



Speech of the Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh  
Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan  
on the occasion of meeting with trainee IAS officers of AP Cadre  
at Raj Bhavan on June 29, 2020

It gives me immense pleasure to meet the young and bright IAS officers of Andhra Pradesh cadre, who are presently undergoing training in Andhra Pradesh Secretariat.

I congratulate you all for the successful entry into the IAS, an administrative arm of the All India Services, which is considered as premier civil service of our country.

I believe you are on the verge of completing your mandatory two-year training programme, followed by which you will be given regular posting.

The unique feature of the Indian Administrative Service is that it gives you tremendous scope and opportunity to serve the people whatever position held by you. At the same time the service also bestows on you greater responsibility to work hard for the upliftment of poorer sections of the society.

The Constitution of India, will be the Gita, Bible and Quran for you. Article 14 of the Constitution guarantees equality before the law and equal protection of the laws to all Indian citizens. The principles of Equality and Equal Justice to all citizens, irrespective of caste, creed, religion or political affiliation should be the Mantra all through your career.

As you are aware, both the Central government and the State government have instituted several welfare schemes for the benefit of the poorer sections of the society both in urban and rural areas. The responsibility now lies on administrators like you to ensure that those benefits reach the target beneficiaries without any leakages in the system.

Transparency in public administration should be the hall mark and the guiding force for you in the discharge of your duties. Transparency in public administration is the right of the people.

In a democracy like ours, people expect the government to be transparent, accountable and responsive. Functioning of the government should be in accordance with the needs of the people and public administration forms an important part of people's lives.

As officers selected under the prestigious Civil Services in the country, you have an onerous responsibility to promote national integration and contribute towards promotion of social equality, communal harmony and balanced regional growth and development.

Development of weaker sections of the society in general and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in particular, is an important function of the government. Art.46 of the Constitution provides that States shall promote with special care their economic interests and protect them from social injustice and all forms of exploitation.

Tribal area development is another important aspect that needs much more focused attention while implementing various projects and development programmes launched by the Central and State governments. In our country, tribal population constitutes 8.6 per cent of the total population. They are still away from mainstream development, as they are scattered all over the country and live in remote hilly and forest areas. Efforts should be made to improve their living conditions and narrow the gap between the level of development of tribal areas and other areas in the country.

The civil service constitutes the permanent executive of the government and carry trust of the political executive. The primary task of the civil service is to act legally within the limits of powers conferred on it.

As civil servants you have an obligation towards the society to manage the resources, deliver the services, take important decisions that impacts the

society. People have the right to expect Civil Servants to function fairly, impartially and efficiently.

I will conclude by recalling the quotation of Mahatma Gandhi, who said :

*"Recall the face of the poorest and weakest man you have seen, and ask yourself if this step you contemplate is going to be any use to him."*

I wish you all the Best in all your future endeavours.

Jai Hind