

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 50th 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 any "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-elections 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's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) said today. Congress's Karan Singh Yadav, BJP's Jaswant Singh Yadav and 13 others, including 11 Independents, can fight the by-election from the Alwar parliamentary constituency, it said. In Ajmer, nominations of Ramswaroop Lamba of the BJP, the Congress's Raghu Sharma and 24 others, including 11 Independents, have been found valid, the CEO office said. BJP candidate Shakti Singh, Vivek Dhakad of Congress and 10 Independents will be contesting the Mandalgarh Assembly by-poll, it said. However, the exact number of candidates can be ascertained on January 15, the last day for withdrawing nomination papers.

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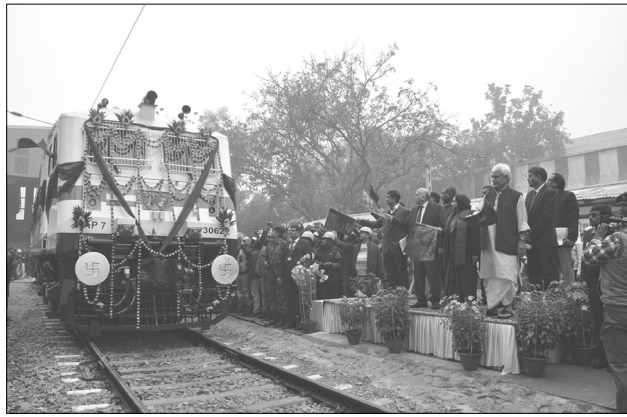
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JAN 12 /- Unveiling a platform for non-resident Keralites, chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan today pitched for making use of their expertise and investments for the progress of the state. Vijayan was delivering the inaugural speech at the first two-day session of 'Loka Kerala Sabha' (LKS), a new concept of the state government envisaging cooperation toward progress of the state. Outlining the concept and purpose of the LKS, which would have an advisory role without the powers of a legislature, he said it would play a vital role in engineering meaningful cooperation and work toward Kerala's progressive development.

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 NKK 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 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 remittance from abroad played a vital role in the economy of the

state, but major portion had remained in non-productive sectors. "The effort must be 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 lakh, 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.

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

KOCHI, JAN 12 /- The CBI has taken over from Kerala police the investigation into the 'unnatural' death of a college student in Thrissur district in January last year. The Supreme Court had last month directed the Central agency to probe the sensational case. The Thiruvananthapuram unit of CBI on Thursday submitted a re-registered FIR before the chief judicial magistrate (CJM) Court, Ernakulam, for banding a person and monitoring the December 5 order of the apex court. The CBI has not named anyone as accused in the FIR. Jishnu Pranooy, a first year engineering student was found hanging in the hostel of Nehru College of Engineering and Research Centre, Pambady in Thrissur, in January last year.

Jishnu's parents had then alleged that the boy had suffered brutal physical and mental harassment at the hands of the college management. The Pazhayangur police had registered a case on January 6 last year on the basis of a statement given by Jishnu's classmate Amal. In its FIR, the police had said Jishnu was caught by an invigilator for copying during the examination conducted at the college on January 6, 2017 and due to mental tension he attempted suicide by hanging himself in the bathroom of the men's hostel. Friends rescued Jishnu and took him to The Taluk hospital in Ottapalam but he died on the way, it had said. His parents and friends did not accept the police version and staged protest in the state with the support of student organisations and political parties seeking justice.

Female professor allege rape by friend in Noida

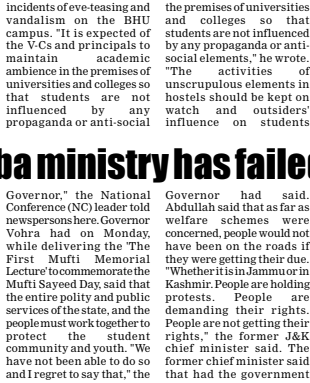
NOIDA, JAN 12 /- A female professor has alleged that she was raped by her friend, who also filmed the incident and uploaded it on social media, the police said today. The incident took place on December 26 last year when Shubam Verma asked the victim to meet him at a guest house in Sector 26, on the pretext of marrying her the next day, they said. The accused also made an MMS clip, and uploaded it on social media," a police official said. The woman, who is a friend of the victim, 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 said probe has been launched to nab the accused.

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 Kashmiri separatist groups with 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

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".



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

PANAJI, JAN 12 /- The Goa government has sent a team of officials to the 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 Palekar today 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 Kankumbli village on the border. Mahadevi river riparian

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 before 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 said

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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 Vivekshank 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 too 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 saffron 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, 39.8 kg of saffron was recovered," the customs department said in the 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.

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