

Vidya Balan to play former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi

Mumbai, Jan 11: Vidya Balan is all set to play former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in a project based on journalist-author Sagarika Ghose's book "Indira: India's Most Powerful Prime Minister." "I am happy to have acquired the rights to Sagarika Ghose's 'Indira: India's Most Powerful Prime Minister', because I have always wanted to play Indira Gandhi. I haven't decided yet whether it should be a film or a web series, but that will take a while anyway," Vidya, a National Award winner, said in a statement on Tuesday.

Ghose, elated about signing the contract, wrote, "Most excited to see 'Indira' on-screen!"

She also called Vidya an "ace". The book, published by



Juggernaut Books, is a no-holds-barred biographical portrait that looks for answers to lingering issues: from why Indira Gandhi revoked the Emergency to her son Sanjay's curious grip over her; and from her bad marriage and love affairs to her dangerous religious politics.

In other tweets, Sagarika also revealed that she thinks that adapting the book to a web series would also be a good option, considering something like Netflix's The Crown and House of Cards.

"Indira: India's Most Powerful Prime Minister" was pitched by the publishers to

the film and screen community at the Word to Screen Market 2017, organised by the Jio MAMI Mumbai Film Festival. Vidya's performance in her last outing Tumhari Sulu was appreciated by fans and critics alike. The film even went on to make Rs 36.15 crore.

Salim Khan confirms threats to Salman Khan, says Salman's safety is priority for now

New Delhi, Jan 11: A few days back Rajasthan gangster Lawrence Bishnoi threatened to kill Race 3 actor Salman Khan in Jodhpur where the actor had gone for the hearing of his black-buck poaching case. "Salman Khan will be killed here, in Jodhpur... Then he will come to know about our real identity," Bishnoi said while being taken to a Jodhpur court amidst heavy police security. Though Salman returned to Mumbai and resumed the shoot of his next, Race 3 with Jacqueline Fernandez, the threats continued. On Wednesday, the shoot of Race 3 was stopped by Mumbai police and Salman was taken to his home in Bandra.

A source from the sets of the film told Mumbai Mirror, "The police arrived at the Race 3 set in Film



City and told Salman and producer Ramesh Taurani that the shoot had to be stopped immediately as the actor needed to head home as soon as possible. Salman was escorted in another car by six cops, while his own car was driven back to his residence by another group of cops." Also, it is being said that Salman has been asked to not go cycling in the city and share his whereabouts on social media. A senior police officer said, "We are taking Bishnoi's threat seriously but we have assured Salman that he will receive maxi-

imum police protection. We are also investigating the motive behind Bishnoi's threat to Salman."

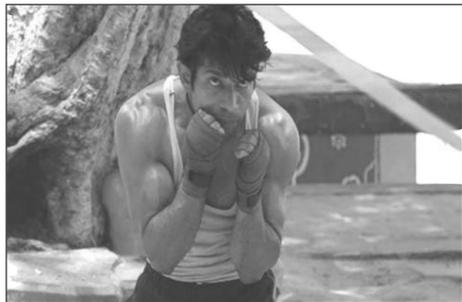
Confirming the news of threats, Salman's father Salim Khan said, "While I don't know the exact details about when he left the sets, I do know that there were some threats. But Salman has a good team of security personnel. This is not the first time that he is getting such threats. In this industry, people keep getting such threats a lot."

When the former actor and screenwriter

was asked if they have planned to take legal action against the gangster, he replied, "The only action we are taking is to make sure that Salman is safe. He is going to the shoots normally right now."

Bishnoi's death threat to Salman is being linked with the black buck killing case of 1998, in which Salman and his co-actors are accused. It was the Bishnoi community which had brought up the black buck hunting case, and ever since the community considers the Bollywood actor a "villain".

