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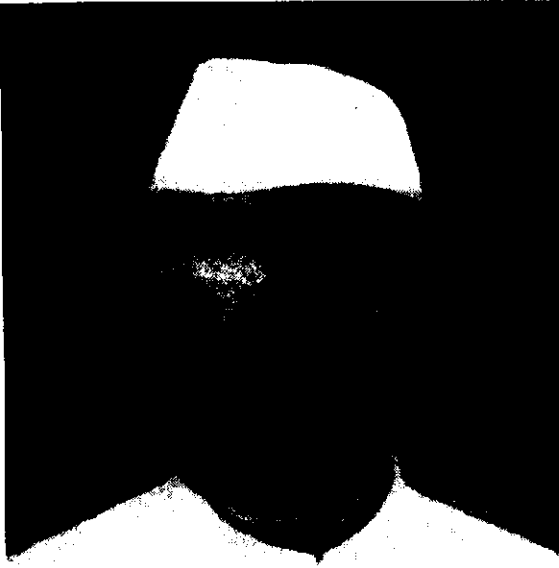
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Message  
from  
Dr. Rajendra Prasad  
President of India

I send my best wishes for the well-being of the tribal people inhabiting various parts of our country. The Sixth Tribal Welfare Conference which is being held at Ootacamund will review the social and economic position of these people and consider ways and means of improving them in keeping with the policy of the Government and the general desire of the Indian society. Let me hope the work that has already been done will hearten the social workers, so that they continue to grapple with the task that still remains to be accomplished to help these people take their due place with other sections of the people.

I wish the Tribal Welfare Conference success.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rajendra Prasad". The signature is written in black ink and features a prominent, sweeping underline at the end.

SIXTH TRIBAL WELFARE CONFERENCE,  
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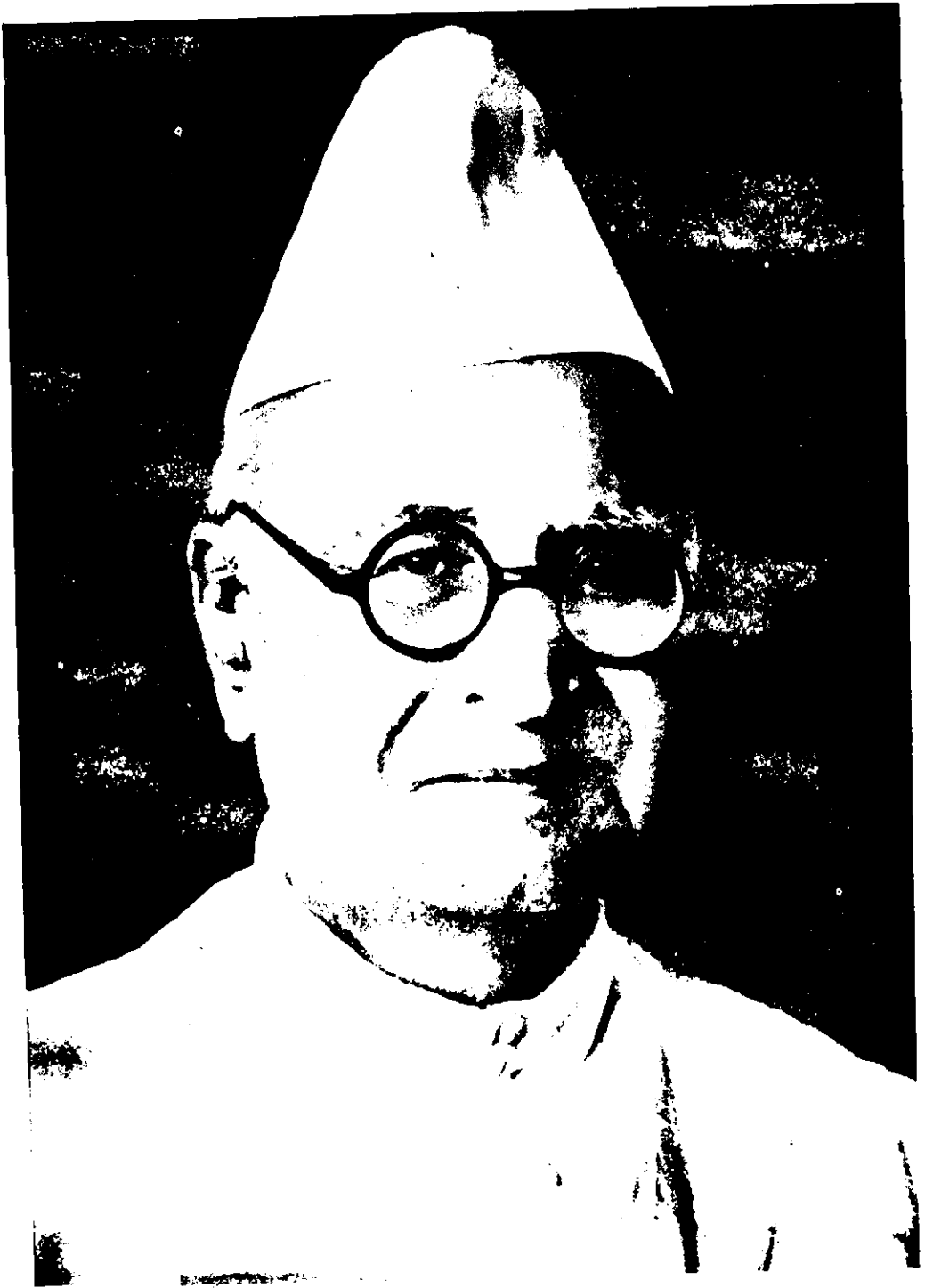
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## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

