The Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University (MAFSU) was formally notified on November 17th, 2000 and was established under the State Act No. 1998 (MAH.XVII of 1998) on December 03rd, 2000 with its headquarter at Nagpur. The University has been carved out of the four Agriculture Universities in the state by transferring five Veterinary Colleges, one Post Graduate Institute of Veterinary & Animal Sciences and one Dairy Technology College. Although the University is in its infancy, the constituent colleges were quite old.

Thus beginning with the five Veterinary Colleges, one Post Graduate Institute of Veterinary & Animal Sciences and one Dairy Technology College at different geographical locations of the state in December 2000, University made a commendable progress in developing Fishery Faculty and strengthening Dairy Technology Faculty by establishing two new Fishery College at Nagpur & Udgir and one Dairy Technology College at Udgir. Besides ten colleges in three faculties, Director of Instructions, Director of Research and Director of Extension & Training, the University has a well developed Students Welfare Section, University Library, Bio-informatics Center and training and placement centers. With the new concepts of research and extension responsibility, the University plans to initiate and coordinate research projects with the other Universities, institutions of ICAR.

Each college has some highly specialized and well developed departments which include India’s first Veterinary Nuclear Medicine Center (VNMC) at Mumbai, Embryo Transfer Technology Laboratory and Mineral & Hormonal Assay Laboratory at Akola, Swine Fever Surveillance Center at Nagpur etc.

The University draws its major financial support from the State Government’s Annual Grants for meeting its expenses on salaries and recurring and non-recurring expenses relating to the plan and non-plan subjects. In addition, University also receives a major financial support from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research as development grants being a State Agriculture University (SAU). The research projects are supported by DBT, DSIR, MoFPI, DST, NABARD, Pharmaceuticals companies.