Mukkabaaz box office prediction: Anurag Kashyap's film will register Rs 1.5 crore on day one



New Delhi, Jan 11: Anurag Kashyap directorial Mukkabaaz has been receiving good response ever since the trailer came out. In fact, from Shah Rukh Khan to Riteish Deshmukh, everyone has shared their positive reviews on the film. Unlike his other films, which targeted mostly youth and movie aficionados, Mukkabaaz will be opening to a wider

audience and is expected to perform well at the box office. In an exclusive conversation with indian-express.com, film distributor Akshaye Rathi said, "This is possibly one Anurag Kashyap film that would also cater to families. Family would be able to watch the film together as this film, even the trailer, has no bloodshed, no swearing and all the jazz

that is usually associated with his kind of films. The possibility of the film registering a success is higher."

According to him, Mukkabaaz is expected to earn around Rs 1 crore to Rs 1.5 crore on day one and by the end of the weekend, the film will earn anywhere between Rs 3.5 crore to Rs 4.5 crore.

When asked if the film is a perfect launch for Vineet Kumar Singh, who plays the lead in the film, Akshaye said since the film is entirely being marketed around the main lead, Mukkabaaz is the best lead debut for the actor who has worked with the director in films like Gangs of Wasseypur and Ugly earlier.

Mukkabaaz will head to the theaters on January 12.

1921 box office prediction: Vikram Bhatt's horror film to garner Rs 3.5 crores on Day 1

New Delhi, Jan 11: Vikram Bhatt is back with another horror film 1921, starring Zareen Khan and Karan Kundrra. The film, which is produced and directed by Vikram, is scheduled for January 12 release. But would it be as successful as the Adah Sharma starrer 1920, which had released a decade ago? Well, according to film distributor Akshaye Rathi, it definitely will strike gold at the box office.

In conversation with indianexpress.com, Akshaye Rathi said the film will be the highest grosser of the week and will surpass the collection of other two releases - Saif Ali Khan starrer Kaalakaandi and Anurag Kashyap directorial Mukkabaaz.

The film, which is to release on almost 2000 screens, targets single screens and hence, its probability of success is higher, says Akshaye. He

added that at multiplexes, the film might suffer as moviegoers will get options to choose. Coming to box office performance, Akshaye says on day one, the film will easily earn anywhere around Rs 3.5 crore and by the weekend, it would go up till Rs 8 crore to Rs 9 crore. It seems the film will recover its cost of production quite soon, which seems to be somewhere around Rs 12-15 crore.

Based in the year 1921, the film deals with the battle of Ayush (Karan) and Rose (Zarine) with a cursed spirit that would lead them to their ultimate redemption or downfall.

For Zarine, this is her first horror film while Karan has earlier worked with Vikram Bhatt in 2012 starrer Horror Story.

1921 is all set to release on January 12, 2018.

Ranbir Kapoor goes on dinner date with family, his niece takes away our attention

New Delhi, Jan 11: Bollywood actor Ranbir Kapoor went on a dinner date with family where along with father Rishi Kapoor and mother Neetu Kapoor, his sister Ridhima Kapoor turned up with her daughter Samara.



As the family was walking out of the restaurant after spending good time together, they all posed for the camera, giving out perfect family picture but in those pictures, it was the little one that grabbed our attention. Ranbir's niece Samara completely enjoyed the attention her uncle was getting and she fearlessly posed and made faces for the shutterbugs. Well, we are totally in love with Samara's innocence and smile.

Neetu Kapoor has often shared her videos and we totally get an idea about how big a drama queen she is.

Neetu shared another picture from the dinner get-together where we see the little one bonding over food with Ranbir. The picture is too adorable for words.

On the work front, Ranbir is prepping up for Brahmastra in which he would be sharing the screen

space with Alia Bhatt and Amitabh Bachchan for the first time. The film is being directed by Ayan Mukerji.

He would also be seen in Rajkumar Hirani's Dutt biopic as the lead. He would be portraying Sanjay Dutt's life on screen.

The movie will be releasing on June 29. The film also stars Sonam Kapoor, Manisha Koirala, Dia Mirza and others in pivotal roles.

Mallika Sherawat evicted from Paris flat? Here's the truth

New Delhi, Jan 11: Amid reports that she was being evicted from a flat in Paris for not paying rent, Bollywood actress Mallika Sherawat wonders why her name is being dragged into what's happening in a city she hasn't visited for eight months.

