	167	79	35	95	44	83	103	8	2213
Engineering (TM) ⁽²⁾	12	7	8	1	4	2	8	9	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	9	4	1	3	3	6	3	3	99
Engineering (EM) ⁽²⁾	16	5	6	1	5	2	2	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	5	2	1	2	2	5	4	0	78
Engineering Technology	152	157	69	42	83	47	84	56	31	32	8	5	4	9	23	35	37	45	108	66	21	54	27	46	80	23	1344
English Language and Applied Linguistics	3	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	4	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	4	2	4	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	49
Entrepreneurship & Management	10	10	5	1	9	3	14	5	3	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	6	5	1	4	1	4	5	1	101
Environmental Conservation & Management	14	8	7	2	9	3	6	7	8	3	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	3	7	3	1	3	2	3	6	5	112
Estate Mgt.& Valuation	6	6	3	5	5	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	4	3	1	3	5	1	4	0	68
Export Agriculture	6	6	8	1	9	2	11	7	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	6	3	1	5	3	10	5	3	106
Facilities Management	14	7	2	1	5	3	4	8	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	1	2	9	1	80
Fashion Design & Product Development	11	12	6	1	8	2	5	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	5	2	1	2	1	5	5	0	77

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Film & Television Studies	7	7	5	0	4	1	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	4	1	4	1	4	3	0	58	
Financial Economics	10	6	2	1	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	0	48	
Financial Engineering	14	17	3	0	5	3	5	2	2	1	0	0	1	2	2	2	3	4	3	1	3	1	3	3	0	79	
Financial Mathematics & Industrial Statistics	9	5	2	1	3	2	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	6	3	1	5	2	4	6	0	71	
Fisheries & Marine Sciences	18	11	11	2	14	5	9	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	5	3	5	8	4	2	8	3	7	13	2	150	
Food Business Management	8	4	2	1	2	2	8	4	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	1	4	1	2	4	1	67	
Food Business Management [Commerce Stream]	5	5	9	1	2	2	6	11	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	2	0	67	
Food Production & Technology Management	8	16	9	3	9	5	5	3	4	6	1	1	1	5	2	4	3	17	7	2	6	7	6	6	6	143	
Food Science & Nutrition	17	13	13	2	9	4	5	10	5	8	2	1	2	1	4	9	7	11	9	2	7	2	7	8	3	165	
Food Science & Technology	28	20	26	3	10	5	15	11	7	5	1	1	1	3	4	5	6	22	6	3	6	4	12	11	7	223	
Geographical Information Science	6	8	3	2	4	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	5	2	4	2	2	2	2	7	5	0	73	
Green Technology	7	4	2	1	5	2	5	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	5	4	2	5	1	2	4	2	72	
Health Information and Communication Technology	6	6	3	2	3	2	5	9	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	4	3	1	3	1	2	3	2	70	
Health Promotion	7	7	5	3	6	3	5	7	4	3	1	1	1	1	5	6	5	8	6	1	4	3	4	4	1	102	
Health Tourism and Hospitality Management	8	6	6	1	3	3	3	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	6	2	1	3	1	2	2	5	73	
Hospitality Tourism & Events Management	9	16	7	1	8	2	9	5	3	2	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	9	4	2	4	2	3	5	0	105	
Human Resource Development	6	7	3	4	3	4	3	2	2	4	1	1	2	3	4	10	3	4	2	1	4	2	3	4	0	83	
Indigenous Medicinal Resources	6	4	3	1	5	2	5	5	6	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	4	2	2	3	1	3	2	1	69	
Indigenous Pharmaceutical Technology	4	4	2	2	2	2	5	13	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	9	2	1	2	1	4	2	2	70	
Industrial Information Technology	11	10	3	1	5	2	5	2	4	4	1	2	1	1	4	6	2	7	4	2	6	1	4	9	0	98	
Industrial Statistics & Mathematical Finance	23	11	9	2	4	3	7	9	6	2	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	7	3	2	4	2	5	6	4	123	
Information & Communication Technology	28	27	16	8	20	9	11	12	6	24	1	1	3	6	11	12	9	21	10	4	12	4	13	14	3	286	
Information Communication Technology	103	90	50	20	52	29	52	60	35	28	4	3	5	16	26	30	29	57	41	16	40	22	37	62	9	919	
Information Systems	92	39	19	6	22	3	26	18	6	11	0	2	3	5	4	7	2	19	12	1	9	2	15	14	1	338	
Information Technology	38	21	12	3	12	6	22	29	13	15	1	1	1	3	6	6	7	13	7	3	8	5	6	10	2	251	
Information Technology & Management	30	9	7	2	6	1	6	5	4	5	0	1	0	1	2	3	3	8	5	2	3	2	9	8	0	125	
Islamic Studies	4	13	15	11	20	2	3	3	0	0	0	8	1	3	38	58	10	32	15	3	0	1	6	3	5	281	
Landscape Architecture	17	5	5	1	7	0	5	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	8	3	1	3	1	4	7	0	79	
Law	71	51	32	6	23	13	25	23	16	13	2	3	2	4	9	13	17	21	30	17	8	24	12	17	39	0	491
Management	800	599	297	104	342	168	316	221	143	125	27	22	24	40	91	133	147	204	407	214	101	196	115	229	312	83	5460

