

Padmavat will not be allowed to be released in MP, indicates CM

BHOPAL, JAN 12 /- Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan today indicated that the film 'Padmavat' will not be allowed to be released in his state. The film is likely to release on January 25. Asked if the film would be banned in Madhya Pradesh, Chouhan told newsmen today, "to Kaha tha, wo hoga (What I had said, will happen)." However, he did not clarify. The chief minister was talking to newsmen after attending a state-level mass 'Surya Namaskar and Pranayam' event organised to mark the 100th anniversary of spiritual leader Swami Vivekananda. The film has received a clearance from the Central Board for Film Certification (CBFC) after the change of title and some script modifications. While speaking to some members of the Rajput community on November 20 last year, Chouhan had made it clear that the film would not be allowed to release in the state if it contains scenes "breaching the honour" of the Rajput queen Padmavati or features "distorted facts". "We will not tolerate any distortion of historical facts. The entire country is speaking in one voice that historical facts were distorted (in the movie), he had said. The film is mired in controversy after some Rajput groups opposed it.

Rajasthan by-elections: 55 candidates in fray

JAIPUR, JAN 12 /- Fifty-five candidates are in the fray for the January 29 by-polls to Alwar and Ajmer Lok Sabha seats and Mandalgarh Assembly constituency, after the scrutiny of nomination papers. Nominations of 15 candidates from Alwar, 26 from Ajmer and 14 from Mandalgarh were found valid, the state Election Officer (CEO) said today. Congress' Karan Singh Yadav, BJP's Jaswant Singh Yadav and 13 others, including 11 Independents, can fight the by-election from the Alwar constituency, it said. In Ajmer, nominations of Ramswaroop Lamba of the BJP, the Congress's Raghunath Sharma and 24 others, including 11 Independents, have been found valid, the CEO office said. BJP candidate Shakti Singh, Vivek Dhakad of Congress and 12 Independents will be contesting the Mandalgarh Assembly by-poll, it said. However, the exact number of candidates to be ascertained on January 15, the last day for withdrawing nomination papers.

Mehbooba ministry has failed on all fronts: Omar

JAMMU, JAN 11 /- Attacking the Mehbooba Mufti led dispensation in Jammu and Kashmir, former chief minister Omar Abdullah said today that the state government had failed on all fronts and claimed that recent comments by Governor N N Vohra certified this failure. "The government has failed on all the fronts in all the ways and that certificate (of failure) has been given to it by the

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The LKS would also provide a venue for the NRKs to expound on their worries and problems and find a solution. The sabha will have 351 members including MLAs and MPs representing the state with 178 nominated members representing Kerala expatriates. The chief minister is the leader and the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly the deputy leader of the sabha which will meet at least once in two years. Noted NRK businessman Yusuf Ali and well-known actress Revathi are among the five personalities selected as presidium members of the sabha. Vijayan said the sabha would play an important role in making sure

that the Keralites who live outside the state would also have a meaningful participating in taking decisions on Kerala's social-cultural and economic matters. Stating that though Kerala was one of the states that gets large amount of workers remittance from abroad, Vijayan said there were no projects for utilising the investments of NRKs for the development of the state. The LKS would be able to offer a perfect platform to seek solutions for these problematic issues after drawing attention of the Centre and the state government and general public. The chief minister said remittances from abroad played a vital role in the economy of the

state, but major portion had remained in non-reproductive sectors. "The effort now is to change that scenario," he said. The chief minister said NRKs should channel their investments in infrastructure development in Kerala through the Kerala Infrastructure Development Fund Board. Another area the LKS would focus was to stop the 'brain drain' and make it 'brain gain' for the state, he said. Vijayan asked the Centre to come out with a migration policy and said lack of such a policy had resulted in "gross injustice" to the Malayalee expatriate community, estimated to be 24 lakhs, mostly concentrated in the Gulf countries.

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Minister of State for Railways Manoj Sinha dedicating WAP-7a 6000hp diesel locomotive, at DLW (Diesel Locomotive Workshop) in Varanasi on Friday.