According to a report by AFP, a French court ordered on December 14 that Mallika and her "French husband" Cyrille Autexians must pay 78,787 euros in rent owed and expenses, giving the green light for their furniture to be seized.

Mallika told in an email interview, "I have said this before and I am saying it again - I do not own or rent any apartment in Paris! So where is the question of eviction? I have never had any financial dealings in Paris ever. I have no bank account in Paris. I have an Indian passport and I am an Indian citizen. So what is this nonsense about eviction?"

The actress has featured in Hindi films like Khwahish, Murder, Pyaar Ke Side Effects, Welcome and "Ugly Aur Pagli" as well as in for-



ign films like The Myth, Hiss and Politics of Love. She is currently in Mumbai.

"I am staying in Mumbai. In fact, I recently shot for an episode of Entertainment Ki Raat (reality television show) which was telecast last week. I haven't been to Paris in the last eight months. Anyone following me on my social media would have known this. Even my passport would say the same," Mallika said.

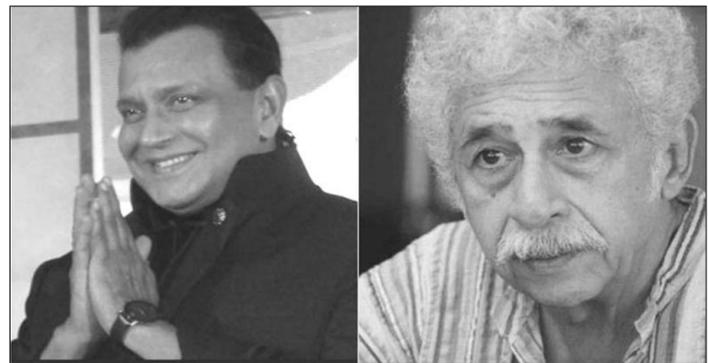
She added, "I am not married to Cyrille Autexians. I have cleared the air on this earlier as well. He is a big businessman in Europe and I have nothing to do with his real estate business dealings. Why should my name be dragged with what's happening in Paris?"

Was she not living in a Paris apartment then? "I was visiting Paris on a holiday at the time the unfortunate incident happened," Mallika said.

She said she shuttles between India and Los Angeles for work. Often, she posts on her social media accounts, updates on meeting celebrities like Monica Bellucci and Chelsea Handler. In July last year, she even met US President Donald Trump's first wife.

In Mumbai now, Mallika said she was busy preparing for her upcoming Bollywood film Zeenat, directed by Saandesh Nayak, who helmed the romantic comedy Love Shagun in 2016. "I've also been busy with Free a Girl India, of which I am a brand ambassador. It works at rehabilitating victims of child prostitution."

Naseeruddin Shah and Mithun Chakraborty to star in film on Lal Bahadur Shastri



New Delhi, Jan 11: Filmmaker Vivek Agnihotri has announced his next directorial venture The Tashkent Files on the mysterious death of former prime minister Lal Bahadur Shastri. The director has roped in veteran actors Naseeruddin Shah and Mithun Chakraborty for the film which is an investigative thriller.

Vivek announced the project on Twitter and wrote, "On this day, our 2nd PM Lal Bahadur Shastri died mysteriously in Tashkent. Was it a heart attack or poison? Even after 52 yrs, the

truth of the biggest cover-up of free India has been denied to his family, followers, citizens. After years of research, I present #TheTashkentFiles"

Speaking about the casting for the film, the director quipped, "Both Naseeruddin and Mithun are powerhouses and were obvious choices for the film. This film also brings them together onscreen after a long time. The two are extremely excited about the project and I am sure the audience will be waiting to see them in this new avatar."

The Tashkent Files is the

country's first crowd-sourced thriller. Vivek Agnihotri has even stated that this is the most researched work on Shastri and it is the most apolitical film about a political leader.

Commenting on the same, director Vivek said, "As a citizen, it is our democratic right to know if our 2nd Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri died a natural death, or, as alleged, was it an assassination? I am trying to delve further into this mystery through The Tashkent Files."

The film goes on floor next week.

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