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Today Dr Duvvuri Subbarao delivered his inaugural lecture as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, entitled "Challenges for Central Banks in the Context in the Crisis", to the International Research Conference in Mumbai.

"Central banks and central bankers have been at the heart of the global financial crisis. We have been blamed for policies and actions that got the world into the crisis; we are also being praised for leading from the front in getting the world out of the crisis. I believe this is fair critique - central banks have been a part of the problem and a part of the solution."

"As we emerge out of the crisis, central banks have their task cut out for them: to distil the lessons of the crisis, translate them into concrete reform measures and get cracking on implementing them. I believe this involves central banks changing in important ways both in terms of what they do and how they do it. It is against this backdrop that the Reserve Bank of India thought it fit to organize this conference on the challenges for central banks in the context of the crisis as a flagship event of our Platinum Jubilee celebrations. I have great pleasure in welcoming all our invitees - colleague governors of central banks, leading international and domestic policy makers and experts - to this conference, the first international conference being organized by the Reserve Bank. I want to specially acknowledge noted economist and Nobel Laureate Prof. Michael Spence who will be delivering the keynote address in a short while."

"I struggled quite a lot in defining what I should say in this opening address. Given the breadth and depth of expertise that you all collectively bring to this forum, it would be presumptuous on my part to lay out the agenda of deliberations over the next two days. I will attempt something much less ambitious - just by way of a curtain raiser, I will set out the major challenges to central banks in the wake of the crisis. In particular, I will put forward five challenges. My effort, as you will notice, will be to flag the issues rather than argue them out extensively."

To read the speech in full [click here](#).

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