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- The participation of Indian businesses at St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) has been limited this year, due to the recently concluded elections and Russia's increased focus on China.
 - Traditionally, Indo-Russian economic cooperation has focussed on defence, energy and pharmaceuticals.
 - Start-ups, artificial intelligence and manufacturing digitisation can become the new growth drivers of Indo-Russian economic cooperation.
- **SPIEF has been held since 1997 and has become a leading global platform for members of the business community to meet and discuss the key economic issues facing Russia, emerging markets, and the world as a whole.**