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Concept notes are invited from the government organizations, research institutes, universities, reputed NGOs for the research programme on "Conservation and Utilization of Medicinal Plant Resources of the North East for Human Welfare". The major themes under which concept notes can be prepared are as below:

- 1. Bioprospecting for information and resources regarding traditional plants being used for medicines in the NER.
- 2. Extraction and structural profiling of plant derived compounds with potential medicinal properties.
- 3. Biological assay platform to assess the efficacy of potential prototypes identified /contemplated
- 4. Upscaling and bulk production of prototypes IPR, patenting and commercialization.

Any group working either in the north east (NER) or having partnerships with groups in the NER working on the above theme areas are encouraged to submit concept notes for the consideration of research funding. The concept note has to be concise and 2-4 pages long with the following components

- 1. Background work experience of the group
- 2. Proposed area of work
- 3. Competence as evidenced by infrastructure, manpower and publications.
- 4. Major hypothesis/scientific target to be addressed in the project.
- 5. Anticipated/tentative budgetary requirement envisaged for the proposed project for duration of three years.

The completed project concept notes (1 copy) may kindly be prepared and submitted by 5th of July, 2013 to the Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH, Barapani, Meghalaya-793103.

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