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Address by the President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee to members of both houses of Parliament

Honourable Members,

1. In this Basant season of renewal and resurgence, I welcome you all to this Joint Session of both Houses of Parliament.

<u>Digital Radio platform to promote</u> <u>Digital and Connectivity revolution in</u> <u>the Country</u>

Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, Minister for Information & Broadcasting has said that Digital Radio provided a unique opportunity for all the stakeholders both public and private broadcasters

<u>Fiscal activism embraced by advanced economies not relevant for India:</u>

Economic Survey 2016-17

India's economic experience shows that the fiscal activism embraced by advanced economies- giving a greater role to counter-cyclical policies and attaching less weight to curbing debt- is not relevant for India.

Economic Survey advocates reforms to unleash economic dynamism and social justice

India needs an evolution in the underlying economic vision across the political spectrum and further reforms are not just a matter of overcoming vested interests that obstruct them.