



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

'Atmeeya Sammelan' programme organized by the Andhra Cultural Association at 6 PM on November 20, 2019 at IDCOL Auditorium, Bhubaneswar

Guests on the dais, Brothers and Sisters. SODARA SODAREE MANULU ANDARIKI NAMASKARAM.

I am happy to be here with you all on the occasion of 'Atmeeya Sammelan' organized by the Andhra Cultural Association.

I am happy to know that the Andhra Cultural Association established in the year 1957 has earned reputation for maintaining harmonious relationship and is actively involved in fostering cultural relations between the people of Andhra and Odisha.

As informed by the President of the Association, many luminaries and important personalities not only from Odisha but also from different parts of the country have been part of the programmes organized by the Association in the past. I feel proud to have known this association for many years. The association celebrates all Telugu festivals like Sankranthi, Makar Sankranti, Ugadi, Sri Rama Navami etc. and acts as a platform for cultural harmony.

It gives me immense pleasure to know that the Andhra Cultural Association is actively involved in community development and social activities such as felicitating meritorious students, extending financial support to the needy students, relief activities during natural calamities, organizing health camps, blood donation camps etc.

I appreciate the efforts of the Andhra Cultural Association in getting the land allotted to Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam for construction of Kalyana Mandapam and Lord Balaji temple in Jayadev Vihar. The Association is playing an important role in construction of Lord Balaji temple at a cost of Rs.4.5 crore by TTD, which I hope will be completed within an year realizing the long cherished aspirations of the people of the temple city to have Lord Balaji temple in their city.

I congratulate the team for their untiring efforts and hard work in getting this done and their gesture will remain in the hearts of people of this city forever.

The members of the Association have approached me, after my taking over charge as Governor of Andhra Pradesh, seeking my help in undertaking repairs to Kalyana mandapam. I am happy to announce that TTD authorities have started the repair work and the Kalyana mandapam will be upgraded with all modern facilities.

The Andhra Cultural Association is playing a key role in fostering cordial relations and acting as a cultural connect between Odisha and the neighbouring states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Because of my long association with Telugu people in Odisha, I feel at home being Governor of Andhra Pradesh.

Cultural ties between Odiya and Telugu people date back to olden days and both Andhra Pradesh and Odisha share common cultural bond. People in southern districts of Odisha and northern districts of AP speak both Odiya and Telugu languages. The classical dance forms Odissi and Kuchipudi are known as twin sisters of Indian classical dance forms.

My best wishes to all the members of Andhra Cultural Association, on the occasion of 63rd anniversary celebrations and I request you to carry forward the good work in future and earn good name for the association.

Jai Hind