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No extension to Malik, tenure ends tomorrow

NEW DELHI, Oct 1:

Arunachal Pradesh Governor B D Mishra has been given additional charge of Meghalaya with incumbent Satya Pal Malik, whose remarks against the now-repealed farm laws made the headlines during the farmers' protest, completing his term on October 3.

Malik, 76, has served as Governor of Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir and Goa before being moved to Meghalaya in August 2020.

The Rashtrapati Bhawan said in a communique on Saturday, "The tenure of Shri Satya Pal Malik, Governor of Meghalaya is going to be completed on 03.10.2022."

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Kharge, Tharoor left in fray

NEW DELHI, Oct 1:

Former Jharkhand Minister K N Tripathi's nomination for the Congress presidential election was rejected today, leaving party leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Shashi Tharoor in the fray.

The three had filed nominations on Friday, the last day of the process.

The withdrawal of nominations is allowed till October 8 and the final list of candidates will be out at 5 pm on the same day.

Addressing a press conference at the Congress headquarters here, the party's central election authority chairman Madhusudan Mistry said the panel met for scrutiny of forms today.

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Khatana calls on PM

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 1: The newly nominated MP, Rajya Sabha from J&K, Ghulam Ali Khatana called on Prime Minister, Narendra Modi at New Delhi today and complimented him for fulfilling his commitment made at Jammu during a historic rally in 2013.

According to sources, Khatana apprised PM about the overall political situation in the UT and also brought various issues confronting the poor and backward people especially those belonging to downtrodden communities in his notice.

He also lauded the efforts of PM in bringing the people of the UT in the main stream through his pro-poor and pro

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Addl excise duty on petrol, diesel deferred

NEW DELHI, Oct 1:

The Government has put off by one month the levy of an additional Rs 2 per litre excise duty on petrol that is not doped with ethanol, and by six months for diesel that is not doped with bio-diesel.

The Government relaxed the deadline for supplying ethanol-blended petrol to avoid the extra levy to November 2022 and that for supply of bio-diesel doped diesel to April 2023 in a bid to give the industry more time to implement the oil import cutting measure.

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G&B, YRS among other delegations to meet HM Shah arrives tomorrow on 3-day visit to J&K

Sanjeev Pargal

*Tight security arrangements in place

JAMMU, Oct 1: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate and lay foundation of several development works and meet delegations in both Jammu and Srinagar during his three-day visit to the Union Territory beginning October 3 for which security arrangements at Jammu, Rajouri, Srinagar, Baramulla and holy cave shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji besides other places, are in place.

Shah will reach here around 5 pm on October 3. His first day's assignments include meeting with selected delegations including those from Gujjars and Bakerwals and Yuva Rajput Sabha.

The Gujjars and Bakerwals will extend thanks to the Home Minister for nominating Ghulam Ali Khatana, a prominent Gujjar leader, to the Rajya Sabha while the Yuva Rajput Sabha will express gratitude to Shah for holiday declared on Maharaja Hari Singh's birthday in Jammu and Kashmir on September 23 by the UT Government.

The two organizations will also raise other issues with the Home Minister.

Some more delegations could also meet Shah the same evening. Senior BJP leaders are also expected to call on Shah to discuss political situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Security arrangements are in place for Shah's visit at all places including Jammu, Srinagar, Rajouri, Baramulla and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji shrine.

On October 4 morning, Shah will fly to holy cave shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi Ji and pay obeisance to the Goddess on the occasion of Durga Navmi.

He will then fly to Rajouri town and address massive public rally wherein important announcements are expected including the one pertaining to grant of Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to Paharis.

The BJP is expecting massive response to its Rajouri rally because of enthusiasm among

Paharis who have considerable population in the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch. Moreover, BJP UT chief Ravinder Raina's hometown, Nowshera, also falls in Rajouri.

This will be Shah's first visit to Rajouri as Home Minister of the country.

On his return to Jammu, the Union Home Minister will inaugurate and lay foundation stone of development works of Jammu region from the Jammu Convention Centre (JCC).

He will fly to Srinagar on October 4 around 5 pm.

In Kashmir, Shah will address a massive public rally at Baramulla on October 5 morning. Several BJP leaders from Jammu and Kashmir are camping in the Valley to make the rally historic.

In Srinagar also, Shah will inaugurate and lay foundation stone of development works.

He will also chair a high-level security review meeting along with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in the afternoon of October

5 which will be attended by top brass of civil administration and Jammu and Kashmir Police and senior officers of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), Intelligence agencies and all other security agencies engaged in anti-militancy operations.

