



TWEET OF THE DAY



Pinarayi Vijayan @pinarayivijayan Had a delightful interaction with @marin\_simancas, Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba in India...



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a road show in Bengaluru | VINOD KUMAR T

Cong humiliated Ambedkar, now targeting me: PM

Over 75,000 people from eight segments of Bidar constituency take part in programme

SUNIL PATIL, RAMAKRISHNA BADESEHI & MARUTI BAVIDODDI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday slammed Congress at BJP rallies in Vijayapura and Belagavi district...

At Koligudda in Raibag taluk, he said Congress humiliated a leader like Dr B R Ambedkar in the past...

duct, he added. "When BJP and Modi began working sincerely for the country's development, it is targeting Modi," he said.

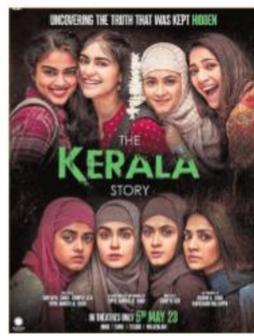
"Ee bariya sarkara bahumatada sarkara (The government this time is the majority government)," he said in Kannada. Congress used farmers by playing the "loan-waiver card" that benefited only rich farmers...

Banning The Kerala Story not an option, says minister

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EVEN as the demand to ban the controversial film The Kerala Story gets louder, the authorities maintain that there is little scope for the state government to intervene in the issue...

"The film is produced with the aim of destroying the state's secular fabric. People should boycott it," he said. Echoing the demand to ban the film, CPM state secretary M V Govindan had said that a ban would not solve the issue...



consider the option of banning it. The film is being used by the RSS and BJP for their communal propaganda, he said. However, social and cultural

activists are of the opinion that banning a film or putting curbs on any kind of freedom of expression will only backfire. "Ban is not an option," a film critic told TNIE.

"Let the film be released here. The response should be by producing a counter-narrative to the film forthwith, rather than banning it. The ban will give right-wing forces a chance to demand a similar ban on any film, drama or books that they don't like," he said.

Movie spreads hatred and unverified facts, should be banned: Kanthapuram

Kannur: Grand Mufti of India Kanthapuram A P Aboobacker Musliyar on Saturday came out against the controversial movie The Kerala Story. While inaugurating the valedictory function of the SSF Golden Fifty state conference in Kannur, he demanded to ban the movie which he said spreads hatred among the secular minds of Kerala...

It is a campaign against Kerala: P K Kunhalikutty

Malappuram: IUM national general secretary P K Kunhalikutty on Saturday asked the state government not to give permission for screening the movie The Kerala Story. "The movie is not based on facts. This is not the story of Kerala. The movie is a campaign against Kerala. Kerala is not known for riots, violence and mob lynching. They are trying to make money with sensational content," he said.

EXPRESS READ

MP John Brittas served notice for criticising Amit Shah

T'Puram: The Rajya Sabha secretariat has served a show-cause notice on CPM MP John Brittas for writing an opinion piece criticising Union Home Minister Amit Shah. There are reports that the MP has been directed to submit a written explanation...

GPS radio collar tied around Arikomban's neck before being transported to Kumily

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NEJMA SULAIMAN @idukki

AFTER locating Arikomban at Sinkunkandam around 6.30am, the team surrounded the elephant at 11am. However, separating Arikomban from his companion Chakkakomban was a major challenge. They succeeded in taking him out of the protective circle created by Chakkakomban by bursting crackers.

Upon getting Arikomban to a convenient place near Cementpalam, the first tranquillizer shot was fired at the tusker around 11.54am. By 2.30pm, three booster shots were fired. The jumbo had tricked the forest officials in 2017 as he ran into the forest after they fired five tranquillizer shots at him. Despite being sedated, he re-



Kumkiss Surendran, Surya, Kunju and Vikram returning after successfully completing the Arikomban mission from operation spot in Cementpalam on Saturday | SHIVAMI

mained aggressive till 3pm this time and tried to attack the officials who surrounded him with ropes. However, at 3pm the team approached the tusker with the help of four kumki elephants - Surendran, Kunju, Surya, and Vikram. The officials tied his legs with ropes. However, the inclement weather made the operation even more

difficult. Later, with the support of earthmovers, a temporary path was carved out to move a truck to the spot. Even as the tusker remained aggressive for nearly half-an-hour, mahouts made the kumki elephants push him into the truck by 5pm. A GPS radio collar was tied around his neck before he was transported to Kumily by 6pm.

Protests against staging of play Kakkukali

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THE play Kakkukali is once again at the centre of controversy as a protest was held in Edachery near Nadapuram against its staging. The Syro-Malabar Diocese of Thamarassery led the protest, alleging that the play portrays Christian nun convents as torture centres.

Around 100 devotees, including women, participated in the protest march held on Saturday in front of the Bimal Cultural Village where the drama was being staged. However, despite the protest, the crew staged the play at 8 pm in Edachery. "There was a protest in front of the venue. But we staged the play," said M Shiju, convener of Bimal Cultural Gramam.

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