

Assam, the largest economy in Northeast India, is emerging as a critical driver of industrial growth. With its GSDP rising from \$21.4 bn in 2013-14 to \$68.7 bn in 2023-24 at a CAGR of 12.4 %, the state has positioned itself as a hub for manufacturing, exports, and resource-driven industries.

With abundant natural resources, the state has a strong industrial presence in sectors such as petroleum, natural gas, tea, cement, and silk. Key contributors include nearly 0.6 Mn MSMEs and significant investments by leading corporations like OIL, ONGC, IOCL, GAIL, Indradhanush Gas Grid, along with a thriving manufacturing sector that includes food & beverages, chemicals, FMCG, and pharmaceuticals.

The State is now poised for accelerated economic growth, aiming to diversify its economic base beyond its traditional, resource-driven industries. Highlighting this strategic shift, the establishment of India's first Semiconductor Assembly and Test unit by Tata Electronics in Assam marks a significant advancement into high-tech industries.

Vision and Goals

Assam aims to double its GSDP to \$143 bn by FY 2029-30. The State is committed to this vision and has planned for a \$26 bn capital outlay and strategic public-private investments in infrastructure.

Highlights of Assam's Industrial and Economic Strengths:

- Manufacturing: 14% contribution to GSVA and 12% workforce employment.
- Exports: \$442.3 million in FY24, with tea alone contributing \$241 million.
- Major Investments: \$4.72 bn USD, including Tata Electronics' \$3.19 bn USD semiconductor OSAT unit.
- Renewable Energy: Targeting 6,500 MW by 2030, focusing on solar and green hydrogen.
- Infrastructure Growth: Surfaced roads expanded from 27,782 km (2015) to 51,481 km (2024).

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Assam – A Unique opportunity

With one-third of its area under forest cover, Assam has among the best Air Quality Indices among major Indian states. Along with an abundance of water resources, Assam is thus uniquely positioned to advance sustainable development practices.

Additionally, Assam's geo-strategic location and proximity to East and Southeast Asia, make it an ideal destination for industries from these regions to establish manufacturing facilities in India. Advantage Assam 2.0 Initiative

Building on its strengths, Assam is hosting the "Advantage Assam 2.0: Investment and Infrastructure Summit 2025" to promote economic growth, industrialization, and global collaborations.

Objectives:

- 1. Showcase Assam as a premier investment destination.
- 2. Attract national and international investments in key sectors.
- 3. Foster partnerships through targeted sessions and discussions.

Key Details of the Summit:

Dates: 25th-26th February, 2025

Venue: Guwahati

Chief Guest: Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

Summit Structure

- Plenary Session: Inauguration by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- Sectoral Sessions: Covering 10 focus areas, including semiconductors, green energy, aerospace, and more.
- Country-Specific Sessions: Promoting international collaboration with ASEAN and other regions.
- Cultural Showcase: Mega Jhumoir performance by 7,500 artists from Assam's tea estates.
- Valedictory Ceremony: Address by the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister.

Pre-Summit Engagements:

Outreach programs in major Indian cities and international destinations like Bhutan, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Japan, UAE, UK and the USA to attract investments.

Focus Sectors

1. Infrastructure Development

- Roads
- **Inland Waterways**
- Railways
- Industrial Parks
- Civil Aviation









2. High-Value High-Tech Industries

- Semiconductor and ESDM Manufacturing
- IT and ITES (AI, Data Analytics, SaaS Development, FinTech Solutions)
- Advanced Manufacturing (Electronics, Robotics, Precision Engineering)
- Biotechnology and Life Sciences (Pharmaceuticals, Nutraceuticals, Bioinformatics)
- Research and Development Hubs (Clean Tech, Agri-Tech, Material Sciences)
- Aerospace and Defence Manufacturing (Components, UAVs, MRO Facilities)
- Smart Mobility and EV Ecosystem (EV Manufacturing, Charging Infrastructure, Battery Innovation)
- Digital Innovation Ecosystems (Startup Incubators, Technology Hubs)

3. Renewables and Hydrocarbon

- Solar Farms and Rooftop Solar Projects
- Hydropower Projects (Small and Medium Hydropower Plants)
- Green Hydrogen Production Facilities
- Wind Energy Farms
- Bioenergy and Biomass Processing Units
- LNG Terminals and Gas Distribution Networks
- Refinery Modernisation and Expansion Projects
- Renewable Energy Equipment Manufacturing (Solar Panels, Wind Turbines)
- Carbon Capture and Storage Facilities
- Distributed Energy Systems and Microgrids

4. Green Industries, Agri Processing & Forestry

- Bamboo-based Products (Furniture, Plywood, Textiles)
- Sustainable Agroforestry Products (Citronella, Lemongrass, Medicinal Plants)
- Eco-friendly Packaging (Biodegradable Paper and Packaging Materials)
- Waste-to-Wealth Projects (Recycling, Composting, Waste-Based Bioenergy)
- Organic Farming and Processing (Fruits, Vegetables, Spices)
- Green Construction Materials (Fly Ash Bricks, Sustainable Cement)
- Carbon Credit and Offset Projects

5. Tourism

- Eco-tourism Resorts and Lodges (Kaziranga, Manas, Majuli)
- Cultural Tourism (Festivals, Handicraft Trails, Heritage Circuits)
- River Tourism (Luxury Cruises on Brahmaputra, Riverine Transport Hubs)
- Wellness Tourism (Ayurveda and Yoga Retreats)
- Sustainable Hospitality Infrastructure (Green Hotels, Resorts)

Participants Profile

- Indian and Global Industry Leaders
- Union Ministers and Secretaries
- Diplomats
- Business delegations from Partner Countries and others
- Heads of public sector undertakings
- **Bilateral Industry Bodies**
- Multilateral agencies like the World Bank and ADB

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