

Mannan asks Cong workers to hit streets against Modi-Mamata



Abdul Mannan with Congress MP Mausam Noor and Congress MLAs Sabina Yeasmin and Asif Mehub in Malda on Monday—Photo: Sudip Roychoudhury

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MALDA, JAN 30—/The leader of opposition in the state assembly and Congress veteran Abdul Mannan lashed out at the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee while addressing a public meeting of Congress workers here today. Although the public meeting did not draw enough crowd of supporters, Mannan and the other Congress leaders claimed that their party would be the only alternative in the Centre and the state.

District Congress organized the public meeting at the vicinity of the district collectorate building today. The meeting started at 2 pm and continued till 4.30. The Congress leaders served deputations to the district magistrate and the superintendent of police after the meeting was concluded.

Along with Mannan, the

being run by a government that has been synonymous of corruption. The democracy has lost its avenue in the state. The opposition voices are being muffled. The state is heading to be completely bankrupt. Such a government has no moral right to stay in power," Mannan said.

Mausam Noor, the district Congress president and MP from Malda north said, "Trinamool has been desperately and unlawfully capturing the rural bodies and local bodies paying no heed to democracy. Their only strength is the combination of money and muscle while the strength of Congress is the support from the common people."

Sabina Yeasmin, Asif Mehub, Arjun Halder and other Congress MLAs from Malda and Mainul Hoque, the Congress MLA from Farakka in Murshidabad were present in the meeting.

he hoped that with the departure of the Left Front government, the state would get a pro-people government. But we are disillusioned now. The state is

the decision of demonetization by Narendra Modi government was a bolt from the blue for the common people. The decision was nothing to do with the interest of the common people. The PM assured that the situation would be regularized within 50 days but even after nearly three months of the demonetization, people are still suffering with currency-crisis. Narendra Modi has to bear the entire responsibility of the common people's catastrophe," Mannan said.

He urged the Congress workers to organize movements against 'Modi Sarkar' exposing the 'Central government's hypocrisy'.

The leader of opposition of the state did not spare the CM too. "We

Fuel conservation rally in Malda by IOC to encourage citizens in preventing fuel-wastage

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MALDA, JAN 30—/The Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has launched a month long movement to generate awareness about fuel conservation among the common people in North Bengal. A rally was flagged off today by the general manager of the IOC Ranjan Kumar Mahapatra to expedite the campaign which commenced on January 16 and would continue till February 15.

At the flag-off programme at the Vrindavani ground in Malda Mahapatra said, "Our primary objective behind the campaign is to minimize the wastage of fuel and thereby preserving the fuel."

"We must remember that the 77 percent of the total quantity of fuel used in India is imported from other countries. We have a limited underground source of fuel and



The IOC officials and distributors at the flag-off ceremony—EOI Photo

that produce only 23 percent of the fuel used by our citizens. Hence, we should prevent wastage of fuel at any cost on one hand and on the other we must preserve it," Mahapatra said.

He emphasized on mass-awareness for achieving the target of fuel conservation.

The top IOC official said that 3000 litre petrol and 9000 ton LPG are used by the people of Malda every month. "The Central government is keen about reducing pollution and so even families living below the poverty line are being provided the LPG connections," he said.

He conceded that there was lack of infrastructure in Malda for running CNG vehicles presently. But the IOC official hoped that the CNG vehicles would be running in Malda also in near future.

Somesh Chandra Das, a well known LPG distributor, who is attached to innumerable philanthropic activities played a key role in the programme and in the rally participated by the LPG and fuel distributors.

The awareness programme is being patronized by the Union ministry of petroleum, Das said.

Jayprakash moves bail plea in Calcutta HC

KOLKATA, JAN 30—/Senior West Bengal BJP leader Jayprakash Majumdar, arrested over alleged cheating charges, applied for bail in the Calcutta High Court today claiming he has been framed. The petition was moved be-

fore the court of Justice Joymalyo Bagehi, but was adjourned for the day as the state government prayed for time stating that it wanted to appoint a special public prosecutor to argue the matter.

the monstrous boy

A long time ago, I saw a boy sitting on a wall,
I was feeling low, so I made him fall.
I pushed him to the floor, he bounced like a ball,
It made me laugh, I was having a ball.
He was in pain and could barely talk,
I would've been happier if he landed on a rock.
A little of his blood landed on my shoe,
I'm in trouble now, dad's going to beat me black and blue.
Just like the last time, when I broke the plate,
Dad took out his belt and sealed my fate.
Oh, it's time to go, I better get out of here,
Run as fast as I can or he'll twist my ear.
I can't be late; it will be my final call.
His temper will rise; my body will fall.
I can't take it again, my body already hurts,
Maybe I should run away and let my dad eat my dirt.
So, instead of going back home to an angry man,
I took a different path and walked into no man's land.
I was surprised to see people just like me, I wasn't alone,
They accepted me right away, my old life was goodbye throun.
It became a home where none of us were ever wrong,
Our scars matched, this is exactly where I belong.
They made me their leader, and I took the throne,
We lived like rulers, never to be overthrown.
But soon came a day, where an American came my way,
"Geronimo" he yelled, He told me he would make me pay.
It made me feel sad and then I got mad,
So, I put my army on a plane to do something bad.
I told them to find this American and push him off his wall,
They did something better and made his twin-towers fall.
The American got angry and came with his soldier men,
With all their guns and bombs, I soon met my end!

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