Senior officers of Army and CAPFs posted in Jammu and Kashmir, police, Intelligence agencies and others will also join the security review meeting and give detailed view of security situation prevailing in the Union Territory and infiltration attempts by the militants on LoC and IB, most of which have been thwarted by the security personnel.

"The Home Minister will get detailed feedback on the situation," the officials said.

There were reports that Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) and paramilitary personnel will step-up anti-militancy operations in the coming winters in the Kashmir valley when the militants come down to plains from upper reaches due to heavy snowfall.

A number of militants have

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Officers to ascertain status of commitments made in earlier phases Govt to hold B2V-4 next month, all arrangements in place

Mohinder Verma

*Information Secy headed panel makes several suggestions

JAMMU, Oct 1: Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir will hold fourth phase of Back to Village (B2V) Programme next month and all the arrangements in this regard have been made by the Deputy Commissioners in consultation with the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. Some VVIPs are also likely to participate in the activities to be conducted during the programme.

Official sources told EXCELSIOR that after the success of earlier three phases, the Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is going to conduct 4th Phase during next month and exact dates will be finalized within next few days.

All the Administrative Secretaries, Heads of the Departments and District Development Commissioners have been told by the Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta to ensure that they and the officers in their subordinate offices participate in the programme in order to make it a grand success like the earlier three phases.

Even a detailed discussion on

4th Phase of Back to Village was held in a meeting of all the Administrative Secretaries chaired by Chief Secretary few days back. In the meeting, suggestions made by a committee headed by Principal Secretary to Government Information Department were also discussed.

The committee, as per the sources, has suggested creation of a portal for Back to Village Phase-4 so that information obtained is filed online. "The visiting officers will be apprised about the commitments made during the previous Back to Village Programmes and works completed during the last three years", sources said.

The officers will also share with the public the details of the developmental programmes implemented by the Government in their respective areas and availability of funds etc, sources further said, adding distribution of various welfare benefits including land pass-books and golden health cards will be one of the events during the Phase-4 of the Back to Village Programme.

They further informed that visiting officers will also ascertain the status of Swachh Bharat and Amrit Sarovar and accordingly provide feedback to the Government for intervention, if any, required so that targets fixed by the Government of India are achieved well within the fixed timeframe.

"The Chief Secretary has already suggested 12 points for planning activities as part of Phase-4 of the Back to Village Programme. These points include Nasha Mukta Abhiyan, functioning of Patwaris and Village Level Workers (VLWs), availability of officers in Panchayats, functioning of school complex system, Amrit Sarovars, Swachh Gram, convergence meetings (once in a month in villages where all departments are present)", sources disclosed.

Moreover, during the programme enough focus will be laid on generating awareness about all prominent schemes of various departments, Digital J&K including empowerment, online servicing

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'Devika project to be complete before year end' Cong turned Mantalai into ruins, Modi revived it: Dr Jitendra

Avtar Bhat

UDHAMPUR, Oct 1: Hitting out at Congress, Union Minister, in PMO with independent Charge of Science and Technology Ministry, Dr Jitendra Singh today accused it of turning Mantalai, a pilgrimage tourism centre, into ruins and gave all credit to Narendra Modi Government of reviving it.

Talking to reporters here on the sidelines of the DISHA meeting, Dr Jitendra Singh said that Dhirendra Brahmachari was very

close to Gandhi family and the then Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi had given him land on lease at Mantalai where he had established a Yoga centre etc but after his death the entire complex was turned into ruins.

He said the land was leased out to him by the erstwhile State

*Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com

Government on the intervention of Indira Gandhi the then Prime Minister but later no body attended to it after his death and Congress party which was in Government allowed it to be turned into ruins.

The Union Minister said that Brahmachari also owned a post guest house at Gandhi Nagar Jammu which too was allowed to

be turned into ruins. He said that BJP Government led by Narendra Modi revived it and a State of art wellness centre has been established at Mantalai.

Besides, a helipad, a swimming pool and an Ayurvedic Centre in collaboration with famous Ayurvedic Centre of Kerala is being established there. He said Mantalai will become a great attraction for tourists not only across the country but abroad which will boost the economy of the local people.

Dr Jitendra Singh also announced that North India's first National River Rejuvenation Project of Devika will be fully complete before the year end, within the next two to three

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'Ensure benefit of scheme to identified persons'

SWD asks officers to compile data on number, types of disabilities in J&K

Irfan Tramboo

SRINAGAR, Oct 1: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has directed its concerned officials to carry out an exercise to compile the data on the number and types of disabilities across J&K and ensure that the benefits of the Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase of Aids and Appliances (ADIP) scheme reach the identified beneficiaries.

