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#### No More **Health Centres** In J&K Planned



Jammu: The Jammu & Kashmir Government informed the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday that Jak has a health institution for every 3,500 souls, compared to the national average of 6,000 souls.

In a written reply to an unstarred question by MLA Reyaz Ahmed Khan, the Minister in-charge of Health & Medical Education, Sakee and Assood ltto, informed the House that according to a report published by the Union Ministry of health & Medical Education, Jakee he House that according to a report published by the Union Ministry of health & Medical Education, Jakee he House that he has the health institution for every 3,500 souls, significantly better than the national average of 6,000 souls.

The Minister also informed the House that there are currently 554 New Type Primary Health Centers (NTPHCs) in Jammu and Kashmir. She added that 523 out of these 554 NTPHCs have been converted into Health & Wellness Centers under a flagship scheme launched by the Government of India.

The Minister stated that no future creation or upgradation of health centers is planned at the moment.

However, this might be re-considered | More on P10

Day 2 of ( J&K Budget Session

# **Jobs, Jibes, And Walkouts**

# Over 32K Posts Lying Vacant: CM

Jammu: More than 32,000 posts are lying vacant in 37 departments of the Jammu and Kashmir government with the health and medical education department accounting for the highest 7,851 vacancies, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said on Tuesday.

The JIK Services Selection Board (JKSSB) and JK Public Service Commission (JKPSC)

Board (RSSB) and JR Public Service Commission (JRPSC) have been tasked with fulfill-ing 3,727 vacancies since the formation of the government on October 16, last year, he told the Assembly. Chief Minister Abdullah, who

is also in charge of the General Administration Department, said this in reply to a question raised by Peoples Conference



MLA Sajad Gani Lone.

Lone had sought information about the total number
of vacancies in various departments in Jammu and Kashmir
as of January 31 and those
referred to the two government recruiting agencies after
the formation of the National

Conference-led dispensation.
The chief minister said 32,474 posts – 2,503 gazetted, 19,214 non-gazetted and 10,757 multi-tasking staff (MTS) – are hying vacant as of January 31.
Of these vacancies, 738 gazetted, 1,754 non-gazetted and 1,235 MTS | More on PIO

#### '4.40 Cr Tourists **'Border Situation Bad** Visited J&K Despite Chinese Help' In Past 2 Yrs'

After a verbal skirmish between NC and BJP Avarmakers in the state Assembly, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said there is no comparison between the divided parts of Kashmir as the situation across the border is "very bad" despite a Chinese fillip to Palker. He said every part of Jammu and Kashmir is far developed

even though "we have never sought help from China, America, England or France to construct our roads."

The CM made the remarks the placate the opposition BIP and ruling National Conference members exchanging heated words over the development in Pakistamoccupied Kashmir (PoK),

"Whatever | More on P10

Over 4.40 crore tourists, including 1.20 lakh for-eigners, visited Jammu and Kashmir in the past two years. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah told the assembly on Tuesday while stressing the sector's potential in generating employment in the region.

CM Abdullah, who is also in harge of the tourism depart-

charge of the tourism depart ment, said | More on P10

#### 'Article 370, PSA, 1987 Polls'

### Sajjad Lone Walks Out Of Assembly

Observer News Service

Jammu: People's
Conference leader Sajad
Gani Lone on Tuesday
walked out from the
Jammu and Kashmir
Assembly after his motion seeking inclusion of
amendments, including
restoration of Article 370,
was disallowed by Speaker
Abdul Rahim Rather.
Lone, a former minister
who represents Handwara
constituency, walked out
of the assembly shortly after the end of the Question
Hour, saying "I am not
convinced by the speaker's
reply and I believe they are
trying to muzzle us".
As the assembly was
preparing to discuss the



the reopes contened chairman drew the attention of the speaker to the amendments moved by him, including restoration of Article 370.

