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President's rule revoked in J&K, stage set for new Govt to assume charge

NEW DELHI: President's rule was withdrawn in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, paving the way for the formation of a new government in the union territory. A gazette notification to this effect was issued by the Union Home Ministry.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 73 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 (34 of 2019) read with Articles 239 and 239A of the Constitution of India, the order dated the 31st October, 2019 in relation to the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir shall stand revoked immediately before the appointment of the chief minister under Section 54 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019," the notification signed by President Droupadi Murmu

The National Conference-

recent Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections and is set to form the government.

NC vice president Omar Abdullah will be the next chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir. He has been elected as the leader of the alliance

Central rule was imposed in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir on October 31, 2019, following the formal division of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories --Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 passed by Parliament on August 5, 2019. Article 370 of the Constitution, which accorded a special status to the erstwhile state, was also abrogated on that day.

Prior to October 31, 2019, the central rule was continuing in the erstwhile state from June 2017 after the

resignation of the then chief minister Mehbooba Mufti when the BJP withdrew support to the PDP-led govern-

Central rule was first imposed in the erstwhile state as Governor's rule for months. Later, President's rule was imposed for the next six months which was subsequently extended several times with the approval of Parliament.

Article 356 of the Constitution, under which President's rule is imposed in a state, is not applicable in union territories.

On October 31, 2019, when Jammu and Kashmir turned into a union territory, President's rule imposed in the undivided Jammu and Kashmir was withdrawn.

However, subsequently, the President issued a notification stating that central rule will continue for an indefinite period through the lieutenant governor (LG) in the union

territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The provision in case of failure of constitutional machinery related to the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, which has a legislature, is governed by Section 73 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation

Section 73 of the Act

states, "If the President on receipt of a report from the LG of UT of Jammu and Kashmir is satisfied (a) that a situation has arisen in which the administration of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir cannot be carried on in accordance with the provisions of this Act; or (b) that for the proper administration of UT of Jammu and Kashmir it is necessary or expedient so to do, the President may, by order, suspend the operation of all or any of the provisions of this Act for such period

Transformative initiative aimed at revolutionising India's infrastructure: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW $\quad \text{DELHI:} \quad$ Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (PMGS-NMP) has emerged as a transformative initiative aimed at revolutionising India's infrastructure and is driving faster and more efficient development across sectors.

He also made a surprise visit to the PM GatiShakti Anubhuti Kendra at Bharat Mandapam here on the third anniversary of PMGS-NMP.

The Anubhuti Kendra showcases the key features, achievements and milestones of PMGS-NMP and was launched on October 13, 2021, to provide multi-modal connectivity infrastructure to various economic zones.

PM GatiShakti is a transformative approach for economic growth and sustainable development which is driven by seven engines --



PM Narendra Modi taking a walkthrough of 'PM Gati Shakti Anubhuti Kendra' showcased at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on Sunday.

ways, airports, mass transport and logistics infrastruc-

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In a post on X, Modi said, "PM GatiShakti National Master Plan has emerged as a transformative initiative aimed at revolutionizing India's infrastructure. It has

significantly enhanced multimodal connectivity, driving faster and more efficient

development across sectors." The seamless integration of various stakeholders has led to boosting logistics, reducing delays and creating new opportunities for several peo-

"Thanks to GatiShakti, India is adding speed to fulfil our vision of a Viksit Bharat. It will encourage progress, entrepreneurship and innovation," the prime minister said. Modi tagged Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal's post in which he had lauded the GatiShakti initiative on the

completion of three years. "Today marks 3 years since the launch of the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan for Multimodal Connectivity by PM Narendra Modi ji. By streamlining logistics and advancing connectivity, this path-breaking initiative ensures faster and more efficient project implementation," Goval said.

It continues to play a pivotal role in developing a modern, interconnected infrastructure network, strengthening the vision of building a Viksit Bharat, he said.

Israeli strikes kill family of 8 in Gaza, destroy century-old market in Lebanon

STATE TIMES NEWS

DEIR AL-BALAH (GAZA STRIP): An Israeli strike on the central Gaza Strip killed a family of eight, Palestinian medical officials said Sunday, as Israeli forces battled Palestinian militants in the territory's north and airstrikes destroyed a century-old market in southern Lebanon.

