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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Sunday conducted a pulse polio drive across the Union territory, with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah urging parents to ensure that every child aged 0-5 years receives polio drops.

Abdullah also reaffirmed the government's commitment to making the UT a polio-free region.

In an X post, the chief minister's office said, "On the Pulse Polio campaign launched today (Sunday), the chief minister urged parents to take their children to receive the oral polio vaccine at the nearest booth."

Abdullah also praised the health workers and volunteers for their tireless efforts in "safeguarding the future of our children".

Meanwhile, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo



kick-started the Pulse Polio Campaign across Jammu and Kashmir from Jammu by inaugurating National Immunization Day (Polio Day) at Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar here. The campaign was inaugurated by Health Minister while personally administering Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) drops to toddlers and children, symbolically marking the beginning of campaign across Jammu and Kashmir

and symbolizing the commitment of the Government towards safeguarding the health of future generations. Addressing the gathering, Minister Sakeena emphasized on the critical role of routine immunization and community participation in maintaining J&K's polio-free status. She urged parents and guardians to actively cooperate with healthcare workers and ensure that every child receives the life-

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saving polio vaccine during the campaign. "To ensure administration of Polio drops to child under this campaign is very important responsibility for both parents and not just mother", the Minister stated.

The Minister reiterated the Government's unwavering resolve to protect child health and to sustain India's Polio-Free status through sustained vigilance and robust immunization efforts. She emphasized that no child under five years of age should be left unvaccinated, and called for active participation from parents, frontline health workers, community leaders and all stakeholders to ensure universal coverage.

The Minister highlighted that the Health department is working efficiently under this campaign and achieved polio free status for J&K. She lauded the

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Telescope seized in Jammu; one suspect detained

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: In two separate incidents, police seized a "Chinese-made" weapon-mountable telescope from a locality here on Sunday and apprehended a 24-year-old man for questioning in Samba district, officials said.

"Jammu (Rural) Police recovered a telescope (that can be mounted on a weapon) from the Sidhra area," a police spokesperson said.

A six-year-old boy in the Asrarabad locality of the Sidhra area was found possessing a "Chinese-made" telescope, officials said.

The child's family, during the inquiry, claimed that the boy had found the object in a nearby garbage dump

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President gives assent to Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Bill, 2025

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu on Sunday gave her assent to the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Bill, the Rural Development Ministry said.

The VB-G RAM G Bill, 2025, was passed by Parliament, amid opposition protests.

The Act enhances the statutory wage employment guarantee to 125 days per financial year for rural households and seeks to advance empowerment, inclusive growth, convergence of development initiatives and saturation-based

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J&K carries out pulse polio drive, Omar vows to make UT polio-free

Searches underway after terrorists take food from house in Udhampur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Security forces launched a search operation at a village in Udhampur district after terrorists reportedly took food from a house before escaping into the nearby forest area, officials said on Sunday.

The joint search operation by police and paramilitary forces was underway at Chore Motu and its

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HC transfers minor girl's death case to CBI

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has transferred the probe into the unnatural death of a 13-year-old minor girl to CBI, directing the agency to submit a status report to the chief judicial magistrate here within three months of commencing the investigation.

The girl's father, Mukhtyar Ali, a resident of the

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Congress indulging in anti-national activities: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NAMRUP (ASSAM): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday launched a scathing attack on the Congress, accusing it of engaging in "anti-national" activities and helping illegal Bangladeshi immigrants to settle in Assam.

The PM, addressing a public rally after unveiling a Rs 10,601-crore fertiliser plant at Namrup in Assam's Dibrugarh district, accused the grand old party of opposing the revision of voter list due to its only aim of grabbing power.

"The Congress is indulging



in anti-national activities. They want illegal Bangladeshi immigrants to settle in Assam's forests and land. They only want to strengthen their vote bank,

and don't care about the people," he claimed.

Modi said the opposition party is not concerned about the identity, existence

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Hike in train fares from Dec 26

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Railway Ministry has on Sunday announced a hike in train tickets by 1 paise per km for ordinary class beyond a journey of 215 km, and 2 paise per km for non-AC classes of mail/express trains and AC classes of all trains.

