

NE growth gathers steam: Modi



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GUWAHATI: Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#) said the country's engine of growth would gather more steam as the north [east](#) Indian [state](#) of Assam is going to beckon more global investors. Opening the two days global investors' [summit](#) in Guwahati on Saturday, the prime minister said the event will help the north eastern region and its people see the face of development in a balanced manner.

He called 'Advantage Assam: [India](#)'s Expressway to [ASEAN](#)' an appropriate one to spread a huge message to the world. He said," it is more than a statement. In fact it is a comprehensive vision." The Prime Minister observed that the entire northeastern region of eight states is at the [heart](#) of [India](#)'s Act [East](#) Policy to connect the Southeast Asia.

Modi said "We have created the Act [East](#) Policy with northeast at the Centre. The Act [East](#) Policy requires increased people to people contact, [trade](#) ties and other relations with countries on [India](#)'s [east](#), particularly Asean countries." He said his government has the clear vision of development in the eastern part and that the fast pace of development will be useful if the north eastern people develop.

Union [ministers](#) Union minister Nitin [Gadkari](#), Suresh Prabhu, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Smriti Irani, Dharmendra Pradhan, Jitendra Singh, Kiren Rijiju attended the [summit](#) which ends on Sunday.

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