**Swarna Bharat Party announces Pankaj Das as its 2019 Lok Sabha candidate from Guwahati**

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Mr Rahul Pandit, Working President of Swarna Bharat Party, India’s only liberal party, today announced Mr Pankaj Das's candidature from Guwahati constituency for the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Mr Pankaj Das has spent almost all his working life in schools - as teacher, Vice Principal, Principal, and now Director, Modern English School, Kahilipara, Guwahati.

He is also currently the President, All Assam Private Schools Association and the Assam representative of National Independent Schools Association. Before joining the school he helped establish an NGO and worked in a village near Guwahati.

This will be the first time he will contest in an election.

Mr Das believes that for India to become a developed nation Indians need to be able to work, think, speak and live freely. All unnecessary restrictions must be removed. The government should perform only its core activities and perform these well. Today, the Indian governments try to directly perform everything and miserably fail in everything. Our police, courts, public infrastructure – the core responsibility of the government – are crumbling.

We want to be a developed country but the ruling elites of India insist on following discredited policies. This means that it is time for the voice of liberty to be clearly heard across India. Mr Das believes that that no political party cares for the liberty and prosperity of Indians as much as SBP does.

Instead of creating conditions for the citizenry to do whatever they want without harming others, other parties are interested in creating a *mai-bap* sarkar. This approach has blocked the people of India and Assam from realising their potential. Mr Das wants the government must restrict itself to its core activities and nothing else. He believes that if this principle had been followed India would have already become a developed country. Instead we are at the bottom of every global index.

Mr Das intends to fix this huge problem by directly representing the people of Assam in the Parliament. Mr Das is committed to supporting his constituents in Guwahati in every possible way to achieve superior outcomes for the city and the State of Assam. As an elected Member of Parliament from Guwahati constituency Mr Das will work to enable world class infrastructure and accountable administration across India and in Assam.

Mr Das's profile, contact details and more details on his aspirations for the citizens of Guwahati and India are available at <https://swarnabharat.in/Pankaj_Das>.

Mr Rahul Pandit invited everyone to join in this journey to transform India by joining SBP and stepping forward to contest the 2019 elections.

***Notes for Editors***

SBP is India’s only liberal party, committed to defending liberty and promoting prosperity.

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