The speaker told the member that More on P10



# No Assembly Can Undo SC Decision: LoP

#### J&K Wetland Mapping By March End

Observer News Service

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Jammu: Mapping and demarcation of wetlands in Jammu and Kashmir is underway and scheduled to be completed by the end of March, Forest Minister Javad Ahmad Rana Jaid on Tuesday.

Rana provided the information in a written reply to a starred question by Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) MLA Waheed ur Rehman Para seeking information about the measures taken by the government for protection and preservation of depleting wetlands during the past two years.

"The (forest) department has taken up the mapping of wetlands using remote sensing data and the | Moreon P10

#### **Govt Claims** Success In Saffron Revival

Ministers Clash Over Figures

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir government said it has successfully halfed the decline in saffron cultivation, maintaining the saffron-growing area at 3.715 hectares. Agriculture Minister Javd Ahmed Dar said new areas have been identified for expansion and an inquiry will be conducted into the working of the department in the growth of saffron cultivation in the Union territory. "The government has suc-

"The government has successfully halted | More on P10



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species. However, climate change threate to upend these established patter However, climate charge threatens to upend three established patterns with unexpected consequences, the researchers said. For their analysis, published in the journal Science Advances, the team analysed sideo camera footage of 445 mammal species to note activity patterns over a 24-houst period.

Results were compared with previ-

for 445 species," the authors wrote. "Overall, we found only 35 per cent agreement between our results and reference classifications, which further suggests that we need to re-evaluate species diet behaviour to fully understand their niche and how to conserve them in an author-pogenic world, they see the team tooked at whenther circa-tile team tooked at whenther circa-

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#### Mirwaiz Highlights Women's Rights In Islam

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mark the anniversary of trat Fatima Zahra (RA), Hazzat Fatima Zahra (RA), we reflect on the honor and dignity Islam has bestowed upon women, Hazzat Fatima (RA) was a symbol of faith, strength, and virtue, and her life reminds us of the elevated status Islam grants to women—It granted them rights unbeard of in that era,

rights unheard of in that era, giving them rights to choose their spouse, to retain their identity, right to education, inherstance, and respect. However, Mirwisaz sald when we look at our society today, we see how far we have strayed from these teachings. Many women are the common successive of the contrast of the c



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the fasting month. The drive covered commercial areas, including the bus-tling markets of Khanyar, Sheéraz Chuwk, and other adjoining locali-ties, where traders were inspected for compliance with government

zan. "We are closely monitoring the markets to prevent any exploitation of consumers. Hoarding, overpicing, and selling substandard food items will not be tolerated," he asserted. One of the primary focuses of the

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drive was to inspect meat and poul-try-shop, dairy products, feeth fruits, vergetables, and basiry feetns—stage commodities that writness height-ened denand doing Ramazau. Of-ficials ensured that term were bring and that proper billing pactices were followed. The com also visited grocery stores and wholesale sup-pliers to check stock availability and prevent houseling. At a Ramazau progresses, the ad-ant traders to expected in mutations and traders to expected in mutations.

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Workshop On 'Research

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awar Ahmed are conditation of the workshop.

Dr. Eshir Ahmad Waat led the first session, highlighting various aspects of research methodology. He said this workshop possides a crucial platform for scholars to refine their skills, essuring their research not only meets regional academic standards but also addresses pressing societal challenges.

#### CRPF Personnel Dies Of Cardiac Arrest

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away on Tuesday after sur-fering cardiac arrest.

Officials said that the CRPF man, identified as Jiterndera Devidass from Julgaon, Ma-

harashtra, was posted with the B/17th battalion when he suddenly experienced severe chest pain, the was immediate-ly rushed to the nearest medi-cal facility but succumbed to a cardiac arrest soon after. Authorities have tal cognizance of the incident and further proceedings an underway. (CNS)

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With profound grief & Sorrow we inform the demise of Dilshada Wife of Abdul Rashid Khan , Residence of Khayam Colony, behind Khyber Hospital Srinagar, passed away on 3rd March 2025 (Monday), May Almighty Allah grant Jannat UI Firdous to the departed soul.

