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Help, Redressals & Services Aboard AITC National General Secy Abhishek Banerjee's Jono Sanjog Yatra, As Trinamool Congress Completes Purba Bardhaman Leg Of Trinamoole Nabo Jowar

"I HAVE PROVEN MY CRITICS WRONG. OPPOSITION LEADERS HAD SAID THAT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO STAY SIX DAYS ON THE GROUND; YESTERDAY WE COMPLETED 20 DAYS OF OUR *JONO SANJOG YATRA*"

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With the sole objective of strengthening the 'grassroots', All India Trinamool Congress National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee traversed through the district of Purba Bardhaman as part of the '*Trinamoole Nabo Jowar*' campaign.

The '*Jono Sanjog Yatra*', which began on April 25 from Dinhatra in Cooch Behar, reached Purba Bardhaman on May 12. **Over the past four days, Abhishek Banerjee has interacted with the locals of the district, heard their grievances and, in most cases, provided immediate redressal.**

On the final day in the Purba Bardhaman-leg of the yatra, Abhishek Banerjee did roadshows and interacted with the locals. However, owing to a violent storm, other events of the day were stalled, but the leader still continued to cater to the needs of the locals.

A 70-year-old man, Dwijapada Banerjee, who was returning after getting his dialysis, was stuck on the Bhatar Highway owing to the storm. Media friends, who were travelling with the convoy, informed the AITC leadership about the patient. **Abhishek Banerjee, who was also stuck in the storm, immediately instructed to send a police official to help the patient, who was accompanied by his son.** The elderly man was taken to his residence and is being provided all the necessary assistance.

People remain at the heart of the '*Trinamoole Nabo Jowar*' campaign and catering to their needs is the primary job of a leader. Abhishek Banerjee has shown this repeatedly through his actions. On Sunday, locals of Raina-II Block, apprised Abhishek Banerjee about the problems they face owing to the dilapidated condition of roads.

The AITC leader immediately took up the matter with the local administration and from Monday onwards, work to build a road has started in the area. "Measurement and cost estimation has already begun. Construction will begin from May 19 and before monsoons, the road will be repaired," said an official.

In Raina Block on Sunday, a nonagenarian, identified as Shishir Mondal, had complained to Abhishek Banerjee that he was unable to avail the Old-Age Pension scheme of the Bengal government. The latter noted the phone number and address of the elderly man and assured that in days to come, he would start availing his pension.

The AITC National General Secretary has clarified how people were not being able to avail the welfare measures because of the Centre's step-motherly attitude towards Bengal. "BJP is purposely depriving the people of Bengal. They owe us Rs 1 lakh 15 thousand crore. If they clear our dues then no one will be left out from availing the welfare measures as per their eligibility and need. Problems related to roads and drinking water will also be solved. We have taken to the streets to protest against the oppressive measures of BJP," said Abhishek Banerjee while speaking to the locals in Purba Bardhaman.

Sunday was the third day of his campaign in Purba Bardhaman and Abhishek Banerjee started his day by garlanding the statue of Rash Behari Bose at Raina, and followed it up with roadshows, public meetings and the Adhiveshan at Raina-I.

While apprising the locals about the referendum exercise, '*Gram Banglar Motamot*', Abhishek Banerjee said: **"Sunday is the 20th day of our campaign. And I have not returned home even once, yet. And for the next 35-40 days, I will not return to my house. We what we say, we do. Unlike the BJP leaders, who never deliver on their promises."**

The welfare measures initiated by the Mamata Banerjee-led government are for every State resident, irrespective of their caste, creed, religion and political affiliation. On the same day, an RSS worker, Ujjal Kha, approached Abhishek Banerjee for help. He complained that there were no street lights in his locality. Abhishek Banerjee provided him with his number and assured him that he will look into the matter.

Earlier on Saturday, Abhishek Banerjee expressed his gratitude to a late party leader from Kalna, Dayal Hazra. He visited his memorial in Kalna-II Block and met the family members of the fallen leader. Abhishek paid floral tributes to Hazra, remembering the selfless service he rendered to the party till his last breath. Hazra was murdered by a BJP leader Krishna Chandra Hati, a resident of Baidyapur in Kalna, after the 2021 Bengal Assembly Election.

On Tuesday, the AITC's *Jono Sanjog Yatra* enters Paschim Bardhaman district.

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