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AP launches scheme for training Biotech, Pharma students

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Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation has come up with a new programme to impart skills and knowledge to students of Biotechnology and Pharma wings across the State.

The programme has been designed by senior advisors of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and Biotechnology department, Government of India, along with Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT).

M Shankar Prasad, Convener of Task force committee on Biotechnology and Pharma Industry stated that AP has to become a destination hub for biotechnology and pharma industries in the coming three years. After a thorough research with senior advisors across the country, a decision has been made to form pharma and biotechnology clusters in the State to turn AP into a hot destination for those fields.

For that, the focus will be on improving skills of the students to build highly qualified manpower. Similarly, academics and industry experts would also be focused upon. He further said that the industry requires 80,000 highly skilled professionals and 3 lakh semi-skilled labour in the next 3-5 years.

The new programme which is being designed will create highly skilled professionals for the industry. In the first phase, around 400 selected people would be trained at IICT for six months. Industry experts will take 150 hrs theory classes and 120 hrs practical classes at IICT campus itself. Though the course costs over 1.25 lakh in the market, this programme is being offered at 40,000.