

Thee art not tribals!

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Sir.—I feel the most beautiful photograph of the year published in Indian Express is that of the tribals of Kakavada village (June 14) who opposed arrack depot in their village displaying a sign-board to that effect. They have learnt their lessons. They are wiser than the rest. A. P. stood first in liquor consumption last year in the country. The Kakavada folks are the striking dry island in a wet world.

The Bible says, "Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess" (Ephesians 5:13. And proverbs 31:29-35). Who hath woe, who hath sorrow; they that go to seek mixed wine. Oh! the sorrows and tragedies of arrack consuming homes and individuals! This is a world phenomenon and a wild ghost. Government wants Mommom. Gandhiji's picture is only for decoration on the walls of government offices.

Hats off to you, the so-called tribals! We the so-called civilized ones are slaves to the ale and actually deserve your name. Let your tribe multiply!

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