

[Text of the maiden speech of Shri M.Venkaiah Naidu as Chairman of Rajya Sabha to the House after sworn in as the Vice-President of India on August 11, 2017.](#)

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, Respected Leader of the House Shri ArunJaitely, Respected Leader of the Opposition Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman Sri PJ Kurien, Hon'ble Ministers and distinguished Members of the august House!

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[AAI Commemorates 75th Anniversary of Quit India Movement](#)

An oath taking ceremony was organized to mark the 75th year of the Quit India movement in Airports Authority of India.

[Highlights of the Economic Survey](#)

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- The fiscal outcome of the Central Government in 2016-17 was marked by strong growth in tax revenue, sustenance of the pace of capital spending and a consolidation of non-salary/pension revenue expenditure. This combination allowed the Government to contain the fiscal deficit to 3.5 per cent of GDP in 2016-17.

Highlights of Reforms Measures in the Economic Survey 2016-17 Volume-2

Managing and reducing the various risks in agriculture activities can make the sector resilient, increase profitability and can ensure stable income flows to the farmers.