

# Association sounds call to forge Third Front

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PANJIM, JAN 3 - Goynche Niz Mogi (GNM), an association of individuals, on Wednesday, gave a call to like-minded people to come together and forge a third front to rid Goa from the present dispensation of politicians at the coming hustings.

Briefing reporters at a press conference called to release the election manifesto, GNM's President James Fernandes hailing from Amona-Quepem said, "We will contest all the 40 seats as we feel there's a need to bring in new faces."

Goa Su-Raj Party President Dr N S Dumo, who also addressed the

press, reiterated the view shared by Fernandes. "Our 40 MLAs treat politics like a career for corruption. MLAs should be like

soldiers. Once a task is accomplished they should return to the barracks making way for the new lot. This single measure will

reduce corruption drastically," Dr Dumo opined.

Reading out from GNM's election manifesto running into 16 pages, Fernandes said, "If voted to power our government will immediately scrap the Regional Plan, special economic zones (SEZs) and sale of forest, agricultural and hilly lands."

Calling local bodies to be root cause of all evils, he said their government would streamline functioning of panchayats by adopting various measures. One of them will be all panchayats will have to compulsorily hold gram sabha meetings in different wards every four months, he added.

He stated as far as the script issue was concerned Konkani as a language will be accorded more importance over the former. As long as people speak Konkani it is fine, whether they write it in Devnagri, Malayalam, Kannada or any other language is not an issue, he added.

Fernandes said their governance would see that more employment opportunities for local youth are created so that they don't migrate to foreign land to do menial jobs. We will ensure that Goans earn a respectable salary between Rs 6,000 and Rs 20,000 per month in their own State, he maintained.

Goa Su-Raj Party Spokesman Floriano Lobo and Fr Antimo Gomes were also present at the press conference.

## 'Churchill should quit active politics'

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PANJIM, JAN 3 - Goynche Niz Mogi on Wednesday said if South Goa MP Churchill Alemao was serious about having good leaders in the Assembly he should quit from active politics and back clean candidates during

the coming assembly polls.

GNM's President James Fernandes observed that Alemao has had a long innings and now if he was really serious about saving Goa, he should back good people to defeat the bad ones and take the responsibility of leading a third front.

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## Goynche Niz Mogi to contest all 40 assembly seats

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The president of Goynche Niz Mogi, Mr James Fernandes has said that the organisation will contest all the forty seats in the forthcoming assembly elections in the state.

Addressing the press reporters this evening in the city, he said that the GNM will be very choosy as far as nominations of candidates are concerned and these candidates will have to pass certain criteria to qualify for contesting the elections.

Mr Fernandes said the candidates should be educated, respected in their area and interested in lending a helping hand to the needy. Besides, they will have to swear upon their religious books before a group of people, preferably before the media, before filing nominations.

He declared that if they come to power 80 per cent of the jobs will be reserved exclusively for Goans.

Mr Churchill Alemao, who would be quitting the Congress party, should set an example by resigning from the seat and offering it to the OBCs, he opined.

Mr Fernandes wants that Mr Alemao should quit from the active politics and support the emerging Third Front floated by Goynche Niz Mogi.