



Meeting the social demand for higher education: Bangladesh perspective

Governing Laws & Policies in Higher Education

- Article 17 of the Constitution
 - free and compulsory education to all children
- Education Policy, 2010
- Strategic Plan for Higher Education in Bangladesh, SPHE 2018-2030
- Public Universities Acts
- Non-Government University Act, 2010

Government funded Universities (including all affiliated and constituent colleges)

- Currently 56; 53 in operation
 - Total students 41,31,610
 - Total Teachers 1,63,820
 - Teacher-student ratio: 1:25

(According to the 48th UGC Annual Report 2021)

Government funded Universities (contd) (Excluding all affiliated and constituent colleges)

- Currently 56 Universities, 53 in operation
 - Total Students 2,89,645
 - Total Teachers 15,236
 - Teachers-students ratio: 1:19

(According to 48th Annual Report 2021)

Privately funded and managed universities

- Currently 112; 102 in operation
 - Total Students 3,10,107
 - Total Teachers 15,393
 - **Teacher-student ratio: 1:20**

(According to 48th Annual Report 2021)

Budget and Expenditure

➤ Public Universities

- Mostly funded by the Government and an insignificant amount from own income
 - Total budget FY 2020-21 Tk. 51,996 Million (USD 634.09 Million)
 - Government fund FY 2020-21 Tk. 41,809 Million (USD 509.87 Million)
 - Own finance FY 2020-21 Tk. 10,586.3 Million (USD 129.10 Million)

Budget and Expenditure

➤ Non-Government Universities

➤ Total budget FY 2020-21

➤ Tk. 3,65.5 Million (USD 4.45 Million)

➤ **Not** provided by the government

Per student expenditure every year (average)

➤ Public universities

- Average BDT 1,88,587.40 (USD 2299.84)
- Highest Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Aviation and Aerospace University (BSMRAAU) Tk. 0.788 Million (USD 9,613.98)
 - Barisal University Tk 44,000 (USD 536.585)

➤ Private universities

- average BDT 85,202.09 (USD 1039.05)

NB: Dollars rate @June 2020

Subsidies in Non-Government Universities

- Total 6% students get full free scholarship
 - 3% poor and meritorious students from remote areas and
 - remaining 3% from the children of freedom fighters
- **No portion** of the budget is given from the government side

Affiliated and Constituent Colleges

- **Medical colleges under the Medical Universities**
 - Government Medical Colleges are run by the Government
 - Private medical Colleges are privately run and managed
 - Presently, **37 Government** Medical Colleges and **72 Private** Medical Colleges offer MBBS programs
- **Government, Non-government (under MPO) and Private Colleges Under the National University**
 - Government, Non-government (under MPO) are run by the government fund
 - **2257 Colleges** offer different programs under the National University
- **Madrasaa's under the Islamic Arabic University**
 - Government, Non-government (under MPO) are run by the government fund
 - **1349 Madrasaas** offer different programs under the Islamic Arabic University

Medical Education

- Presently, 37 Government Medical Colleges and 72 Private Medical Colleges offer MBBS programs
- There are approximately 3729 seats in government medical colleges and 5950 in private medical college
- Number of candidates was 1,39,217 in the Medical admission test for session 2022-23
- MBBS tuition fee is Tk 1.95 million (USD 19047) in the private medical colleges
- Total budget for the bachelor level health education provided by the Government
 - FY 2020-21: Tk. 8,216.842 Million (USD 100.21 Million)
 - Not shown in the university budget

Research Budget: FY 2020-21

- UGC Bangladesh provided Tk. 155.00 Million (USD 1.89 Million) as grants
- Public universities spent Tk. 753.9 Million (USD 9.19 Million)
- Non-Government universities spent Tk. 1198.8 Million (USD 14.62 Million)
- Total research budget Tk. 2107.7 Million (USD 25.703 Million)

(According to 48th Annual Report 2021)

Expenditure in higher education not shown in the statistics

- Veterinary colleges and different research Institutes under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
- Agricultural Institutes, Rice research and various institutes under the Ministry of Agriculture
- Various institutes under the Ministry of Culture

PM urges public universities

- to create/raise own funds for development

(January 19, 2023 in a meeting with the Vice-Chancellor of all public Universities)

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Thank you