The strike in Gaza late Saturday hit a home in the Nuseirat refugee camp, killing parents and their six children, who ranged in age from 8 to 23, according to Martyrs Al-Aqsa Hospital in nearby Deir al-Balah, where the bodies were

It said a further seven people were wounded, including two women and a child in critical condition. An Associated Press reporter counted the bodies.

A year into the war with

Hamas, Israel continues to strike what it says are militant targets in Gaza nearly every day. The military says it tries to avoid harming civilians and blames their deaths on Hamas and other armed groups because they operate in densely populated areas. In recent months, it has repeatedly struck schools being used as shelters

BJP appoints Amit Shah, Mohan Yadav observers for Haryana legislature party leader election

Prahlad Joshi, Chugh to be observes in J&K

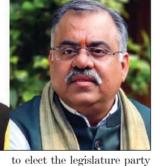
STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The BJP parliamentary board on Sunday appointed Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav as central observers for the election of the state legislature party leader in Harvana.

The BJP secured a third term in the assembly polls in Haryana, results of which were declared on October 8. It won 48 seats against the Congress' 37 in the 90-mem-■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 ber assembly in the northern



Union Minister Prahlad Joshi and BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh were appointed by the parliamentary board as observers



leader in Jammu and Kashmir, the party national general secretary Arun Singh said in a statement. The National Conference

has emerged as the single largest party in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls with 42 seats and has a comfortable majority in the 95member House as its alliance partners Congress and CPI(M) have won six seats and one seat respectively. The BJP bagged an all-time high of 29 seats in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) also opened its account in Jammu and Kashmir, winfrom the Doda $_{
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Over 1.55 lakh candidates register for PM Internship Scheme through $_{ m the}$

■ STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: More than

1.55 lakh candidates have applied for the Prime Minister Internship Scheme, sources said on Sunday.

The dedicated portal for the scheme went live for registration at 5 pm on October 12 and the target for the scheme's pilot project was to have 1.25 lakh candidates.

The sources said the number of candidates registered on the portal stood at 1,55,109 on Sunday.

Those in the age group of 21-24 years are eligible to apply for the scheme, which

is being implemented by the

corporate affairs ministry

The internships will begin on December 2.

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Under the scheme, an intern will get a monthly financial assistance of Rs 5,000 for 12 months and a

one-time grant of Rs 6.000.

The ministry on Saturday said that in the past week, the portal added more than 80,000 opportunities across 24 sectors, including oil, gas and energy, travel and hospi-

tality and automotive. "The portal ensures efficient access to internships

across sectors with

Demand restoration of statehood: Chidambaram

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Congress leader P Chidambaram on Sunday said the first task before the new Jammu and Kashmir government should be to demand restoration of statehood and the INDIA bloc parties should support

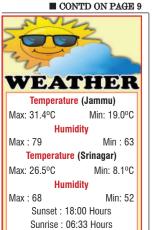
He said that in case the government does not agree, then they should approach the court as the central government had promised restoration of statehood before the Supreme Court.

"After the election results in J-K and days before the new government will take office, the LG of J-K has taken powers to himself that mocks the verdict of the people," he said in a post on X.

"The first task of the new government should be to demand the restoration of statehood to J-K, and all the I.N.D.I.A. parties should support the demand.

"Failing a positive response, the new J-K government should not hesitate to approach the

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Poll setbacks made Cong ideologically bankrupt: Nadda **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Continuous electoral setbacks for the Congress have left its chief Mallikarjun Kharge ideologically bankrupt, BJP President J P Nadda said on Sunday, claiming that the opposition party's "terrorists" barb at the ruling dispensation was born out of its desperation to protect its "failed product", a jibe at Rahul Gandhi. India's oldest party has come to such a

sorry state that one feels pained, Nadda said in a statement, adding that Kharge should rather introspect people's falling trust in the Congress and why it loses (polls) so frequently. People know which party supports

anti-national forces, urban Naxals and those trying to defame the country, Nadda said.

The BJP president's rebuttal came a



terrorists" in an apparent counter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent characterisation of the Congress as an organisation run by "urban Naxals".

"The Congress is unable to pose a ground challenge to Modi's pro-people and pro-poor policies which put the nation first. Its entire leadership has instead turned to abusing the BJP and Modi and defaming the country," Nadda Kharge's comments reflect frustration

and ideological bankruptcy, he added. The BJP and the Congress have been engaged in a war of words after the former surprised the opposition by pulling off a stunning victory in the Haryana Assembly polls, a prospect deemed unlikely by most political experts and exit poll projections.

