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Goynche Niz Mogi releases election manifesto

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PANJIM: 'Ask not what Goa has done for you, but ask what you have done for Goa'. The words of John F Kennedy have been rephrased by Goynche Niz Mogi, an organisation that seeks to put up a third front in the coming assembly elections.

Goynche Niz Mogi (GNM) released its election manifesto on Wednesday at a press conference at Don Bosco, Panjim. GNM President James Fernandes said that Goans have kept bringing people to power, who sold Goan land to land sharks, contracts to people of questionable character and jobs to outsiders. "However, we believe in the goodness of Goans and we believe that Goans and the Goan well-wishers will unite as one people to defeat the wicked intentions of our elected representatives," he said.

"Goans will not permit the present and past elected representatives to push Goa and Goans into the Arabian Sea. We believe Goans will not permit Goa to become another North East, where the people resorted to bombings and killings, as everything that they owned, including their jobs were taken away by the outsiders," he said.

"If the same elected representatives are brought back to power, they will give ration cards, voter cards, electricity and water connections to the migrants and at the next election in 2012, 75 per cent of the vote banks

for these elected representatives will be the migrants," Fernandes said.

"If these same people are brought back to

power, remember, that it was you and you my fellow Goans who would be responsible for destroying Goa," he added.

... And their promises are...

-- Governance -- The agenda includes immediate scrapping of the Goa Regional Plan 2011, SEZs, and all sales of forest, agricultural, coastal and hilly lands and all such ordinances or plans that do not benefit Goa and Goans.

-- Zero Tolerance for breaking or having broken the law

-- Beautification -- Reshaping Goa to its original magnificence, that will include restoration of beaches, keeping in mind the interests of the locals. Among other aspects of the agenda are Zero Plastic Tolerance and Zero Garbage Tolerance.

-- Government shall endeavour to make Goa into an educational, medical, agricultural, sports and musical nest of Asia.

-- Economy -- The Government will endeavour to earn maximum revenue for the people by adopting and accepting Goa as an agrarian economy. Among the measures the government will adopt is to dissuade people from migrating abroad, especially those who are to undertake menial jobs in those countries, but encourage them to earn honour and respect by working amongst their own people doing respectable jobs with dignity. The Government shall provide Goans the opportunity to earn a healthy salary between Rs 6,000 to Rs 20,000 a month.

-- Education -- The agenda includes that all schools must compulsorily have a landscaped garden, filled

with plants, trees and a playground. All schools from Std 8 to Std 12 will compulsorily teach basic theory and practicals of masonry, plumbing, carpentry, concrete combination, cement moulds, cement carving, tile laying, iron fabrication, electrician and welding.

-- Traditional business -- like fishing, toddy tapping, coconut and fruit plucking, farming and mining industry will be protected. Mining Industry would be provided with complete support from the government on compliance of conditions, failing which it would attract a show cause notice.

-- Roads and Communication

-- Tourism

-- Upliftment of schedule caste, schedule tribe and backward classes

-- Upgradation of Dabolim Airport and golf courses, Licensing, Industries, housing for locals, bus stands, upkeep, beautification and facilities at railway stations, imposition of fines on persons found littering, spitting and urinating. Konkani and its promotion, promotion and marketing of Goan delicacies, assisting Goans having restaurants and other businesses, mini markets selling food provisions like fruits, vegetables and meat.

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