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## MESSAGE

I am pleased to learn that the STAT Trade Times is organizing its seventh edition of International Biennial Air Cargo event "**Air Cargo India 2018**" at Mumbai from 20<sup>th</sup> February to 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2018.

Air Cargo is vital to the global economy, more so in the case of a developing country like India. Owing to a number of steps taken by the Government of India, the Indian air cargo industry will see significant growth over the next decade. A large middle class population with ever increasing consumer demand, a flourishing e-commerce sector and the number of steps being taken by the present Government would push the growth in the airfreight industry.

I am sure events like Air Cargo India 2018 would go a long way in giving the much needed thrust to the government initiatives by focusing on the opportunities in our country in this sphere which can transform Indian into an Air Cargo hub.

I convey my best wishes to STAT Trade Times and wish the event a grand success.

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