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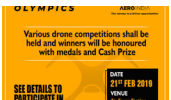
The Confederation of Indian Industry sees 2019 economic growth at 7.5%, citing better demand conditions, growing investments in infrastructure. [...Read More](#)



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The Indian Armed Forces will assess the existing Drone and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle technologies of global companies at the Aero India 2019

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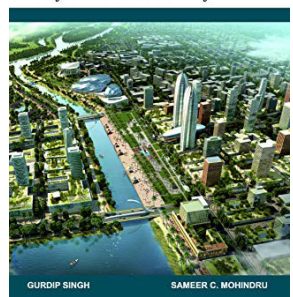
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All 100 Smart Cities have incorporated Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) for implementing 5,151. [...Read More](#)



Tenders: Setting up of 8,389.90MW Wind Power

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Tenders: Bids call for rail station redevelopments-

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Approved: Rs.2,926.42Cr bridge on Ganga

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs construction of a 5.634 km long new 4-lane bridge across river Ganga [...Read More](#)



Minister hopes for Turkey-India FTA

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Cabinet clears listing of CPSEs

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E-commerce hit a high of US\$38.5bn in 2018-19

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FDI increased to \$60.97bn in 2017-18

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Approved: three NIMZs with focus on manufacturing

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Rajpur-Patiala IMC identified

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India improves WB's construction permit ranking

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AFD to lend EUR100m for innovative projects

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India-Japan to foster cultural and people-to-people

The Indian and Japanese communities are set to get closer and enhance cultural linkages, said Ambassador of Japan to India, Kenji Hiramatsu, after launching. [...Read More](#)



Japan-India sign loans for three projects

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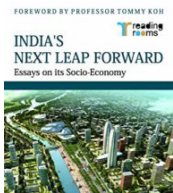
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FDI: Prabhu sets US\$100bn target for two years

India aims to win US\$100 billion in foreign direct investment in the next two years by offering special industrial clusters to companies. [...Read More](#)



Exports: Special focus on African and Latin American markets

Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu is not fully satisfied on the 2019 export strategy and has called for special focus on boosting shipments. [...Read More](#)



Vedanta to invest US\$3-\$4bn on brownfield plant

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IKEA to invest Rs.5,000 crore in UP stores

Swedish home furnishing group, IKEA, is planning to invest Rs.5,000 crore for setting up large and small format stores in the Uttar Pradesh. [...Read More](#)



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