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IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings 2026:

The 2026 Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank Group will be held in Bangkok from 12 to 18 October 2026. The meetings will bring together finance ministers, central bank officials, development leaders, private-sector representatives, academics and other stakeholders to discuss major challenges facing the global economy. Key discussions will include global economic growth, financial stability, poverty reduction, job creation, private investment and sustainable development. Greater cooperation between governments, international financial institutions and private investors can help mobilise capital for infrastructure and businesses, create employment, improve productivity and support inclusive economic growth. Discussions on AI and development may also help countries use new technologies to increase efficiency and create new economic opportunities.



9th World Investment Forum set for 2026 in Qatar



UN World Investment Forum 2026:

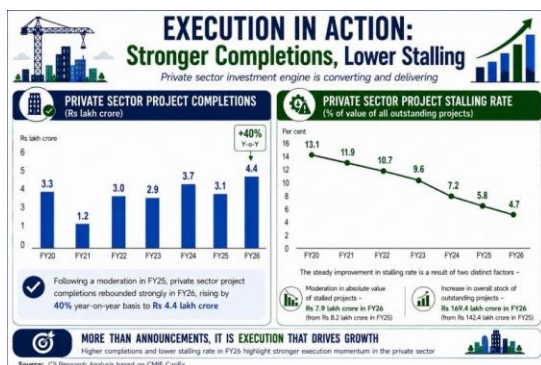
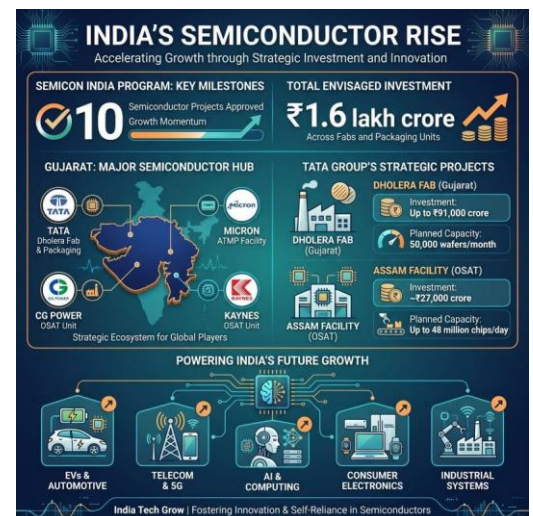
The 9th World Investment Forum (WIF), organised by UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD), will be held in Doha from 25 to 27 October 2026 under the theme “Investing in the Future.” The forum will bring together governments, global investors, CEOs, development finance institutions, sovereign wealth funds and international organisations to discuss how investment can support sustainable and inclusive economic development. The forum will focus on areas such as global value chains, energy transition, sustainable infrastructure, emerging markets, artificial intelligence, digital investment, skills, entrepreneurship and climate-related

investment. It will also provide opportunities for governments and investors to build partnerships and identify new investment projects. The forum can help channel international investment into developing and emerging economies, supporting infrastructure, industries, technology and employment. Increased investment can strengthen productive capacity, improve international trade and help countries achieve long-term, sustainable economic growth.

Investment, Technology and Growth in Indian Economy

India's Semiconductor Investment Push Semicon 2.0 Attracts Investment Proposals Worth \$11–12 billion:

At the SEMICON India 2026 conference, the Union Government announced investment proposals worth around \$11–12 billion under the second phase of India's semiconductor programme, known as Semicon 2.0. The proposed investments will cover semiconductor equipment, materials, specialised gases, chemicals and substrates, with investments expected over the next two to three years. The expansion of India's semiconductor industry can attract domestic and foreign investment, create skilled employment and strengthen the country's electronics supply chain. It can also support industries such as automobiles, telecommunications, consumer electronics and artificial intelligence. In the long term, stronger semiconductor manufacturing can increase high-value production, reduce dependence on imported components and improve India's participation in global technology supply chains, contributing to economic growth.



India's Private Investment Shows Stronger Growth:

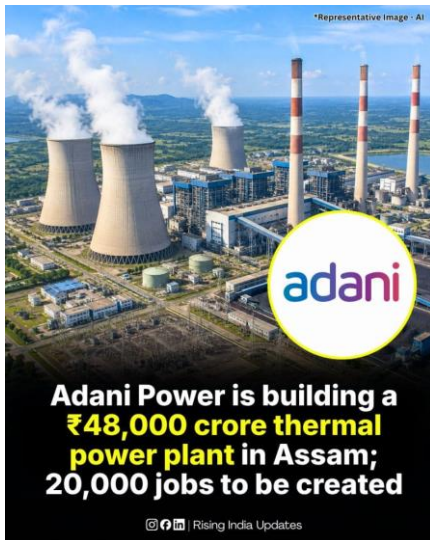
India is showing signs of a revival in private investment. According to Reuters, private-sector capital investment increased by 11.9% year-on-year in the April–June 2026 quarter, while India's economy grew 7.8% during the same period. Gross fixed capital formation also increased to 34.3% of GDP, compared with 31.4% a year earlier. Investment activity has expanded in areas such as

railways, artificial intelligence, semiconductors, manufacturing, automobiles and renewable energy. Corporate capital expenditure among listed companies also increased by around 11% in FY 2025–26. The rise in private investment can expand industrial capacity, production and employment while increasing demand for machinery, raw materials and other goods and services. Investment in sectors such as semiconductors, AI and advanced manufacturing can also improve productivity and technological capability. A stronger role for private investment alongside government spending can diversify India's sources of economic growth and potentially make the economy more resilient to external shocks. However, higher oil prices, geopolitical tensions and inflation remain risks to the investment outlook.