The new rates will be effective from December 26, 2025.

"There is no increase in the monthly season tickets of suburban trains and up to 215 km travel in ordinary class of other trains," officials said adding that the increase in fare will fetch 600 crores to the

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Misconceptions about RSS owing to misleading campaigns: Bhagwat

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KOLKATA: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday said there are some misconceptions about the organisation among a section of people, owing to 'misleading campaigns'.

Speaking at a programme at the Science City auditorium here to mark the centenary celebrations of the RSS, Bhagwat said the Sangh has no enemy, but there were some "whose shops of narrow interest will shut down if the organisation grows". He said people were free to form opinions

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11 flights cancelled at Srinagar; snowfall blocks Mughal, Sinthan Top roads

Snowfall blocks two roads providing alternative link to Kashmir; 3 people rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: At least 11 flights were cancelled on Sunday at Srinagar International Airport, following snowfall in the upper reaches and rainfall in the plains of the valley, officials said.

An official of the Airport Authority of India (AAI) told PTI, "We had 11 flights cancelled today at Srinagar airport due to bad weather," the official told PTI.

Additionally, two flights bound for Srinagar were cancelled due to weather conditions at Jammu and Delhi



airports. The cancellations were attributed to snowfall in

the higher reaches

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Rahul Gandhi Ko Bura Kyoon Lagta Hai!

■ PROF. NUTAN KUMAR RESUTRA

In the decades of eighties and nineties when art movies had started invading the box office, I categorically remember one movie that was titled: Albert Pintu Ko Gussa Kyoon Aata Hai. I know the answer to the question why Albert Pintu gets angry; but I just fail to understand Rahul Gandhi ko bura kyon lagta hai! But then this is nothing new as far as the actions of LOP are concerned. Since 2014 when Congress lost power; these utterances have become a routine matter for him: abusing the Prime Minister, abusing his mother, demoralizing Armed Forces, degrading constitutional institutions, and what not. And this happens more frequently and vociferously when Rahul Ji is on foreign soil. He misses no opportunity in a foreign country of abusing his own country; his own motherland- if I am permitted to use the term 'Motherland' for him. And why does he do so? When I tried to understand logic or reason for this, I am recalled of a story that I heard in my childhood days. I am sure my esteemed

readers will also like this story which goes like this:

This incident happened in the times of Raja Ram Singh. In those days, it was a common practice that Kabuliwalas also acted as local money lenders. Kabuliwalas were the traders from Kabul and other parts of Afghanistan who would bring dry fruit and other items from their native areas, selling them all across India. We find a beautiful picturisation of these Kabuliwalas in the story with title Kabuliwala by Guru Rabindranath Tagore; later played by the legendary actor Balraj Sawhney in the movie with the same title. Often, they would also lend small amounts of money to local persons who needed them for short periods, of course at some higher rates of interest.

One day, a Kabuliwala lent some money to a local shopkeeper in remote area of now Pakistan Occupied Kashmir on the condition that money along with interest would be returned after a short time. On the agreed day, the Kabuliwala went to the shopkeeper to take back his

money. To his utter surprise, the shopkeeper flatly refused to pay him money. On persistent asking by Kabuliwala, the trader would not budge even an inch and straightway said that he would not return even the amount borrowed, not to talk of interest.

At last, the Kabuliwala went to the Court of Raja Ram Singh and prayed that justice be done to him. On enquiry by the King, the Kabuliwala narrated the whole incident. Raja Ram Singh was very surprised to hear that people in his reign were behaving in such trickster manner. He immediately sent two constables with Kabuliwala to the trader to redress his grievance. In those days, going out of the Royal Cops for settling a case was something that was very extraordinary.

On reaching the shop, Raja ke Sipahi conveyed him the orders of the Raja to repay Kabuliwala. But the shopkeeper still daringly refused to return the money. Astonished, the Royal soldiers caught hold of him and took him to the Royal Court.

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