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Management & Information Technology	17	14	5	1	7	3	6	10	3	8	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	8	3	2	4	2	4	2	5	4	0	117
Management & Information Technology (SETUS) ⁽²⁾	15	11	6	3	8	4	7	4	5	3	1	1	5	2	3	20	19	7	11	8	4	5	3	6	7	1	169		
Management (Public) Honours	19	10	4	1	5	4	5	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	2	8	3	1	6	3	3	3	0	98		
Management Studies (TV) - A ⁽²⁾	30	21	22	5	8	5	15	11	5	5	1	1	1	1	3	4	5	6	33	6	3	6	5	16	8	10	236		
Management Studies (TV) - B ⁽²⁾	16	15	9	6	10	12	10	5	8	5	2	1	1	5	11	9	10	13	29	11	4	8	5	13	11	6	235		
Marine and Fresh Water Sciences	15	9	4	1	5	3	7	4	3	5	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	8	3	1	8	2	2	5	4	102		
Medical Imaging Technology	7	3	1	1	3	1	3	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	50		
Medical Laboratory Sciences	25	14	10	3	17	5	15	15	8	16	1	1	1	2	3	12	15	6	19	6	3	6	3	8	11	4	229		
Medicine	303	172	131	39	132	52	135	100	64	97	10	9	7	24	41	58	62	70	159	71	32	76	36	65	111	39	2095		
Mineral Resources & Technology	10	8	5	1	6	3	8	6	5	5	1	1	1	1	5	5	3	3	6	4	1	4	3	2	7	3	107		
Molecular Biology and Biochemistry	22	4	2	1	3	2	8	4	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	2	1	2	1	2	3	2	80		
Music (Ramanathan)	2	0	2	1	6	18	0	2	0	28	4	5	3	4	9	11	7	1	0	0	0	10	1	1	0	1	116		
Music (SJP)	5	3	4	1	5	3	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	7	2	1	1	2	1	5	0	48		
Music (SVIAS) ⁽²⁾	0	0	1	6	9	10	1	5	0	7	2	3	2	1	5	15	13	0	0	0	1	14	0	1	5	2	103		
Music(UVPA) ⁽²⁾	34	33	14	8	16	7	18	11	12	2	0	0	0	1	6	1	11	11	17	17	6	12	7	18	24	1	287		
Nursing	43	46	34	8	22	13	36	27	25	28	4	4	4	5	17	20	32	21	44	20	10	29	16	17	37	13	575		
Occupational Therapy	3	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	3	3	2	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	0	48	
Optometry	3	5	3	1	2	1	3	1	1	8	2	1	1	1	2	3	3	1	6	2	1	2	1	1	3	2	60		
Peace & Conflict Resolution	2	3	4	1	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	2	2	1	6	1	0	0	0	34		
Pharmacy	19	15	13	4	13	6	18	7	16	17	1	1	2	3	5	9	11	7	17	7	3	8	4	12	14	6	238		
Physical Education	9	5	4	3	10	5	0	3	5	15	3	3	3	1	8	10	8	7	14	4	0	7	2	6	7	1	143		
Physical Science	346	229	133	35	196	55	149	130	76	72	9	10	7	14	32	45	54	66	207	74	32	86	42	88	116	47	2350		
Physical Science - ICT	29	15	17	3	9	4	8	7	3	5	1	0	1	1	2	3	3	5	11	4	2	4	2	5	10	5	159		
Physiotherapy	14	7	5	1	6	3	7	8	5	6	1	1	1	1	1	4	10	3	8	3	1	3	2	4	4	2	111		
Plantation Management and Technology	15	16	16	3	9	8	19	26	9	7	2	1	1	1	3	5	5	6	13	6	5	8	4	16	11	6	221		
Primary Education	5	9	3	1	4	2	8	6	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	3	7	2	2	2	1	4	6	0	73		
Project Management	7	6	3	1	6	3	3	2	2	5	1	1	2	1	10	9	4	8	5	3	2	5	1	4	5	2	101		
Quantity Surveying	27	9	11	2	9	4	8	6	8	8	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	5	15	4	2	7	3	5	5	1	151		
Radiography	7	4	4	1	4	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	6	6	2	2	4	2	1	2	1	2	3	0	66		
Science & Technology	8	10	5	2	6	2	6	6	4	14	1	1	1	1	1	3	6	3	7	3	1	5	2	2	5	4	109		

