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State allows 150 additional divisions in 81 colleges

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Kolhapur: The higher and technical education department approved more than 150 additional divisions recently. The divisions were granted to 81 colleges across the state on a permanently unaided basis.

The announcement was made via a government resolution issued on June 23. Apart from this, the state gave its nod to over 40 new subjects in 30 colleges on the same day.

Among the new subjects, MSc in material science, animal physiology and electronics, BA in French, BCom in business management and BSc in physics and mathematics have been granted in the colleges. The 150 additional divisions that got grants from the state include conventional courses like BA, BCom and BSc in existing colleges across the state. The Shivaji University, Kolhapur has got around 49 additional divisions in the decision.

An SUK official said that this is a routine practice and is followed each year. "All colleges across the state have to send proposals to start new courses or subjects. The respective university after scrutiny and approval from the management and academic council sends the proposal to the state. Ultimately, it is the government which reserves the right of approval or rejection of a particular proposal."

The official said that the approval and affiliation of divisions, courses and subjects from the respective university will be checked by the regional joint director of higher education. The regional joint director has to ensure that the required staff and infrastructure is available in the specified college for the course or subject. A selection committee and academic council of experts decide the fee and intake capacity depending on college standard, geographical location and the need for the course.

Earlier this year, the university had approved proposals for starting new courses, subjects and the class divisions through a management council meeting. The approved proposals were then sent to the state for further scrutiny and approval.