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“Trinamool Has Only Fielded Candidates Who Received ‘People’s Certificate’ Through *Gram Banglar Motamot*” Says Hon’ble National General Secy Abhishek Banerjee

“I WAS ON THE ROAD FOR TWO MONTHS AND HAVE SEEN THE PEOPLE’S RESOLVE, WHICH IS WHY I CAN SAY THIS: TRINAMOL WILL INCREASE ITS 48% VOTESHARE AND BJP WILL DECREASE ITS 38% VOTESHARE. I AM SAYING THIS ON THE FIRST DAY OF MY ELECTION CAMPAIGN”

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- One of our public meetings was scheduled to be conducted on this ground just 15-20 days ago. Even on that day, people had gathered in large numbers just to shower their blessings on us. Today, a sea of supporters is present not just to listen to us but to show their determination and dedication towards voting for Trinamool on July 8
- People voted for the BJP in 2019, 2020 and 2021 in Nadia, especially in the Ranaghat organisational district. But did they find BJP leaders after the election? Did the people get help from them during their times of need? Trinamool Congress may not be there during their happiness but was always by their side during their time of need and will continue to do so
- It is not the BJP but Trinamool Congress, which helps people access state services in Duare Sarkar and provides ambulance for the people. Even in the case of a fire emergency late at night, AITC is there to ensure that the fire brigade officials are able to reach the spot
- Our government has provided Lakshmir Bhandar scheme for 11.99 lakh mothers in Nadia. It is not the Modi government but Mamata Banerjee, which provided Lakshmir Bhandar, Kanyashree, Yuvashree, Swasthya Sathi, Rupashree and free ration to the people
- Once, PM Modi conducted a sabha at Nadia and said *Acche Din* will come. Where are the *Acche Din*? Modi government is taking money from the poor and then allowing Lalit Modi, Nirav Modi, Mehul Choksi and Vijay Mallya to take that money and run away from the country
- The price of LPG gas cylinders has gone up from Rs 400 to Rs 1200. Kerosene oil worth Rs 15 per litre is Rs 115 per litre now. Edible mustard oil worth Rs 75-80 costs Rs 225 per litre now. Petrol is priced at Rs 100 and diesel is at Rs 90. This is what BJP’s *Acche Din* looks like
- Earlier, PM Modi said that by December 2022, everyone will have their own house. It is June 2023 now. But still, Narendra Modi’s government has blocked the funds for Awas Yojana, affecting 11.36 lakh beneficiaries. After losing in Bengal, the Modi government is depriving Bengal of its rights. On the other hand, Mamata Banerjee is ensuring that the development schemes reach everybody including Nadia where AITC lost 8 seats
- **None of the BJP leaders, Comrades, or Congress leaders can claim that their wives or mothers don't receive Lakshmir Bhandar or their kin does not receive state government welfare benefits**
- After BJP was elected, people did not get shelter, food, security, or employment. They only got violence in the state in the name of religion. People should see this and support those who delivered on their promises – be it Rastashree or Kanyashree or Lakshmir Bhandar

