

Assam woos investors from Telangana

'Make Guwahati your second home'

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The north-eastern State of Assam on Friday wooed investors and industrialists from Telangana on a plank of policy initiatives in the recent years as well as how the State could serve as a springboard to the 1.8 billion consumer market in ASEAN, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Nepal.

"Come make Guwahati and Assam your second home," Principal Secretary to Assam Finance Department Ravi Kota said, adding that the State has identified eight focus sectors to attract investments. They are agriculture and food processing; handloom, textile and handicraft; inland water transport, port township and

river front development; IT and ITeS; pharmaceutical and medical devices; plastic and petrochemicals; power; tourism, hospitality and wellness; civil aviation; and petroleum and natural gas.

Mr. Kota was part of the delegation, led by Assam Minister for IT Keshab Mahanta, that was here for a road show, organised as part of the 'Advantage Assam' Global Investors' Summit scheduled to be held in Guwahati on February 3 and 4. "It is the ideal staging point for business with several countries," he said, pointing to the measures initiated by the State government to improve the Ease of Doing Business levels. It has also launched several policies.