Mourning will be observed only for 3 days **Bereaved Family:** 

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SINNAGARI: noder to review the progress of the registration process under the JK. Sannadhan Portal, a manship of the Deputy Commissione (TOC). Frangar, The Bildt Mohi, Ud-Din Bind here at the Meeting Hall Art the observation of the Post of the Pos

ity and efficiency in addressing pul-nic complaints.

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he accessed and resolved through the portal.

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He underscored the importance of the portal in facilitating citizen's access to Government services and

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**Ukraine After Angry Clash With Zelensky** 

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flict in 2022 — of set being servious about peacs.
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But Trump's stance has uponded. US support for Ulcrains, and Wash-ington's allies more broadly, and adoled concern about the United States pivoting to Russia.

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#### Mayawati Slams Crackdown on Loudspeakers During Ramzan

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#### Stalin Slams Centre On Hindi Push, Asks Why No Tamil Institutes In North India

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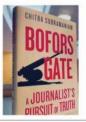
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#### NC MLA Slams Admin For Ignoring PM Modi's Directive

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The prime minister promised that the school well be constructed. After hearing him, the entire administration rushed to the area with a promise to build a school there. Even after two years, that school is still a distant dream. It has not been constructed yet, the said, Taking a dig at the administration.

tration, he said, "If the admin-istration can ignore a promise made by the prime minister himself, what hope does the common man have?"

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#### Special Status For Congress Means Statehood: Karra

PAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president Tariq Hameed Karra on Tuesday said that for the Congress party, the concept of special status for Jammu and Kashmir, post the Supreme Court verdict, translates to full statehood. Superime Court verdict, translates to full statehood. Superime Court verdict, translates to full statehood. Superime Court verdict, translates to full statehood.

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## **Pilgrim Tourism Circuits** To Be Developed In Jammu Region: CM

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kash-mir Chief Minister Ornar Abdullah said on Tuesday that the government will develop pilgrim tourism cir-cuits in Jammu to encourage pilgrims visiting the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine to tour various other tourist desti-

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Abdullah stressed that



Jammu, Jammu Smart City Limited (ISCL) has actively pursued multiple initiatives to en-hance Jammu's infrastruc-ture and make it a more appealing destination for tourists, the chief minister

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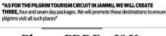
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#### Sakeena Blames PDP For J&K Losing Statehood, Art 370

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said, "There is dearth of doctors and paramedical staff,
but the government under the
leadership of Chief Minister
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Omar Abbullah has been taling every possible measure to
ensure better healthcare facilities to the people."

"The previous regime remained confined to laying
foundation stones and cutting ribbons, however, what
we have achieved in the last
three months, they (previous
government) would not
have done it in ten years," she
said—(KNO)

#### Pulwama Hospital Decongested:

### Dermatology, Homeopathy OPDs Shifted To Prichoo Facility

PULWAMA: In a mose to decor-pes: District Hospital Pulwama, authorities have decided to shift the Demutology and Homeo-arby Ourpairent Departments (OPIs) to the COVID Care Hospi-tal in Pixinon, Dytwama. Some non-energipscy ser-vices were aiready shifted to the COVID Care Hospital in Pixinon beat with the con-prished but year. A beath office, said that A beath office, said that.

periences a heavy patient in-flux, with 2,000-3,000 people

visiting daily.

To manage the overwhelming putent load, non-emergency services were reforable to Prichoe, a failility that was previously used during the COVIES-10 pandemic, be said.

The official added that the Psychiatry, Mental Health, Addiction Treatment Facility, and Dental sections were shifted to Prichoo less year and have been functioning smoothly since then.

better services for patients," he said.

Now, the Dermatology and Homeopathy OPDs are also be-ing moved to the Prixhoo facility to further enhance patient care. The official advised the gre-levities of the pro-The official advised the gen-eral public to visit the COVID Care. Hospital in Prichoo for Dermatology and Homeopathy

reatments, and removaling treatments.

