

pointed out the need to first develop a clearer understanding of the present gender equations within the PVTGs of the Islands as it has often been pointed that issues of gender inequality as evidenced in modern Industrial societies are not manifest in the same ways in indigenous communities. She suggested need for the following for all future policy making initiatives: **1. Gender Analysis:** an overview of the process of collecting and analyzing information on gender to inform program or research design. Sex disaggregated data collection. **2. Gender Integration in Policy making and Implementation:** the process of integrating gender considerations throughout the policymaking, including planning and proposal development; reporting, documentation and dissemination. In the short run what was needed however was that all welfare staff develops more gender appropriate protocols when engaging with PVTG women in every situation and context. Such sensitization could then be extended to include settlers particularly those villagers living on the fringes of the Jarawa Territory.

Secretary Tribal Welfare made the point that the need to understand questions of gender specific behavior among the PVTGs and the Jarawas in particular became imperative following the peculiar phenomenon in Tirrur whereby a group of Jarawa women had separated themselves from the community and had developed an independent relationship with settlers. This sorority of women and their relationships with poachers has introduced a range of complexities within the community and the women.

Prof. Pandya took off from this point to explain the Tirrur phenomenon and the need to understand the behavior of these women from the larger perspective of changing rules of hunting and gathering among Jarawa men and women. He tried to explain how women's role as gatherers had seamlessly developed into illicit trade and notwithstanding the overt disapproval of some Jarawa men the entire community seemed to tacitly endorse these women's ability to gather or forage highly desired commodities such as rice from these settlers.