In this regard, the Executive Director, Rehabilitation Council has been directed to undertake an exercise of compiling the total number of Disability Certificates issued in the manual form to date by District Health officials with complete details regarding kinds of disability and their percentage.

The concerned officials have also been directed to follow up with all Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) for expeditious issuance of all UDIDs apart from compiling basic data about the number and types of disabilities in J&K.

Excelsior has learned that the higher-ups of the Social Welfare Department have expressed concern over the fact that the UT has not been able to take adequate

advantage of the Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase of Aids and Appliances (ADIP) scheme whose only implementation agency is Artificial Limbs

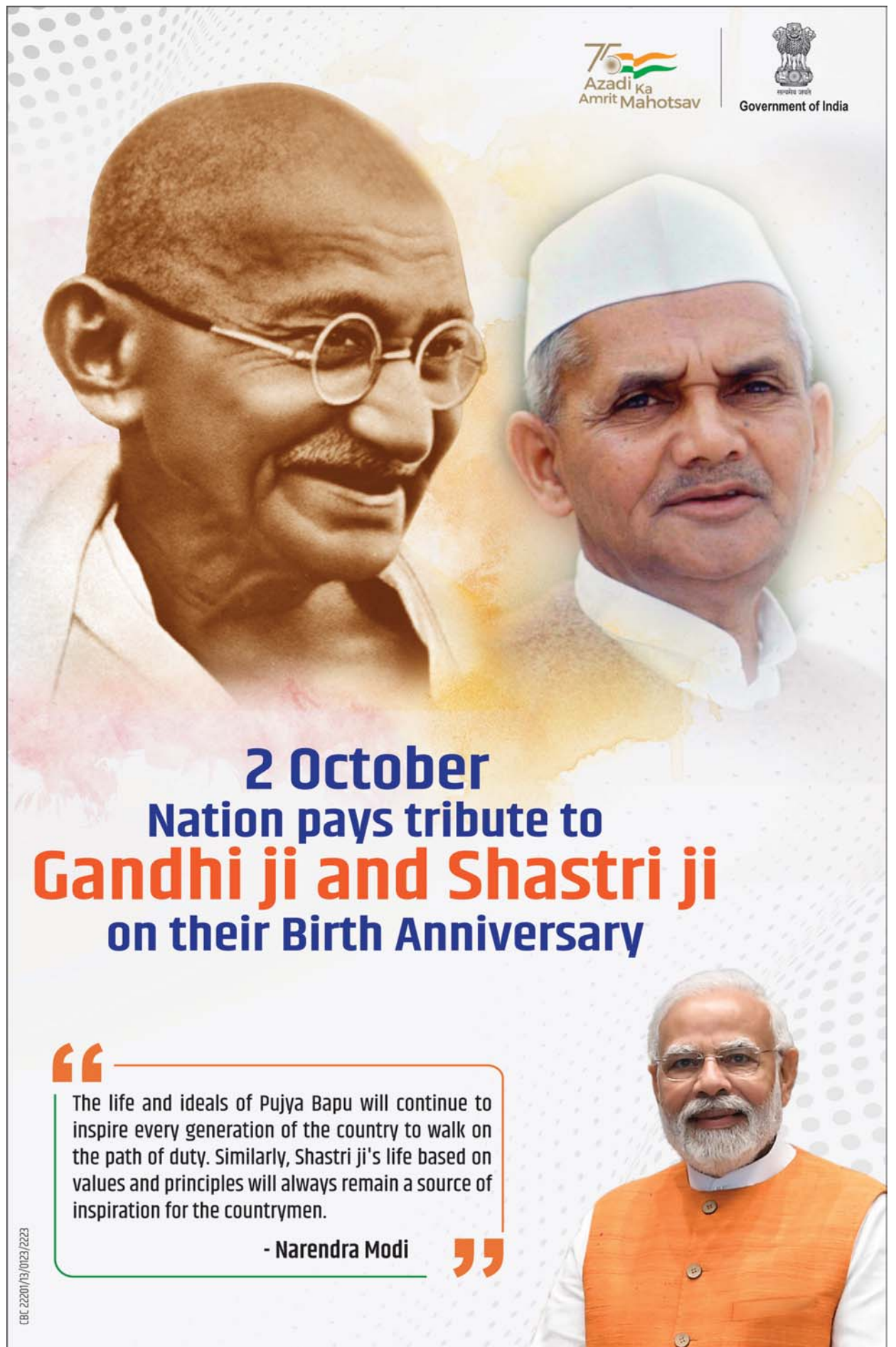
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It has been stated that while ALIMCO has been holding camps

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