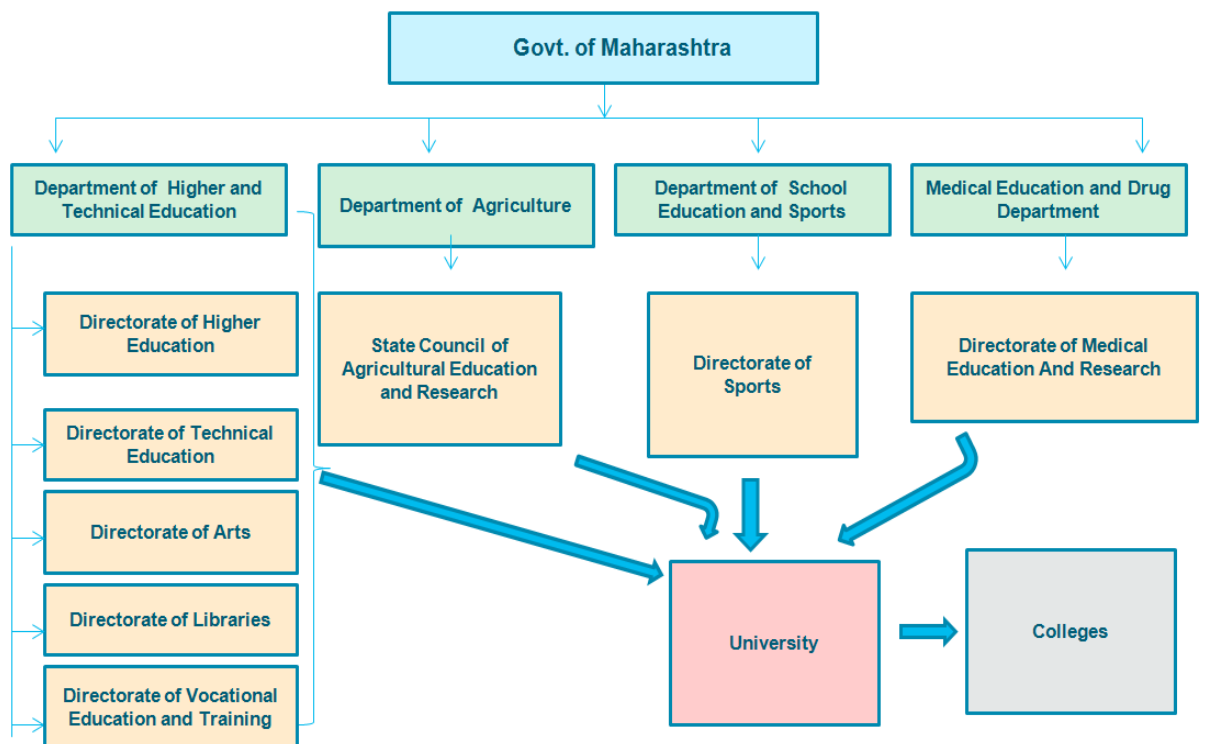


About DHE :

The Directorate of Higher Education was entrusted with the responsibility of the Management of Non-agricultural Universities and its Degree Colleges pertaining higher education in the faculties of Arts, Science, Commerce, law, Education and Non-AICTE in the State. The picture presented below will show the scenario of higher educational system in Maharashtra.

Higher Educational System in Maharashtra



In the year 1969 the State Government had introduced 10+2+3 systems of education and started number of Senior Colleges in the State to impart Higher Education. The number of these colleges increased immensely after formation of Directorate of Higher Education on 31-10-1984. Consequently, the administrative responsibilities of Director of Higher Education have enormously increased and the centralized management of all the colleges had become very difficult from State level Directorate located at Pune. Thus the need was felt to decentralize the organization which has resulted in the creation of 10 regional offices

in the State to oversee the functioning of colleges in the respective regions. The 10 offices of Regional Joint Directors are located at Mumbai, Panvel, Pune, Kolhapur, Solapur, Aurangabad, Nanded, Jalgaon, Amravati and Nagpur.

