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Guwahati Declaration was recently unveiled by Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Education, Entrepreneurship and Skill Development and Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, Chief Minister of Assam during the recently held North East Research Conclave (NERC) 2022 at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati.

The Guwahati Declaration is intended to create a set of guidelines, through which individual, as well as a collective responsibility to promote and encourage innovation at the grass-root level and strive to stimulate and execute indigenisation and entrepreneurship, can be taken up. It also encourages advancement in discoveries through sustainable routes.

At least 100 startups are expected to be incubated with around 100 doctoral students to be added within the next three years. The ecosystem support necessary for these developments will be provided for achieving their success.

The broad working areas include:
1. Biomedical and environmental devices development and testing
2. Food processing technology
3. Advanced functional materials and biomaterials
4. Drug discovery from natural resources
5. Drone technology development and application
6. High altitude waste management
7. Fossil fuel and alternative energy utilisation and devices
8. Geo-spatial technology
9. Livelihood projects
10. Automation in agriculture, sericulture, pisciculture