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Availability of credit is the sine qua non for progress and growth of any sector, particularly agriculture, since most of those who are engaged in this sector belong to marginal and small farmer categories. Availability of timely and affordable credit facilitates the farmer to gain access to quality inputs and other support services. The strategy has, therefore, been to strengthen the role of institutional sources of credit to agriculture so as to replace informal sources of credit such as money lenders.

2. **Agriculture.**
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This article describes about agro products such as tea, sugar, rice, tobacco and spices contribute significantly in international trade and India exports these products in a big way. The proper development of the agriculture sector leads to increase in exports and reduction in imports. As a result, it helps in balance of payments in favour of the country and also save foreign currency. These savings can be utilised in the import of more essential items, raw material, machinery, equipment and other infrastructure related items needed for the country. This accelerates the pace of economic development and strengthens the economy of the country.

**Agriculture.**
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3. Bailey, Michael, Cao, Ruiqing Theresa Kuchler and

The economic effects of social networks: Evidence from the housing market
JOURNAL OF POLITICAL ECONOMY, 126(6), 2018(December): 2224-2276

We show how data from online social networking services can help researchers better understand the effects of social interactions on economic decision making. We combine anonymized data from Facebook, the largest online social network, with housing transaction data and explore both the structure and the effects of social networks. Individuals whose geographically distant friends experienced larger recent house price increases are more likely to transition from renting to owning. They also buy larger houses and pay more for a given house. Survey data show that these relationships are driven by the effects of social interactions on individuals housing market expectations.

** ECONOMICS.
Control No. : 22158

FOREIGN POLICY

4. Banga, Rashmi

Is India digitally prepared for international trade?
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL WEEKLY, 54(5), 2019(2nd February): 53-62

India’s digital infrastructure and the value added by digital services to its exports are analysed in order to assess its digital preparedness in the context of international trade. The results show that India lags behind many developing and developed countries in this area. In order to boost India’s trade competitiveness in the digital era, a Digitally-Informed Foreign Trade Policy is advocated that would aim to improve India’s digital infrastructure for trade, enhance the digital content in its exports, build digital skills in tradeable sectors, promote the use of digital technologies in manufacturing exports, and use big data analytics to inform foreign trade policy.

** FOREIGN POLICY.
HEALTH

5. Chandra, Shailaja and Bhattacharya, Sreedeep

Unqualified medical practitioners: Their illegal but Indispensable role in primary healthcare

ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL WEEKLY, 54(5), 2019(2nd February): 36-44

This article focus on some of the critical facets of medical practice by unqualified medical practitioners in India are explored: their role in treating acute medical conditions, and the responses of poor households eager to recover quickly with minimal spending. The study reveals how a wide range of associated actors are connected to the UMPs, including lawmakers, regulators, health managers, and those who benefit from the UMPs, that is, mainly qualified doctors.

** HEALTH .

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6. Sampat, Bhaven and Williams, Heidi L.

How do patents affect follow-On innovation? Evidence from the human genome.

AMERICAN ECONOMIC REVIEW, 109(1), 2019(January): 203-236

We investigate whether patents on human genes have affected follow-on scientific research and product development. Using administrative data on successful and unsuccessful patent applications submitted to the US Patent and Trademark Office, we link the exact gene sequences claimed in each application with data measuring follow-on scientific research and commercial investments. Using this data, we document novel evidence of selection into patenting: patented genes appear more valuable-prior to being patented-than non-patented genes. This evidence of selection motivates two quasi-experimental approaches, both of which suggest that on average gene patents have had no quantitatively important effect on follow-on innovation.

** HEALTH.
7. Sanjeev Kumar
*Creating adequate infrastructure in health care.*
YOJANA, 2019(February): 72-76

This article describes about that better public healthcare infrastructure, facilities and services and hopefully with all the well-intentioned initiatives we shall see health taking a top priority agenda in the coming years.

**HEALTH CARE.

Control No. : 22154

INFRASTRUCTURE

8. Mehta, Ranjeet
*Affordable housing: taking centre stage.*
YOJANA, 2019 (February): 58-61

Affordable housing has taken a centre stage in the National Agenda of the present Government. The Government's commitment to have housing for all by 2022 is the vision which presents dramatically different opportunities and requirements for the stakeholders and realizing this dream can be a step towards building a brighter India.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Control No. : 22153

9. Tewari, Namita
*Connected north east: building Pan India ties.*
YOJANA, 2019(February): 54-56
This article focuses on North East’s links with Southeast Asia will accelerate its progress. In turn, a connected Northeast will be a bridge to ASEAN-India ties.

** INFRASTRUCTURE.
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