The functions of Directorate are categorized into following three broad categories:

A) Planning and Co-ordination;

B) Academic Functions and

C) Advisory Functions

A) Planning & Co-ordination:

- i) To prepare consolidated plans, policies in the sphere of Higher Education in the State in accordance with the guidelines that may be issued by the University Grants Commission from time to time, and to assist in their implementation, keeping in view the overall priorities and perspectives of Higher Education in the State;
- ii) To assist the State Govt. in respect of determination and maintenance of standards and suggest remedial action wherever necessary;
- iii) To evolve perspective plans for development of Higher Education in the State;
- iv) To forward the development programmes of Universities and Colleges in the State at the State Govt. along with its comments and recommendations;
- v) To monitor the progress of implementation of such developmental programmes;
- vi) To promote cooperation and coordination of the educational institutions among themselves and explore the scope for interaction with industry and other related establishments;
- vii) To formulate the principles as per the guidelines of the Government and to decide upon, approve and sanction new

educational institutions by according permission keeping in view the various norms and requirements to be fulfilled;

- viii) To suggest ways and means of augmenting additional resources for Higher Education in the State;

B) Academic Functions:

- i) To encourage and promote innovations in curricular development, restructuring of courses and updating of syllabi in the University and the Colleges.
- ii) To promote and coordinate the programme of Autonomous Colleges and to monitor its implementation.
- iii) To devise steps to improve the standards of examinations conducted by the Universities and suggest necessary reforms;
- iv) To facilitate training of teachers in Colleges and Universities;
- v) To develop programmes for greater academic cooperation and inter-action between University teachers and College teachers and to facilitate mobility of students and teachers within and outside the State;
- vi) To conduct entrance examination for admission to institutions of Higher Education and render advice on admissions
- vii) To conduct sports, games, physical education and cultural activities in the universities and colleges;
- viii) To encourage extension activities and promote interaction concerned with agencies with regional planning and development.
- ix) To prepare an overview report on the working of the universities and the colleges in State and to furnish a copy of the report to the State Govt.

C) Advisory Functions

To advise the Government:

- i) To link research work of educational institutions with that of the research agencies and industry, keeping in view the overall research needs of the State;
- ii) On the statutes and Ordinances to various Universities in the State (excluding Central Universities) and on the statutes proposed by the Universities in the State.
- iii) In formulation of the schemes in the State;
- iv) To make new institutions self sufficient and viable;
- v) On the policy of 'earning while learning'
- vi) To perform any other functions necessary for the furtherance of Higher Education in the State.

LIST OF REGIONAL OFFICES UNDER THE PURVIEW OF DIRECTORATE

Sr. #	Name of the Regional Office	Location
1	Joint Director of Higher Education, Regional Office, Mumbai	Mumbai
2	Joint Director of Higher Education, Regional Office, Panvel	Panvel
3	Joint Director of Higher Education, Regional Office, Pune	Pune
4	Joint Director of Higher Education, Regional Office, Kolhapur	Kolhapur
5	Joint Director of Higher Education, Regional Office, Solapur	Solapur
6	Joint Director of Higher Education, Regional Office, Aurangabad	Aurangabad
7	Joint Director of Higher Education, Regional Office, Nanded	Nanded
8	Joint Director of Higher Education, Regional Office, Jalgaon	Jalgaon
9	Joint Director of Higher Education, Regional Office, Amravati	Amravati
10	Joint Director of Higher Education, Regional Office, Nagpur	Nagpur

LIST OF NON-AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES UNDER THE PURVIEW OF DIRECTORATE

1	Mumbai University, Mumbai	Mumbai
2	S.N.D.T. University, Mumbai	Mumbai
3	Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune	Pune
4	Shivaji University, kolhapur	Kolhapur
5	Solapur University, Solapur	Solapur
6	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad	Aurangabad
7	Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded	Nanded
8	North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon	Jalgaon
9	Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati	Amravati
10	Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur	Nagpur
11	Gondwana University, Gadchiroli	Gadchiroli
12	Kavi Kulguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek Dist. Nagpur	Ramtek & Nagpur
13	Yashwantrao Chavan Open University, Nashik	Nashik