- **Trinamool's twin flowers are a symbol of faith and trust but BJP's lotus is the symbol of betrayal**
- The BJP government said that they will implement CAA for the Matua community. However, even after 42 months of passing the CAA bill, the rules are not yet framed till now. Framing the law would take 15 days or two months, at most. Yet, the law isn't in place yet
- Around 19 lakh people were excluded from the list in Assam under the garb of NRC. Out of these, over 12 lakh people are Hindu Bengalis. This shows their vengeful attitude against the Bengali community. But we believe there is unity in diversity
- If those, who voted for Prime Minister, CMs, MLAs, MPs, and other elected representatives, are labelled as illegal, then the leaders elected through those votes should also resign. People are being misled and they shouldn't fall into their trap
- The Matua community has the same rights as others. As long as Mamata Banerjee is here, nobody can deprive the Matuas of their rights. She has ensured welfare schemes for all irrespective of communities
- Do Matua people not have their Aadhaar cards, PAN cards, or ration cards? Then why do they need to prove their citizenship to the Prime Minister? The PM has said that the people need to show documents of their citizenship before 1972. The PM has to show it first. The rules will be the same for all
- **India is a democracy. If the PM thinks that he has a remote control to block the rightful due of the people, he should remember that the people too have access to EVM button.** People will defeat you if you don't work for them
- **When I visited the Thakurbari, Shantanu Thakur closed the doors of the temple and denied entry. I am Bengal's son and have spent my entire life on this soil. My entire family and ancestors are from Bengal. Yet, I wasn't allowed to enter the temple. But those with the blood of Godhra on their hands were brought inside the temple**
- Suvendu Adhikari told the press that I went to the temple without an appointment. **Has anyone ever heard that an appointment is required for visiting a temple?** I was born and raised in a Bengali Hindu family and now they are saying that I need to take an appointment for offering my prayers to Guru Chand Thakur and Hari Chand Thakur. This is just an example of what kind of Hindutva BJP is trying to implement in the state. The people of Ranaghat and Bangaon have to respond to this
- In Ranaghat, BJP's Jagannath Sarkar won by a margin of around 2.33 lakh votes. Following this, has he conducted even one meeting in Ranaghat with the Central government representatives for social development?
- They keep defaming Trinamool but only we take action. We removed a senior leader like Partha Chatterjee from the organisational and administrative positions. Contrary to that, what did BJP do? They welcomed people who were seen taking money on camera. **Earlier thieves used to go to jail after stealing but now they move to BJP**
- **Trinamoole Nabo Jowar continued for two months. We have fielded candidates as per the recommendations that poured in during *Gram Banglar Motamot*, regardless of who liked or didn't like our decision.**
- **Trinamool has only fielded candidates who had received people's certificates during *Gram Banglar Motamot*. No other party stayed on the road for two months, went to the people with ballot boxes, and asked them to decide on their candidates**
- BJP leaders were elected as MPs based on your vote. But BJP leaders are writing to the Centre for holding the funds of Bengal. Trinamool Congress is fighting for the people's rights. In

Nadia, the lives of over 20 lakh people depend on 100 days of work scheme. But they have blocked the funds for the scheme for 2.5 years

- They are developing the Central Vista project worth Rs 20,000 crore but are depriving the poor of their rights. Is PM's Rs 8,000 crore aircraft more important than people's rights?
- **Let the panchayat polls get over. Within one month, we will give the call for Delhi Chalo**
- The BJP-led Centre has blocked funds amounting to Rs 8,000 crore for Awas Yojana and Rs 7,500 crore for 100 days of work. CM Mamata Banerjee met PM Modi to request him to release the funds. Trinamool MPs went to meet Minister Giriraj Singh to request the same but of no use. Our minister Pradip Majumdar too requested the same
- Either we can request them not to block the funds, surrender to them, or go to Delhi with 10 lakh people and fight for the rights of the poor people of the state. We have tried the first option multiple times
- Now, we will go to Delhi and stage an indefinite sit-in agitation in front of the Krishi Bhavan demanding justice for our people
- **Mamata Banerjee has spent Rs 37,000 crores to provide Lakshmir Bhandar for 2 crore women in the state without taking even a paisa from the Centre**
- Ranaghat was always a Trinamool stronghold and will continue to be the same. The Pathasree programme is implemented to develop 12,000 km of roads in the state. Can the BJP show a report card of how much development the state has seen under them?
- PM Modi had said that 2 crore people will get jobs per year. Hence, 18 crore people should have got employed by now in the last 9 years. Can you show me 18 people from Ranaghat who were handed job letters by Jagannath Sarkar here? Jobs were given. But it was given to BJP leader Bankim Ghosh's daughter-in-law
- They are saying that the opposition has united to defeat the Narendra Modi government. What is happening here in Bengal? CPI(M)- Congress-BJP has come together to defeat Mamata Banerjee. There are posters with party symbols of BJP and CPI(M)
- Since coming to power in 2021, we have received 26 CBI notices in the past 25 months. They have sent multiple ED-CBI notices to me. But we cannot be intimidated. We are not traitors or Mir Jafars
- They have the power of central agencies, courts and other departments but Trinamool has the love of the people. I thank the Calcutta High Court for ordering the deployment of Central forces. Even if five personnel are deployed per booth, there will be no difference in results
- **I was on the road for two months and have seen the people and heard their resolve, which is why I can assure you this. During the 2021 Assembly elections, Trinamool got 48% voteshare and BJP got 38%. This time, the difference will increase to 15% from 10%. I am saying this on the first day of my election campaign**
- Under CPI(M)'s regime, Opposition was not even allowed to participate in the nomination process but we ensured 100% nomination
- **Our party believes in the development of the people and will not think twice before expelling anyone who engages in anti-party activities. If someone in our party does not work for the people, they have to leave their positions**
- I will again visit here within the next 3 months. The people should just vote for their rights and leave the rest to us