"All consultants have been directed to coordinate with dermatologicts whenever specialist opinions are required regarding dermatological cases," he said—[KNO]

### Ganderbal Residents Decry Power Cuts In Ramazan

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The locals from Prang, Kangan, Akhal Anderwan Haripora, Wissan, Chatfergul, Kachashal, Najwan, Wayil, Naimer and main town Gandershal said they are getting four hours ad day y two to gour hours and way y two town Gandershal said despire paying "helfy" electricity bills, the power department has fairled to essure adequate electrons and the proper department has fairled to essure adequate electrons are being pushed to the wall by being forced to reel under darkiness.

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dress the ongoing issue of elec-tricity shortages and ensure adequate electricity supply in this holy month—(KNO)

Two Kashmiri Youngsters 'Detained' In Myanmar

#### NC MLA Seeks CM Abdullah's Intervention

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"I urge the chief minister to
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#### World Obesity Day

#### 'Sedentary Lifestyle Major Cause Of Obesity'

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#### 4.48 Cr Tourists Visited J&K In Past 2 Years: J&K Govt

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# **Harnessing Solar Energy** in Jammu & Kashmir

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## Cooking Iftar for Loved Ones!

provide a much-meded break tor busy families and individuals who struggle to find time to cook. More-over, sharing Iflane with others encourages empathy, kindmens, and generosity – values that are at the heart of Ramadan. I urge readers to make a conscious effort to cook liftear for their relatives and

come together to revive this won derful trulition and make our communities stronger, more com-passionate, and more connected.

# If Devil Is Chained, Who's Sinning in Ramazan?

Syed Kaisar Shah

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If generosity is seasonal and driven more by obligation than sincerity, perhaps the problem is not the presence of the Devilbut the absence of a genuine conscience.

Last Ramazan, I embarked on an unusual mission—to find the one often blamed for human misdeeds: the Devil. It's a comforting thought—the idea that for a month, the great tempter is in chains, unable to whisper mischief into our ears. Yet, as I looked around, dishonesty, greed, and corruption remained unchanged. If he was truly absent, then who was responsible for all of this? Determined to uncover the truth, I set out on my journey.

#### The Market: Trade or Trickery?

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Commerce should reflect ethical values, yet the apple market in Kashmit told a different story. If the Devil were still at work, surely lis influence would be visible in dishonest particles—perhaps in the artificial colouring of fruit to enhance its appeal. Curious, I approached a well-inawar fruit merchant, someone I had heard speak about honesty since childhood. When I asked about the use of these colouring agents, he simply shrugged, "Gobra, kaar chu pakan ethaipsith" (Son, this is how business works). His clasual response lingered, Had deception become so ingrained that it no longer needed the Devil's whitspers?

Islam places a strong emphasis on honesty in trade, the Propher (PPUH) said, "The merchants will be raised on the Day of Judgment as evildeors, except those who far Al-lah, are righteous, and speak the truth." (Timidhi), Yet, as I walked through the market, the spirit of Ramadam—meant to encourage restrant and simplicity—was overshadowed by crowded stores, overpriced dates, and a frantic race for luxung Ed attire. The number of beggars had noticeably increased. Some were in genuine need, while others had rehearsed their pleas with precision. When I questioned one of them, he smiled



knowingly, "People feel more charitable in Ramadan. It is believed that rewards for giving increase seventyfold this month. I just remind them of their duty." If generosity is seasonal and driven more by obligation than sincerity, perhaps the problem is not the presence of the Devil—but the absence of a genuine concess. genuine conscience.

Education: Learning or Excuses?

Expecting to find discipline in educational institutions, I instead discovered empty lecture halfs. Students treated the month as an academic holiday, while teachers left early, citing fasting fatigue. Vet history tells a different story—the great undertakings by the companions of the Prophet were accomplished in this sacred month. Easting did not weaken

them; it strengthened their resolve. If the pur suit of knowledge is fading, is it truly the Dev il's influence—or a shift in our own priorities?

