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- The PMFBY has replaced two crop insurance schemes, National Agricultural Insurance Scheme as well as the Modified NAIS.
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- PMFBY aims to provide insurance coverage and financial support to the farmers in the event of failure of any of the notified crop as a result of natural calamities, pests & diseases.
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- Under the scheme the premium rates to be paid by farmers are very low and balance premium will be paid by the Government to provide full insured amount to the farmers against crop loss on account of natural calamities.
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- There is no upper limit on Government subsidy, even if balance premium is 90%, it will be borne by the Government.
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- All farmers growing notified crops in a notified area during the season who have insurable interest in the crop are eligible for the scheme.
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Art. 13 of EU copyright law

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- Article 13 of EU copyright law is an attempt to reshape copyright law for the internet age.
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- It’s based around the relationship between copyright holders and online platforms, compelling the latter to enforce tighter regulation over protected content.

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- The Article stipulates that platforms should “prevent the availability” of protected works, suggesting these ISSPs will need to adopt technology that can recognize and filter work created by someone other than the person uploading it.
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- By this proposed article Memes, remixes and other types of user-generated content would all be put at risk, they claim, as these could technically be seen as breaches of copyright
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World bank’s RISE

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- World Bank has released its report Regulatory Indicators for Sustainable Energy (RISE) 2018, charting global progress on sustainable energy policies.
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- The report was released on the sidelines of the 24th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP24).
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- The report stated that among the four SDG7 target areas renewable energy, energy efficiency, electricity access and access to clean cooking, the last one continued to be the most overlooked and underfunded by policymakers.
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India’s tallest bridge

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- The Northeast Frontier Railway Construction Organization has proposed India’s tallest bridge at Noney, Manipur.
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- The bridge is being constructed across the valley of river Ijai near Noney, with the height of the final pier being 141 metres
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- The bridge is a part of the 111-km Jiribam-Tupul-Imphal new broad gauge line project, a national project which is set to be completed by 2022.
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- The project also includes 45 tunnels, the longest being 10.28 km, which will be the longest railway tunnel of the northeast.
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Ex Aviaindra 2018

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- Ex AVIAINDRA is an Air Force level exercise between Indian Air Force and Russian Federation Aerospace Force (RFSAF).
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- First AVIAINDRA was conducted in 2014, planned as a bi-annual exercise.
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- AVIAINDRA-2018 is the second in the series of bilateral joint exercise between IAF-RFSAF.
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- This exercise is unique, where the foreign participants does not bring its assets.
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