Yogi asks UP varsities and colleges to improve academic ambience

LUCKNOW, JAN 12 /- Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath today wrote to vice-chancellors and principals of all universities and colleges in the state to ensure academic ambience in the premises so that students are not influenced by any propaganda or anti-social elements. The chief minister's letter comes against the backdrop of reports of alleged links of a Kashmiri research scholar of the Aligarh Muslim University with terror group Hizbul Mujahideen and recent incidents of eve-teasing and vandalism on the BHU campus. "It is expected of the V-Cs and principals to maintain academic ambience in the premises of universities and colleges so that students are not influenced by any propaganda or anti-social elements," he wrote. "The activities of unscrupulous elements in hostels should be kept on watch and outsiders' influence on students

elements," the chief minister said in his letter. Adityanath also emphasised on better dialogue between students and the university to avoid any confrontation and said the problems of students, if any, should be resolved on priority. "It is expected of the V-Cs and principals to maintain academic ambience in the premises of universities and colleges so that students are not influenced by any propaganda or anti-social elements," he wrote. "The activities of unscrupulous elements in hostels should be kept on watch and outsiders' influence on students

should be take care of," the chief minister said, suggesting installation of CCTV cameras in campuses. He said security of newcomers should be ensured and incidents of ragging should be checked and strict disciplinary action should be initiated against those involved in such activities. "Initiatives of state and Centre like Stand up India, Start up India, Clean India, Digital India should be briefed to students. Points related to national unity and integrity should be included in the syllabus and students should be told about moral values," Adityanath said.

The chief minister also emphasised on meeting between head of departments with parents and regular classes in universities and colleges and suggested holding of seminars and conferences and inter-university programmes for grooming students. A research scholar hailing from Kupwara of north Kashmir was expelled by the AMU authorities earlier this month in the wake of reports alleging that he may have joined a terror group after his photo appeared in the social media showing him with an AK-47 rifle. A team of senior AMU officials sealed the room of Mannan Basheer Wani (26) after they received a letter from the Superintendent of Police, Aligarh regarding the alleged " nefarious" activities of the student.



undertaken development work, it would not have been forced to postpone elections in Anantnag. On the Centre's special representative Dineshwar Sharma, Abdullah said "if he does good work, results will be before us. It will be certificate of his work. First we have to see what is his mission. And then we will know whether he has done right work".

Female professor allege rape by friend in Noida
NOIDA, JAN 12 /- A female professor has alleged that she was raped by her friend, who also filmed the incident and uploaded it on social media, the police said today. The incident took place on December 26 last year when Shubam Verma asked the victim to meet him at a guest house in Sector 26, on the pretext of marrying her. The accused also made an MMS clip, and uploaded it on social media," a police official said. The woman, who is a professor in Sikar district, is a professor at a medical college in Kanpur and was friends with Verma since college days. Verma, who was also a resident of Sikar, now works in the United States. He had come to India last month on a 15-day holiday, the official informed. A case has been registered, and while the woman has been sent for medical examination, police probe has been launched to nab the accused.

CBi takes over probe into 'unnatural' death of Thrissur college student

KOCHI, JAN 12 /- The CBI has taken over from state if it contains scenes "breaching the honour" of the Rajput queen Padmavati or features "distorted facts". "We will not tolerate any distortion of historical facts. The entire country is speaking in one voice that historical facts were distorted (in the movie), he had said. The film is mired in controversy after some Rajput groups opposed it.

State Notes

BSP MLA Ansari back in jail after treatment
BANDA, JAN 12 /- BSP MLA Mukhtar Ansari returned to Banda prison after being discharged from a hospital in Lucknow where he was referred to following a heart attack on January 9, police said today. Ansari was discharged on Thursday night from the hospital after his clinical parameters were found to be normal and he was brought back to Banda jail amid tight security, jailor Vivekshel Tripathy said. The 55-year-old Ansari, who was lodged in Banda jail in connection with various criminal cases against him, had suffered a heart attack while he was meeting his wife in the prison here. Reportedly, his wife took developed a chest pain during the meeting and was also referred to the hospital in Lucknow.