Nadda said the Congress leadership was in extreme shock following the poll defeat and that Kharge's comments were not only ridiculous but also exposed his party's character.

Firing a volley of questions at the Congress, Nadda asked who all were involved in moving the Supreme Court at midnight to stay the conviction of Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru and who cried profusely at the Batla

Kejriwal ready to share insights with Omar on running 'half-state' like J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS National

DODA: AAP Convenor Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday congratulated National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah for winning the assembly elections and said that he should consult him in case he faces any problem in running a 'half-state' like Jammu and Kashmir.

"Omar Abdullah is going to take over as the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir in the next few days. I congratulate him for being the chief minister of the INDIA alliance. We will fully support him in running a successful



National Convener Arvind Kejriwal addressing public meeting in Doda district on Sunday.

government and hope Jammu and Kashmir treads the path of development

"Delhi is called a half-state because the chief minister had limited powers. Now they (BJP) have also

UP bypolls: Yogi meets BJP's central leadership to finalise decision on seat-sharing

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Senior BJP leaders from Uttar Pradesh met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and the Union Health Minister and party chief JP Nadda in the national capital on Sunday to discuss the upcoming by-elections in the state and other organisational issues.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, state BJP chief Bhupendra Chaudhary, Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brijesh Pathak and state general secretary (Organisation) Dharampal Singh attended the meeting in Delhi on Sunday. The discussion were primarily focused on upcoming by-elec-

According to sources, BJP

brainstormed on all 10 seats for UP bypolls. BJP central leadership will decide on giving seats to RLD and Nishad Party. One seat can be given to the RLD (Mirapur) and one seat to the Nishad Party (Maihwa).

In the coming days, BJP central leadership will talk to the leadership of RLD and Nishad Party and take a decision on the alliance. BJP asked all booth presidents to verify and bring as many people as possible to the booth to vote in favour of the BJP.

State BJP leaders told the Center that migrant workers have been deployed on all seats, and meetings have been held with all departments along with in-charges. The bypolls are crucial for

BJP as well as the opposition

parties. The BJP would be keen to regain its winning momentum in Pradesh. The Samajwadi Party has already declared candidates on six of the ten seats and has said it would contest the bypolls with the Congress. Sources said the setback

suffered by the BJP in the Lok Sabha polls could also figure in the discussions. BJP could win only 33 seats compared to 62 it won in 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Samajwadi Party, led by Akhilesh Yadav, won 37 seats in the Lok Sabha polls held earlier this year. Congress, which fought the Lok Sabha polls in alliance with Samajwadi Party as part of INDIA bloc, won six seats in the state.

STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: The Mumbai police have arrested a 28year-old man from Pune who along with his brother "enlisted" two of the three alleged shooters in the Baba Siddique murder case, an official said on Sunday.

Police called the man, Pravin Lonkar, a "co-conspirator" and said they are on the lookout for his brother Shubham Lonkar. This is the third arrest in the case.

According to the crime branch official, Pravin and Shubham "enlisted" two alleged shooters, a UP resident and Shivkumar Gautam.

While Gautam is on the run, police have arrested the UP resident and another alleged shooter, identified as

Baba Siddique murder case: 'Co-conspirator'

held from Pune, 3rd arrest so far

Forensic team investigating the site where former Maharashtra minister Baba Siddique was shot dead by three assailants in Mumbai.

Gurmail Baljit Singh (23). The official said police went to Pune looking for Shubham Lonkar but did not find him there. They

NCP leader Siddique (66) was waylaid by three persons at Kher Nagar in Mumbai's Bandra area just outside his MLAZeeshan son then nabbed his brother Siddique's office and shot at Pravin for his alleged on Saturday night. He was involvement in the crime, he rushed to the Lilavati Hospital where he was

declared dead, according to Mumbai police.

Police have recovered two bullets and 28 live bullets were recovered from the two apprehended shooters. Police have set up 15 teams

which have fanned out of Maharashtra and a probe is on to identify who provided logistical support to the shooters, officials have said.

The Mumbai Police are verifying a social media post, attributed to a purported member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, owning up to the murder of Siddique.

The crime branch is also probing various angles, including a possible contract killing, business or political rivalry or threat over a slum rehabilitation project, according to officials.