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India's new GDP series is being compiled with 2022–23 as the base year, using wider corporate, financial, government and household-sector data to better measure economic activity.

Infrastructure, Investment and Employment in Assam's Economy



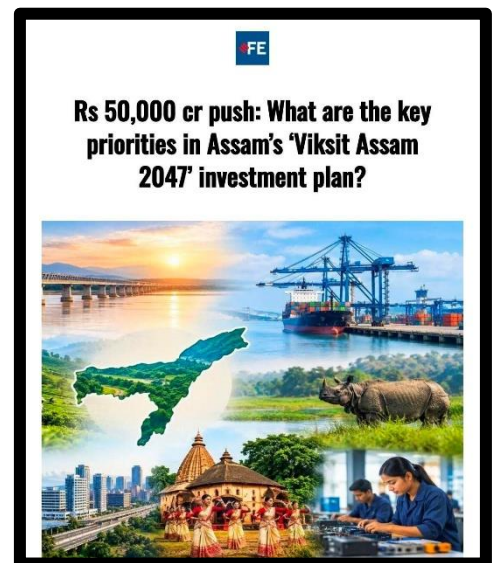
Assam's Major Power Investment:

₹48,000 Crore Thermal Power Project to Boost Assam's Energy Infrastructure- The foundation stone for a 3,200 MW ultra-supercritical thermal power project was laid at Chapar in Dhubri district, Assam on 20 September 2026. The project, being developed by Adani Power, involves an investment of around ₹48,000 crore and is part of a broader ₹63,000-crore power investment plan in Assam. The project is expected to be commissioned in phases from December 2030. The project will consist of four units of 800 MW each and is expected to become one of the largest power-generation assets in Northeast India. It is projected to generate up to 20,000 construction jobs and around 5,000 operational jobs. The investment can strengthen Assam's power-generation capacity

and provide a more reliable electricity supply for households, businesses and industries. The construction phase is expected to generate employment and increase demand for local contractors, suppliers, transport and other services. In the longer term, improved energy infrastructure can support industrialisation, private investment and economic activity in Assam and the wider Northeast.

Assam's ₹50,000 Crore Investment Plan:

The Assam government has outlined a plan to invest around ₹50,000 crore as part of its long-term vision for "Viksit Assam 2047." The plan was discussed during the first District Commissioners' Conference of the state's second term, with emphasis on accelerating development and making administration more effective and investment-oriented. The state is also working to improve the investment environment by planning district-level land banks. These land banks are intended to provide ready-to-use land for industries and reduce delays in allocating land to investors. The proposed investment can support infrastructure development, industrial expansion, employment generation and private investment across Assam. District-level land banks may also make it easier for businesses to establish industries by reducing land-related delays. Increased investment can create demand for construction, transport, manufacturing and services, helping expand economic activity beyond Guwahati and other major urban centres.



Investment, Employment and Emerging Opportunities in Guwahati

ISRO to Establish Advanced Radar Research Centre Near Guwahati:

ISRO to Establish Advanced Radar Research Centre Near Guwahati- The foundation stone for an Advanced Radar Research Centre of ISRO is set to be laid at Chandrapur, near Guwahati. The centre will focus on advanced radar and space-related research, strengthening Assam's connection with India's growing space and technology ecosystem. The development was highlighted by the Assam Chief Minister on 21 September 2026. The establishment of a major space-research facility can create demand for skilled professionals, technical services, construction and supporting businesses. It can also encourage technology-based entrepreneurship and research activities around Guwahati. In the long term, the project could strengthen the city's position as a centre for science, technology and high-skilled economic activity, while creating opportunities for students and local institutions to connect with advanced research.



Guwahati's ₹1,600-Crore Mall Project to Boost Retail and Employment:

Nexus Select Trust has announced a proposed investment of approximately ₹1,600 crore for a major mall and hospitality project in Guwahati. The development is expected to strengthen the city's organised retail sector and expand its role as a commercial centre for Northeast India. The project includes a shopping mall and a hotel, creating opportunities for retail, hospitality and related businesses. The proposed investment can generate construction and service-sector employment and increase demand for local suppliers, transport operators, retailers and hospitality services. It may also attract more consumers and businesses to Guwahati, strengthening the city's retail and commercial activities. In the long term, the project could encourage further private investment and contribute to the expansion of the local service sector.

DO YOU KNOW?

Road-repair work has accelerated across the area ahead of Durga Puja, with the aim of improving transport movement and reducing congestion during the festival period.

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