

Telangana forest college gets A+ recognition

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HYDERABAD: Telangana Forest College and Research Institute (FCRI) got A+ category Institute recognition from Centre for maintaining the highest standards in forest education and research. Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), which examines forest colleges' standards and facilities, has awarded the recognition.

Chief minister K Chandrashekhar Rao said it was a good result for the efforts put in by the state government and congratulated the officials of the forest department and college management. With a view to give more importance to the protection of forests and the environment, the CM constituted an exclusive Forest college and encouraged it.

This decision was taken in the initial days of the state's formation. The CM's directive was that the Forest college should be on par with the Mettupaleyam College in Tamilnadu.

FCRI in Telangana was started in 2015 and the first batch of B Sc (Forestry) started with a four-year duration course. The final year students are completing their course this year. The College moved to its own campus on Dec 11, 2019 at Mulugu in Siddipet district.

The campus has state-of-the-art facilities and hostels. The College from where the first batch of B Sc students are passing out this year is planning to start a two year M Sc (Forestry) course and three year PhD course also. While maintaining the highest standards in teaching, the college signed MoUs with Columbia University and Auburn University. The Auburn University offered a free M Sc seat recently to a girl student from this college. With the A+ recognition now, the College may get more national

and international recognition. There will also be an opportunity to collaborate with other institutions in the education and research fields' development.