



**Speech of**  
**Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh**  
**Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan**  
**At**

**Grama Sabha at Ammavalasa (PTG village) of Pachipenta  
Mandal in Vizianagaram district at 1.15PM on 31<sup>st</sup> October  
2019 and interacts with members of particularly Tribal  
Groups (PVTGs) in the village.**

Guests on the dais, Kula Peddalaku, Grama Sabha sabhyulaku ANDARIKI NAMASKARAM.

Ee Roju mee Grama Sabha ku vacchi nanduku naaku chaala santoshamga undhi.

This is my first visit to a tribal area after assuming charge as Andhra Pradesh Governor and I am very happy to be here with you all.

DIMSA DANCE performed by women groups from the Pachipenta agency area is very popular and it is a true reflection of the tribal culture and heritage of this agency area.

I understand the Pachipenta mandal area is mostly inhabited by people from Kondadora and Gadaba tribes.

Gadaba tribe is recognized as a "Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups" (PVTGs).

Both Central and the state governments are implementing several programmes for the welfare of tribal population, more particularly for the welfare and well being of the "Particularly Vulnerable Tribal groups". I hope all the eligible families are being extended these benefits.

I have come here to personally see and witness the conditions of living of tribal population in the agency areas and also to know from you for any specific requirement, so that I can advise the Government to take action to fulfill your needs.

I wish to visit other tribal agency areas also very soon.

As you may be aware, I come from Odisha state which has a tribal population of 95.90 lakhs, constituting 22.8% of the state's population, so I am aware of the problems faced by tribal people in agency areas.

My advise to you all is to follow good sanitation habits such as regular hand wash, keeping your surroundings neat and clean, use of toilet facilities etc.

My request to you is educate yourself, encourage your children to go to schools and colleges. Education will empower you to become part of the mainstream society.

My advise to the youth is to avail the skill development programmes offered by the government, so that you can have better employment opportunities.

Mee Grama Sabha lo palgona daniki naku avakasam icchina mee andariki dhanyavadaalu.

Jai Hind

Questions to women:

- Are Health workers visiting your village regularly and conducting health check ups, providing special diet and medicines to the needy persons.
- Whether pre-natal and post-natal care is being taken care by the health centres.
- Whether all required vaccinations are given to new born children.
- Whether Health workers are visiting your house during pregnancy term regularly and monitoring the health condition of woman and the child.
- Whether safe drinking water is being provided to each family.
- What is the distance you have to travel to fetch water?
- Are there any self-help groups (SHGs) formed in your village. If so, how many groups are existing? If so how many groups are existing?
- Whether any livelihood programmes being organized by the officials of ITDA.
- Whether the ITDA officials are helping the SHG groups in getting loans from banks to launch livelihood programmes.

Questions to village elders and youth:

- Whether the ITDA officials are periodically visiting your villages and interacting with you and responding to your grievances?
- Are you facing any specific problem with regard to provision of safe drinking water, access to education and health care facilities?
- Whether youth are provided admission in Residential Tribal Welfare schools. Whether food and clothes are provided in hostels. Are you satisfied with the hostel facilities and quality of education in residential schools?
- Are the college-going youth being paid scholarships regularly?
- Are you allowed to exercise your rights freely or Do you feel that your rights are being denied?
- Whether the youth of the village are being provided skill development programmes?
- Are you aware your rights and privileges under the “Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups?”