

MR. M. VENKAIAH NAIDU

Chief Guest at Jamnalal Bajaj Awards 2018 Ceremony

Born: July 1, 1949

Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu is the Vice President of India and the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. By profession Mr. Naidu is an agriculturist, political and social worker.

As a student leader and political figure, Mr. Naidu gained prominence as an effective orator, who championed the cause of the farmers and the development of backward areas. He was elected as Member of Legislative Assembly to Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly during the period 1978-1985.

Mr. Naidu was the Leader of Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) Legislature Party in Andhra Pradesh during 1980-1985. He served as the General Secretary of the All India BJP from 1993 to 2000 and was the National President of the BJP from 2002 to 2004.

After serving in various organizational posts of the BJP at the state and national level, Mr. Naidu was elected as a member of the Rajya Sabha from Karnataka in 1998 and was re-elected twice, in 2004 and 2010, from Karnataka. He got elected as a Member of the Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan in 2016.

The period of Mr. Naidu's tenure as the Union Cabinet Minister for Rural Development in 2000, saw reforms and transformation in rural development and introduction of the many schemes, the prominent being the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), which is being hailed even today as the important scheme providing connectivity to the rural areas of the country.

Mr. Naidu was the Cabinet Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Minister of Urban Development from 2014 to 2017. During the period from 2014 to 2016 he served as the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and from 2016 to 2017 Mr. Naidu was the Minister of Information and Broadcasting. He has accomplished many schemes during his tenure as Urban Development Minister and few to mention are Smart Cities Mission, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Heritage Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY), Passing of Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) Act, etc.

Mr. Naidu is continuing his reformative actions as the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha in the functioning of the Upper House for the past one year.

Mr. Venkaiah Naidu has travelled widely to several countries. His articles in newspapers focus on the subjects of political and public interests. Working in the areas of agricultural development, motivating voluntary organizations, constructive work in the fields of health, vocational education and training, especially for women and youth and animal care, are close to his heart.

