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National Committee on Infrastructure and Managing Director & CEO, IDFC Ltd

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Expert view/ Harsh Mander, author

Direct benefit transfers: Are we ready?

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Low awareness a challenge in promoting green buildings

Despite the rising demand for eco-design in upcoming residential and commercial projects, green building penetration in India remains abysmally low

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The business case for green buildings

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India’s annual apparel export to Europe

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