Three Afghan men held for smuggling saffron
NEW DELHI, JAN 12 /- Three Afghan men have been arrested by customs officials at Indira Gandhi International Airport here for allegedly trying to smuggle into the country about 40 kg of saffron, according to an official statement today. The accused were intercepted on their arrival from Kabul on Wednesday, it said. "During examination of their baggage, 40 kg of saffron was recovered," the customs department said in a statement. The value of the saffron, which has been seized, is about Rs 30.56 lakh, it said, adding the three men have been arrested.

Fire breaks out in toy factory, 6 hurt
NEW DELHI, JAN 11 /- Six people were today injured when cylinders exploded after a fire broke out at a toy factory in north east Delhi's New Usmanpur area, police said. The fire started due to a short-circuit in the ground floor of a building that houses the toy factory, they added. Fire-tenders reached the spot and six people, who were helping in the fire-fighting operations, were injured when the cylinders exploded, the police said. They received seven to nine per cent burn injuries.

Former UP MLA booked for killing, abducting man
SAMBHAL, JAN 12 /- An FIR has been registered against former Samajwadi Party (SP) MLA Ram Khiladi Yadav and five others for allegedly abducting and killing a 45-year-old man, police said today. The FIR was registered on Thursday at Gunaunur police station against former MLA A Yadav and five others for allegedly abducting Pan Singh and then beating him badly. "Singh was admitted to a hospital, where he died during the treatment on Jan 11," a police official said. According to the FIR lodged by the victim's brother, the former MLA and others had an old enmity with Singh because of which they abducted him on January 10. Police said they are probing the matter for further details.

Goa govt sends team to ascertain Mahadevi river water "diversion"

PANAJI, JAN 12 /- The Goa government has sent a team of officials to a village on the border with Karnataka amid media reports that the neighbouring state is diverting water from the Mahadevi river. Goa water resources minister Vinod Paleykar said the team has been sent after taking cognisance of reports that Karnataka has resumed work on a dam to block the Mahadevi river water at Kankumbi village on the border. Mahadevi river riparian

states Karnataka and Goa, besides Maharashtra, have been locked in a bitter dispute over sharing of its water. "After media reports of Karnataka blocking a Mahadevi tributary and resuming work on a project at Kankumbi, I have directed our chief engineer to immediately dispatch a team of engineers to do an inspection at the site," Paleykar told news agency PTI. The team has been asked to submit a report by today evening, he said. The Centre has formed a

tribunal to look into the river-sharing issue between Goa and Karnataka. On Wednesday, Goa chief minister Manohar Parrikar said that ongoing dispute with Karnataka will be fought with the Mahadevi Water Disputes Tribunal. Parrikar had written a letter to Karnataka BJP president B S Yeddyurappa last month, saying Goa could share the river water with Karnataka for drinking purposes and expressed his willingness to hold bilateral talks. The Goa chief minister's

missive had evoked strong criticism from certain quarters. The letter created a controversy as it was addressed to Karnataka chief minister Siddaramanah who represents the state government. The Mahadevi (called Mandovi in Goa) originates in Karnataka and flows to Goa and Maharashtra. The water-sharing issue is politically sensitive line, especially in five north Karnataka districts. The southern state is going to polls later this year.

CLEANLINESS WORK AT NEW HAL PALICHRU
E-tender Notice No. 34/MCH, PH
Cleaning-NJP/16 Date 08-01-2018. Name of Work: Cleaning of Pits, Silt Line, drains, office and surrounding area including picking scraps and disposal of garbage at New Halpalichru Coaching depot for a period of three (03) years. Tender Value: Rs. 16,30,000. Earnest Money: ₹17,40,000. E-tender will be closed at 15:00 hrs. of 15-02-2018 and opening of bids at 10:00 hrs. of 16-02-2018. Details of tender notice & document can be seen in website www.jeepe.gov.in
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