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Siddha Medicine	18	14	9	3	12	6	8	6	7	20	7	3	6	4	15	19	24	10	14	7	4	9	2	7	11	2	247
Social Studies in Indigenous Knowledge	5	6	2	1	3	10	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	5	3	3	2	4	2	1	5	2	1	2	2	70
Social Work	6	5	2	1	7	0	5	2	2	3	0	2	1	1	0	3	4	7	9	5	3	2	13	3	13	0	99
Software Engineering	21	13	11	2	10	5	13	8	7	19	1	1	2	1	2	3	4	4	11	5	2	5	4	7	9	6	176
Speech & Hearing Sciences	7	13	5	1	4	2	4	2	4	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	3	4	0	73
Sports Sciences & Management	32	20	12	6	15	7	15	7	8	4	2	1	1	0	6	5	6	10	17	8	8	10	3	12	11	1	227
Statistics & Operations Research	8	5	2	1	14	2	5	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	7	2	1	4	1	4	3	3	80
Surveying Science	11	14	8	2	6	4	10	9	13	15	1	1	1	1	2	6	5	4	10	6	2	13	2	5	12	5	168
Teaching English as a Second Language	15	12	4	2	16	0	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	14	1	0	5	0	7	3	1	100
Tourism & Hospitality Management	17	25	7	4	11	13	8	8	6	3	1	2	1	1	2	3	4	9	16	7	3	6	4	11	7	2	181
Town & Country Planning	10	6	7	2	8	2	3	7	2	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	4	2	6	2	1	3	1	6	4	4	90
Translation Studies	14	8	4	4	7	0	8	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	3	1	2	0	2	2	0	67
Translation Studies (UJA) ⁽²⁾	4	2	3	2	5	3	1	1	0	7	1	1	2	2	3	4	7	2	2	2	0	4	0	5	2	0	65
Transport & Logistics Management	25	6	8	1	3	2	3	7	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	4	3	1	3	1	2	3	0	89
Unani Medicine & Surgery	5	5	3	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	3	11	17	8	4	2	1	2	1	1	3	1	88
Urban Bioresources	6	3	5	1	2	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	51
Veterinary Science	20	7	4	2	8	3	11	18	3	8	1	1	1	1	2	5	5	3	8	4	2	3	2	3	4	2	131
Visual & Technological Arts (SVIAS) ⁽²⁾	0	0	3	3	5	8	0	4	3	4	1	1	1	0	5	18	6	3	1	8	2	4	2	6	4	0	92
Visual Arts (UVPAA) ⁽²⁾	10	12	6	2	6	2	8	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	4	12	7	4	6	3	8	9	1	115
Yoga and Parapsychology	7	7	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	5	5	3	1	2	2	2	4	2	70
Total	4944	3679	2304	858	2614	1103	2661	2178	1501	1528	281	276	275	353	930	1298	1581	1462	3294	1614	669	1687	886	1800	2371	1858	44005

Note :

- (1) "Special & Additional Intakes" refers to the students admitted on the basis of Special Categories such as blind and differently abled, excelled in fields other than studies, armed forces, foreign, teachers ... etc., on the recommendation of the Appeals Committee and the Additional Intake for special subjects such as Japanese, English, History... etc.
- (2) Abbreviation : UJA - University of Jaffna, SP - Sripalee Campus, SAB - Sabaragamuwa University, SEUSL - South Eastern University, UVPA - University of Visual and Performing Arts, SVIAS - Swamy Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies, EM - Earth Resources Engineering, TM - Textile & Clothing Technology, KLN - University of Kelaniya, SAB (A) - from Arts Stream to Sabaragamuwa University, SAB (B) - from Commerce Stream to Sabaragamuwa University, TV (A) - from Commerce Stream to Trincomalee Campus and University of Vavuniya, TV (B) - from All Streams to Trincomalee Campus and University of Vavuniya.

29 ABBREVIATIONS

University Grants Commission	-	UGC
University of Colombo	-	CMB
University of Peradeniya	-	PDN
University of Kelaniya	-	KLN
University of Sri Jayewardenepura	-	SJP
University of Moratuwa	-	MRT
University of Jaffna	-	UJA
University of Ruhuna	-	RUH
University of Vavuniya	-	UOV
The University of the Visual & Performing Arts	-	UVPA
Open University of Sri Lanka	-	OUSL
Eastern University, Sri Lanka	-	EUSL
South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	-	SEUSL
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	-	RUSL
Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	-	SUSL
Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	-	WUSL
Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	-	UWU
Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine	-	GWUIM
Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture	-	PGIA
Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies	-	PGIPBS
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine	-	PGIM
Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology	-	PGIAR
Postgraduate Institute of Management	-	PIM
Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine	-	PGIIM
Postgraduate Institute of Science	-	PGIS
Postgraduate Institute of English	-	PGIE
Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences	-	PGIMS
Institute of Human Resource Advancement	-	IHRA
University of Colombo School of Computing	-	UCSC
National Institute of Library & Information Sciences	-	NILIS
Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa	-	ITUM
Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	-	IBMBB
Swamy Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies	-	SVIAS
The National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences	-	NCAS
University of Colombo, Institute for Agro-Technology and Rural Sciences	-	UCIARS
English Language Teaching Units	-	ELTU
Department of Management Services	-	DMS
Queensland University of Technology	-	QUT