#### The Mosque: Unity or Division?

If the Devil thrives on division, then surely his absence should bring unity to the mosque, Yet inside, I found a heated debate underway—one group insisted on eight rakats of Taraweeh, while another argued for twenty. Elsewhere, a discussion had broken out over the exact date of Shabe-Qadir and how it should be observed, What began as theological discourse had turned into an argument. Disagreements in faith are natural, but when they lead to hostility and division, we must ask: do we need the Devil to divide us, or are we doing it ourselves?

Public Service: Integrity or Inefficiency?

If the Devil whispers in matters of greed, then banks and government offices should have fallen silent in Ramadan. Yet, routine practices remained largely unchanged. In banks, interest-based transactions—strictly forbidden in Islam—continued as usual. In government offices, inefficiency reigned. Paperwork dragged, officials remained elusive, and behind some closed doors, progress often depended on unofficial facilitation fees to expedite' routine processes. Even in Ramadan, where faith emphasizes honesty and accountability, these practices endured—not because of the Devil, but because they had become institutional norms. cause they had become institutional nor



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As I returned home, I realized I had not found the Devil. If he is truly chained, then who fuels greed in markets, division in mosques, and complacency in schools? Who ensures corruption thrives in offices without a whisper? Perhaps not all devils are bound. Some interpretations suggest only the most powerful are restrained, while others roam free. But the greater challenge lies within—our Nafs (inner desires). Even without external temptation, our habits and unchecked impulses shape our actions. Perhaps Ramadan is not about proving his absence but proving we dort need him as an excuse for our shortcomings. This Ramadan, I will observe more closely—tasbeeh in one hand, a mirror in the other, But maybe, before searching for the Devil, we should start looking within—because I have a strong suspicion he might just be hiding there!

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# Rasting & Health in Ramazan



#### **FASTING NOT ONLY PURIFIES** A MUSLIM'S SOUL but also

his body. Fasting helps reduce weight and rejuvenate the body as food consumption is modified and the body gets a chance to cleanse itself of unwanted impurities and toxins."

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Riman and self-training, Muslims fast in accordance with our religious requirements, but there are medical benefits as well, Generally, fasting has been used by patients for weight management, to rest the digestive tract, and for lowering lipids, There can be adverse effects of both total fasting and crash diets.

Islamic fasting is different from these diet plans because in Ramazan fasting, there is no malnutrition or inadequate calorie intake. The calorie intake of Muslims during Ramazan is typically at or stightly below the nutritional requirement guidelines, in addition, the fasting in Ramazan is voluntarily taken and is not a prescribed imposition from the physician. And there is hope that this training will last beyond the end of Ramazan.

The difference between Ramazan and total fasting is the timing of the food; during Ramazan, we take an early pre-dawn breakfast and do not eat until dusk. The fast is from both food and liquid intake. Abstinence from water for eight to 10 hours is not necessarily bad for health, in fact, it causes concentration of all fluids within the body, producing slight dehydration. The body has its own water conservation, at least in plant life, improve their longevity.

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fasting could be an ideal recommendation for the treatment of mild to moderate, stable, non-insulin diabetes, obesity, and essential hypertension. It is important to note that patients who are suffering from severe diseases, such as Diabetes or coronary artery disease, kidney stones are exempt from fasting and should not be al-

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There are psychological effects of fasting as well. There is a peace and tranquility for those who fast during the month of Ramazan. Personal hostility is at a minimum, and in areas of the world where Muslims are living in large numbers, the crime rate decreases. This psychological improve-

ment could be related to better stabili-zation of blood glucose while fasting; hypoglycemia after eating can aggravate

zation of blood glucose while lasting; hypoglycemia after eating can aggravate behavior changes.

