Thee art not tribals!

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Sir,—I fee: 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 23:29-35), 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 Mammon. 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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