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New job, but not state

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Dr Syed Ahmed

Ranchi, Aug. 28: Jharkhand may know its new governor by his name only, but the same thing cannot be said about the man in question.

Governor designate Dr Syed Ahmed had an earlier tryst with the state.

"The state is not entirely new to me. I have been in Jharkhand for four months during the last Assembly elections as Congress observer. The past experiences will help me understand the state and its people better and act accordingly," the 66-year-old Urdu writer, who is likely to take oath on September 8, told **The Telegraph** from Mumbai over phone.

Ahmed, who will replace M.O.H. Farook, will be the eighth governor of Jharkhand and is quite upbeat about his new assignment.

Farook has been shifted to Kerala and is likely to take oath on September 7.

A four-time minister in the Maharashtra cabinet, Ahmed said he had dedicated a chapter to Jharkhand in his new book, *Pagdandi se Shaharah tak*, which documents his experiences in various states as AICC observer.

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