THE Sixth Tribal Welfare Conference was held under the auspices of Bharatiya Adimjati Sevak Sangh on 21st, 22nd & 23rd May, 1960 at Ootacamund, Nilgiris Dist., Madras. The Conference was originally proposed to be held in the Gudern Agency Area of Andhra Pradesh, but as it was reported that small-pox was raging at the time in the adjoining agency areas, it was thought advisable to change the venue at the last moment. The Conference was therefore arranged at Ootacamund at very short notice. The Nilgiris Dist. is the home of the Todas, one of the most ancient tribal communities in India, known to Anthropologists for a very long time. The Bharatiya Adimjati Sevak Sangh has started welfare work among them about 10 years ago and has, by the persistent efforts of the Servants of India Society, one of its affiliated institutions, substantially given a set back to the growing mortality and death rate among them. The Conference at Ootacamund has therefore attracted a large number of delegates, visitors, social workers and officials and ministers from other States as well.

The Conference was inaugurated by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Vice-President of India and presided over by Shri N. Sanjiva Reddi, Congress President. Shri Bhisnu Ram Medhi, Governor of Madras had kindly inaugurated the exhibition held in connection with the Conference. Shri P. Kakkan, Minister for Works and Harijan Welfare, Madras was the Chairman of the Reception Committee and he was assisted by three energetic secretaries, Dr. S. Narasimhan, Shri Ramaswami Adigal and Shri S. Triuvengadan. The Conference was well attended and about 5,000 tribals including the Todas, the Panians, and the Kotas from surrounding areas were present.

The papers read at the Conference dealt with subjects relating to the three sections of the Conference viz (i) Social Welfare, (ii) Anthropology, (iii) Tribal Representatives, which were presided over by Acharya Shri S.R. Bhise of Adivasi Seva Mandal, Bombay, Dr. A. Aiyappan, Professor of Anthropology, Cuttack University, Shri Chhagan Lal Kedaria, M.P. of Bombay. In the unavoidable absence of Dr. A. Aiyappan due to ill health, his address was read by Shri P.G. Shah of Gujerat Research Society, Bombay who acted as the Chairman of the Anthropology section.

The discussions under the different sections covered the following subjects.

### I. SOCIAL WELFARE SECTION :

I. The basis for the Third Five Year Plan for the development of Tribal Areas and Welfare of Scheduled Tribes (a) with emphasis on economic development, and (b) with reference to the working of Multi-purpose Tribal Blocks.

II. Working of the Training Centres run by the non-official agencies for training suitable workers to be employed for implementing the Tribal Welfare Schemes by the official as well as the non-official agencies.

## 2. ANTHROPOLOGY SECTION :

Revision of the lists of Scheduled Tribes in accordance with the scientific classification on the basis of development.

## 3. TRIBAL SECTION :

Indebtedness of the tribals and the provision of credit and marketing in tribal areas.

The proceedings of the three sections were not conducted separately but were clubbed together into one. Thirtyone papers were submitted to the Conference but only those papers were read, the authors of which were present on the occasion. For want of proper facilities the discussions could not be recorded verbatim. Shri S.R. Venkataraman of the Servants of India Society, Madras has been kind enough to take down notes of discussions and has furnished us with the summary of the same, which is published in the report.

The report is divided into five parts. Part one contains the addresses of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the summary of the speech of Shri N. Sanjiva Reddy, the addresses of the Chairman of the Reception Committee and the Chairmen of the three sections of the conference and of the Governor of Madras at the opening of the Exhibition. Part 2 contains the articles actually read at the conference. Part 3 contains the articles submitted to the Conference but not read. Part 4 contains the summary of the discussions and the resolutions passed at the conference. Part 5 gives the messages received and the lists of delegates and visitors.

Our heart-felt thanks are due Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Shri N. Sanjiva Reddy, Shri Bishnu Ram Medhi, Shri P. Kakkan and the Chairmen of the three sections who have been kind enough to accede to the request of the Bharatiya Adimjati Sevak Sangh to guide its deliberations by participating in them in different capacities. We express our gratitude to the Chairman and three Secretaries of the Reception Committee and its members and also the band of workers and volunteers who by their vigorous and sincere efforts have contributed to the success of the Conference.

The Madras Government have helped us very much by giving a liberal grant and in other ways and our thanks are due to them also.

We are grateful to the writers of the articles who have by their contributions helped in giving material for discussions at the conference and to the ministers of different States and the officials and to other workers who enlivened the discussions by their participation.