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With Unprecedented Support & Strength From People, Shri Abhishek Banerjee Wraps Up Bankura-Leg Of Jono Sanjog Yatra

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On the 27th Day of *Trinamoole Nabo Jowar* initiative, All India Trinamool Congress National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee concluded his visit to Bankura on Tuesday amid multiple challenges and expressed his gratitude for the love and support showered on him.

A sea of people gathered at every public meeting and road show welcoming Abhishek Banerjee and his attempts into constituting a clean panchayat with candidates selected by the people. The party National General Secretary engaged in multiple public activities and assured people of party's support in their times of need.

On Tuesday, the party National General Secretary held road show in Ranibandh after attending a cultural event involving the ritualistic tribal performance. He held another road show in Taldangra, where a sea of supporters followed the yatra to catch a glimpse of the National General Secretary and interact with him.

In Gobindpur village of Bankura, Abhishek Banerjee enjoyed fritters (*chop*) and interacted with locals, who apprised him of the situation on ground. Many expressed disappointment over not receiving homes to which Abhishek Banerjee said, "This is BJP-led Central government's gift to the people of Bankura as they voted for BJP."

Local said they were not aware about this. Responding to them, the party National General Secretary said, "This is the reason why I have hit the streets to make you all aware of the discriminatory attitude of BJP."

While sharing his experiences of the Jono Sanjog Yatra during the party Adhiveshan on Monday, he said, "I have never received such a massive response from the people before such as the one received during the Nabo Jowar programme. When Mamata Banerjee asked me how the people are gathering in such large numbers, I told her that this is only possible due to people's love and blessings. This is the primary reason for not stopping the programme over climatic or other challenges. Even 90-year-old people are coming out on the roads to bless us. In Malda, an elderly woman, who said she was 127, was waiting outside the temple to interact with us," he told the booth-level leaders during the party Adhiveshan on Monday.

During his visit to Bankura, the National General Secretary reached out to multiple stakeholders and met countless residents. He also resolved the issues of many locals. For instance, on May 18, Abhishek Banerjee's timely intervention ensured medical assistance for a family that had been struggling to secure help. Family members of 39-year-old Patit Bauri had been running pillar to

post for his treatment after the labourer, who is the only earning member of the family, met with an accident.

However, after the panchayat's intimation, the party National General Secretary facilitated a Swasthya Sathi card for the family and also asked the local leaders to financially support the family.

The injured victim's wife Shilpa Bauri said, "Initially, we paid ₹3.20 lakh to start his treatment. My husband needed to undergo an operation as his spinal cord was damaged in the accident. We were unable to bear the continuing expenses, so approached our leader for help. We are very grateful to him for arranging free treatment at a private hospital under Swasthya Sathi card."

From the referendum exercise conducted on the first day in the district, Abhishek Banerjee highlighted that the AITC is against all sorts of corruption. He said, "Trinamoole Nabo Jowar campaign is an initiative to weed out corrupt people from the party, as the people will now decide who will be their candidate. When a 'wave' comes, it washes away all the dirt. This Jowar is also headed towards the same direction."

He also met the family members of the Trinamool Congress member who died in a lightning strike in Indas. Over 20 people were also injured in the incident. Abhishek Banerjee met those affected and assured them of assistance.

"Abhishek *dada* has assured us a job. I have submitted all the necessary documents and hope to get the job soon as I have to look after my son and our family," said the wife of the deceased AITC worker.

Following his appearance before CBI officials, Abhishek Banerjee resumed the yatra on Monday amid much fanfare and was greeted wholeheartedly by the people of the district, who turned up in large numbers to show their support for their leader. "No matter how much the BJP tries to stop the Yatra, we will not stop," he said, amid thundering applause.

During the Adhiveshan address on Monday, Abhishek Banerjee said, "I am 36 and PM Modi is 72. He is double my age. Yet, he is fighting using central agencies such as ED and CBI. If you have power, fight in people's court. When I was summoned by CBI and was being questioned for around 9.5 hours, BJP leaders were spreading the message that CBI will arrest me. However, as soon as I came out, their "hopes" were shattered."

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