

**6.4.1:** Institution conducts internal and external financial audits regularly संस्था नियमितम् आन्तरं बाह्यं च वित्तलेखाङ्केक्षणं करोति।

The audit of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University is conducted by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG). Every year, the C&AG carries out an annual audit of the university's accounts and submits its report to both the university and the Ministry. Apart from the annual financial audit, the C&AG also conducts a financial audit, which includes an in-depth examination of the university's financial and administrative decisions, grants, procurements, tenders, and service-related matters.

After receiving the audit report from the C&AG, the university holds review meetings with its senior officials to address the deficiencies highlighted in the report. Additionally, periodic review meetings are conducted under the supervision of the Registrar/Finance Officer to strengthen the university's internal control mechanisms.

The audit report of the university is submitted to both houses of Parliament. The Ministry of Education also reviews the financial audit reports. The university places significant emphasis on resolving the audit observations and strives to minimize the number of audit objections.

To conduct internal financial audits, the university appoints an audit consultant on a contractual basis. The appointed consultant performs pre-audit and post-audit evaluations of the university's financial transactions. After observing activities and transactions across various departments, the consultant prepares an audit program. This internal financial audit helps in early identification of discrepancies and aids in adopting best financial and administrative practices. This ensures that the university maintains exemplary records when the external audit by the C&AG is conducted.

The consultant also provides input during audit decision-making, as critical files and documents are sent for internal audit consultation. This process assists in the early detection of procedural errors. Following the thorough examination of the financial and administrative records, the internal audit report is prepared confidentially and presented to the Vice-Chancellor or Registrar for their review.

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University is committed to financial transparency. In alignment with this commitment, the university publicly disseminates its financial policies and ensures adherence to these through both internal and external audits. The internal audit encourages timely compliance with financial regulations. Such audits not only foster coordination among various university departments but also motivate them to adhere to financial norms.

External audits of the university's "accounts" and other records are conducted by authorized entities of the Government of India. These audits provide evidence of expenditures in accordance with prescribed financial regulations, serving stakeholders' interests. Thus, external and internal audits are both essential for compliance with governmental rules and procedures. The university ensures annual adherence to these requirements.

Internal audits involve periodic financial assessments conducted by internal financial experts to ensure integrity in financial operations. External audits, on the other hand, are conducted under the supervision of the C&AG by government-approved external bodies, which evaluate the university's financial accountability.