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AITC National Gen Secy Abhishek Banerjee Completes Purulia-Leg of Trinamoole Nabo Jowar, Targets Centre Over New Parl House & Demonetisation; Asks People To Fight For Their Development

“PEOPLE OF BENGAL WILL GIVE BJP A BEFITTING REPLY FOR THE ATROCITIES INFLICTED ON THE MASSES.

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In an attempt to strengthen the grassroots, **All India Trinamool Congress National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee completed its journey across the Purulia district on Thursday as part of the *Trinamoole Nabo Jowar* campaign.**

While addressing a mass gathering in Purulia on Thursday, a major storm started gathering pace. Immediately, **the party National General Secretary put aside his own security to ensure people's safety and asked the organisers to remove the barricades so that people could sit in shade during the thundershowers.** Abhishek Banerjee's instinctive reaction signified the true essence of *Trinamoole Nabo Jowar*, where AITC is breaking the barriers between the common man and the party leadership.

He asked people to vote for their own development, rather than relying on hearsay. “This time, people will stand in queues to change the Prime Minister and not to exchange currency notes. **In 2016, they made currency notes of 500 and 1000 denominations illegal tender. Now they are working towards withdrawing 2000 rupee notes. However, people will teach them a lesson,**” said Abhishek Banerjee at the meeting in Purulia.

As part of *Trinamoole Nabo Jowar*, **over 100 public activities across 12 districts of the State have been conducted with the *Jono Sanjog Yatra* completing 29 days on the road.** People hailing from each of these districts — **Cooch Behar, Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, Uttar & Dakshin Dinajpur, Malda, Murshidabad, Birbhum, Purba & Paschim Bardhaman, Bankura and Purulia** — have given heart-warming welcome to their leader, who in turn has reciprocated the love by showing gratitude by folding hands, listening & addressing their pressing concerns.

Over 35,000 leaders from booth-level committees have also participated in the *Gram Banglar Motamot* referendum to select their representatives for the Panchayat Elections.

Through his public speeches on Wednesday and Thursday, Abhishek Banerjee reiterated that people of Bengal will teach the BJP a lesson for depriving them of their dues, besides addressing the concerns of the Kurmis. “Out of the 11 lakh job card-holders in Purulia, at least 30 per cent must be Kurmis. **This means around 3 lakh Kurmis are deprived of their rights. It is your right to protest for getting the ST status.** We will protest along with you for safeguarding your rights. It is imperative to protest against those who blocked the funds for houses under Awas Yojana and, thus, snatched roof from people’s head,” said the AITC National General Secretary at the Adhiveshan in Balarampur on Wednesday.

On Thursday afternoon, **Abhishek Banerjee paid homage to Kurmi freedom fighters by garlanding the statues of Chunaram Mahato and Gobinda Mahato. He even paid his respects to Santhal leaders Sidhu Murmu, Kanhu Murmu and Haladhar Mahato.** For AITC, efforts made by every individual counts and this was evident from the gesture of remembering the freedom fighters, who became the voice of dissent.

Abhishek Banerjee also stopped at a fast food joint in Bandwan on Thursday evening, where apart from enjoying the potato fritters and tea, he heard the grievances of the locals. The villagers apprised him of a high-mast light requirement in the area. A senior citizen, Fatik Chandra Deb, informed about a nearby river that is being polluted because of mills. Abhishek Banerjee has assured them of providing quick resolution to these issues.

The *Jono Sanjog Yatra* in Purulia, which began on Wednesday, amidst celebration and pomp, has made people feel empowered about their rights. **“The BJP will see the capacity of Bengal. They have blocked funds meant for the well-being of the people of the state. It is not the personal property of Central government. I take the responsibility to take people to Delhi for the movement to get back our funds.** I will make arrangements for those who want to go to Delhi,” said Abhishek Banerjee on Day 28 from the event, which provides locals a platform to fight for themselves, that is, *Gram Banglar Motamot*.

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