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November 2025 has been shaped by mixed global economic signals. While some regions show steady expansion, others continue to face slowing demand, policy uncertainty and the impact of rising trade tensions.

EUROZONE GROWTH STEADY BUT UNEVEN:

The European economy continued to expand in November, with the **Composite PMI** holding at **52.4**, signaling steady growth. The **service sector**

Remained the key driver, reaching its **fastest pace in 18 months**, supported by stronger consumer demand. However, **the manufacturing sector slipped back into contraction**, indicating weak industrial orders and higher energy costs weighing on output. Despite softening inflation near the **ECB's 2% target**, businesses are cutting jobs, reflecting uncertainty about future demand. Overall, the Eurozone remains resilient but cautious.



GLOBAL SLOWDOWN SIGNALS:



International organisations including the **IMF and World Bank** continue to project **slower global growth**. Trade tensions – especially new U.S. tariffs under the “**Liberation Day**” policy – are contributing to weakened global trade flows. At the same time, central banks across countries are adopting **divergent monetary policies**: the U.S. is gradually easing rates, while Europe maintains tighter policy due to inflation concerns. This divergence is creating currency volatility and increasing borrowing costs for many emerging economies. The global economy faces rising risks from policy fragmentation, high uncertainty and slower demand, though some pockets of optimism remain in tech-driven and service-oriented sectors.

“INDIA’S GROWTH OUTLOOK STRENGTHENS FOR 2025–26”

- **State Bank of India (SBI) projects India’s GDP growth for Q2 FY26 (July–September) at 7.5%**, driven by:
 - Festive-season consumption boost
 - Revival in private investment
 - Strengthening rural demand
- **Moody’s forecasts 7% GDP growth in 2025**, reaffirming India as one of the fastest-growing major economies globally.



INDIA’S TRADE DEFICIT REACHES RECORD LEVELS

- **India’s trade gap has hit a new record.** In October 2025, the country posted a massive **\$41.7 billion** merchandise trade deficit — the highest ever. This spike happened because imports, especially gold, shot up while exports fell by around **12%** across many categories.
- If this trend continues, India’s **Current Account Deficit** could widen up to **2.4–2.5% of GDP** in the next quarter.



Assam's Tech Revolution: Guwahati Emerges as the Digital Hub of Northeast

Over the last five years, Guwahati has undergone a transformation that has reshaped how both the city and the wider state of Assam are viewed throughout India. What was once recognized mainly for its strategic location in the Northeast is now gaining national prominence for its rapid progress, dynamic governance, and ambitious push toward modern infrastructure.

Assam Leading the Northeast into a New Digital Era

The Northeast is experiencing a major technological overhaul, fueled by advances in AI, expanding digital public infrastructure, and the rising demand for stronger data systems. Although most states have basic IT setups in place, the fast pace of tech innovation has made system upgrades essential. Assam has taken a clear lead with an ₹800-crore World Bank-backed technology program set to launch soon. The initiative aims to modernize citizen service platforms, build a unified data catalogue, enhance finance and administrative IT systems, and redesign digital architecture to support next-generation, AI-driven governance. Assam's leadership has made one point clear: the digital governance sector is nowhere near saturation—it's rapidly expanding. As AI transforms how governments manage data and deliver services, states are recognizing that even recently built systems now need a full overhaul. This trend extends beyond Assam, with other Northeastern states preparing similar investments. For tech companies, this creates a substantial, long-term opportunity in a region with strong development spending power supported by the central government.

Assam's Tech Momentum

- ₹5 lakh crore investments committed
- Tata semiconductor plant in Jagiroad
- ₹800 crore World Bank-backed tech upgrade
- State-wide IT & network overhaul underway
- High per capita tech spending
- Expanding startup hubs & innovation centers

Assam's progress is clear and accelerating. With major tech investments, a growing startup ecosystem, and a government focused on innovation, the state is setting a new standard for the Northeast. For tech firms, digital creators, infrastructure players, and policymakers, Guwahati has become a gateway to significant opportunity. The region is prepared, the leadership is committed, and the future is being shaped now—positioning Assam as one of India's most promising hubs for digital transformation.



LOCAL ECONOMIC NEWS

1. IIT Guwahati gets new underwater welding, repair programme

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated an underwater welding and 3D printing initiative at IIT Guwahati, awarding certificates to seven youth. Sonowal said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "strong and visionary leadership has rapidly strengthened India's maritime capacity and skilled workforce, modernized port connectivity, expanded inland waterways and accelerated the growth of the blue economy. Assam and the Northeast continue to play an important role in this national advancement." Assam has the potential to become a leading hub for underwater repair and advanced manufacturing, and TIH at IIT Guwahati is poised to become the epicenter of this future," Sonowal said.

2. Assam's Digital Evolution: Guwahati at the Centre of Northeast India's Technology Transformation

Transformation

Guwahati's transformation over the past five years has fundamentally changed how the city and Assam are perceived across India. Once known primarily for its geographic centrality in the Northeast, Assam today commands national attention for its rapid development, proactive governance, and bold investments in future-ready infrastructure. Massive commitments such as Tata's semiconductor manufacturing plant in Jagiroad and the overwhelming success of the Advantage Assam initiative—where industry partners pledged over ₹5 lakh crore in investments—are strong indicators of the state's accelerated growth trajectory.



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