The journey of a thousand miles starts with one little step. The idea of establishing a Technological University in Konkan region as an instrument of economic development was conceived by the Government of Maharashtra in 1981. As per the recommendations of an Expert Committee, the Government of Maharashtra stablished Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University; vide Act No. XXII of 1989. The University was of the unitary type of University, and the territorial limits within which the powers were conferred upon the University by or under this Act were exercised, comprised the entire University area.

Later, Government of Maharashtra converted the University to the Affiliating Technological University from the year 2016 vide Maharashtra Act No. XXIX of 2014 with the jurisdiction of the University as the entire state of Maharashtra. Presently, 275 institutes are affiliated to the University and the total student strength is more than one lakh. The distinct character of the University is its state technical university status with entire Maharashtra as its area of activity. The University attracts meritorious students from the entire state and molds them into employable engineers and competent technocrats. The University is empowered to affiliate institutions that offer UG, PG and Ph.D. level programs in the disciplines of Engineering, Pharmacy, Architecture and Hotel Management & Catering Technology.