There is a spiritual beneficial effect of extra prayer at night. This not only helps with better utilization of food, but also helps in energy output, It has been calcu-

lated that there are 10 extra calories out-put for each unit of the prayer. This would particularly be connected to the extra prayers that are performed during the last 10 nights of Ramazan, when the believer is seeking the night of power, when worship during this night is said to be worth a thou-

seeking the night of power, when worship during this night is said to be worth a thousand months.

It is important to emphasize that Muslims are not performing prayers for exercise, but a mild movement of the joints with extra calorie utilization can be a better form of exercise. Suit and movement of the joints with extra calorie utilization can be a better form of exercise. Similarly, recitation of the Quran not only produces a tranquility of heart and mind, but it has also been shown to improve memory.

Fasting is a special act of worship which is ultimately between the believer and the Creator Himself, as no one else knows for sure if this person is acrually fasting. In a hadith of the Propher Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, Allah says. Tasting is for Me and I only will reward it. In another hadidt, the Propher reminds us, "If one does not give up falsehoods in words and actions. Allah has no need of him giving up food and drink.

Fasting not only purifies a Muslim's soul but also his body. Fasting helps reduce weight and rejuvenate the body as food consumption is modified and the body gets a chance to cleanes itself of unwanted impurities and trootins.

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#### Govt Steadfast In Easing Regulatory **Burdens, Taking Steps To Make** India Export-Friendly: FM

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NEW DELHI- Finance Minister Nicmala Sithuraman on Tuesday Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the government rensains steadfast in reducing regula-tory burdens, lesides enhan-ing trust-based governance and taking steps to make India a "seamless, export-friendly"

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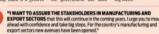
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#### Gold Reclaims Rs 89,000-Mark As Tariff War Worries Boosts Safe Haven Demand

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NEW DELHS - Gold prices on Tuesday recommend by Rs. 1,100 to exclaim the 88 93000 mark in the national capital on increased burging by jevellers and stocksts and strong global trends, according to the All India Starla Association. The metal of 95% per cest purity rallied by Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 88,000 per 30 grams from the last close of Rs. 82,900 per 30 grams.

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#### SEBI's Total Income Rises 48% To ₹2,075 Crore In 2023-24

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MUMBAI- Capital mar-kets regulator SEBTs total income mise 48% year-on-year to 42,075 crore in 2023-24, driven by in-

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The Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction is the only one that has no vacancies.

In response to another question, the chief minister said RPSC collected ower Rs 8.44 crore and JKSSB ower Rs 5.72 crore as application fees from the candidates since October 16, last year, "Presently, no such proposal (to make job application forms free for aspirants) is under consideration," Abdullah said.

#### Sajjad Lone Walks

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the House has already passed a resolution
about the special status and there is no need for
such a move, before dismissing the motion.
"I have moved some amendments with
regards to Lt Governor's address but five of
the seven amendments were rejected by the
speaker. I have demanded restoration of Article
370, repeal of Public Safety Act, recent civilian killings, police verification and a probe in
1987 riseing in assembly elections which 1987 rigging in assembly elections which were rejected," Lone told reporters outside the

assembly.

He said it is ironic that this is the same
National Conference, which highlighted these
issues during its election campaign, but after
forming the government "they do not want
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listen and have imposed a ban on talking about these things".

The Centre revoked the special status of J&K under Article 370 and bufurcated it into two UTs — J-K and Ladakh — in August 2019.

The speaker said the House cannot take a call on revoking the Public Safety Act and police verification as these are beyond the control of the government and are under the purview of the Union Home Ministry.

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it is completely foolish and tantamount to misleading people, he said, His remarks came after JRK Peoples Conference Chief Sajad Gani
Lone sought amendments to the Lieutenant
Governor's speech, addressing Article 370, the
Public Safety Act (PSA), the 1987 elections, and
police verification procedures.

Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather rejected Lone's

amendments, citing procedural rules. "As per Rule 187, a discussion on Article 370 cannot take place within a year of a resolution on the same issue." Rather stared. He further said that the 1987 elections were a past event and did not qualify for discussion. On PSA and police verification, he clarified that these matters fall under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and cannot be debated until statehood is restored.

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Lone walked out of the session in protest and
accused the National Conference (NC) of working with the IBP. The BjP reherated its position,
stating that Parliament had already aborgated
Article 270 and that state assemblies cannot
overturn parliamentary decisions. "Discussing
that Parliament had already aborgated
Article 270 and that state assemblies cannot
overturn parliamentary decisions." Discussing
to discuss an issue that has been a history now.
Those who don't have knowledge about the
constitution would try to discuss these issue,"
Sharma said. "The Supreme Court has upheld
its abrogation. No Assembly in the country
has the power to overturn the decision of the
Parliament," Sharma told reporters.
Criticizing Peoples Conference chairman and
MIA Handwara. Sajad Lone for staging walkout
over the issue of Article 370, Sharma said, "His
issaural (in laws) are there.
He (Lone) is frustrated after barely winning
the election and is alone in the Assembly."
Pertinently, during the inaugural session of
the J&K Assembly in November last year, Lone,
long with PDPs Wahned Parra and Awami
Ittehad Party's (AIP) Sheikh Khursheed, had
supported a resolution for restoring J&K's special status.

#### 4.40 Cr Tourists

Rs 35.08 crore has been allocated for the p motion, advertisement and related activities of the department over the past two financial

Responding to a question from National Conference member Mubarak Gul, the chief minister said 4.48 crore pilgrims, including 1.20 lakh foreigners, visited Jammu and Kashmir in

läkh loretgmers, visited Jammu and Kasmur in he past two years.
He added that 2.11,24,674 tourists visited Jammu and Kashmir in 2023 and 2,35,24,629 in 2024. Of these, 55,337 foreign tourists visited in 2023 and 65,452 in 2024.
Abdullah said the tourism sector holds excessive employment potential for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He acknowledged that

of Jammu and Kashmir, he acknowledged that while the sector employs a significant work-force in Jammu and Kashmir, no formal sur-vey has been conducted to ascertain the exact

mber. The chief minister also told the House that assets of the Tourism Department have been tsourced in the past two years.

progress has been made in the areas across the border is because of the blessings of China,"

Abdullah said.
During question hour, NC MLA and former minister Saifullah Mir in passing said that border infrastructure is better in PoK than on this side, even as he advocated for the construction

of a tunnel to provide an all-weather connectivity to border areas of Keran and Jumagund in Kupwara district.

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NC MLA Nazir Gurezi and Peoples Conference legislator Sajad Gani Lone came in defence of Mir, who highlighted the challenges being faced by the locals, especially during the winter when snow cuts off roads for several months. Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather ensured a smooth house proceeding, but BJP Pathania decried Mir's remarks.

Pathania told reporters outside the assembly, 'He (Mir') praised a country with which we have no diplomatic relation. Our country did not send its cricket team there to play in the Champions Trophy and this si the country which is promoting separatism and terrorism India, Mir's remark is of concern and condemnable and the chief minister should clarify his party's stand on it."

During a discussion on It Governor's adress while BJP member Sham Lall Sharma was speaking. Mir rose up from his seat and questioned Pathania for terming him a "traitor."

"My intention was not to draw a comparison between the two parts of Asachimi; The National Conference is a party which has renered the highest number of sacrifices for the country. Our workers, MLAs and ministers were killed by terrorists, The said.

Gurezi also stood up from his seat in defence of Mir and said "If someone had worn a coat, what is wrong when I say he is having a good coat," sending the house in a commotion.

Sensing the situation getting out of control, the chief minister requested the members to take up their seats, and said. "Gurezi is not varong in his statement but he had not completed his talk:

Abdullah said, "All what has been done on the borders is for show off and that also was not done by them (Pakistan) on its own. Whatever progress was made in the border areas across the border was because of the blessings of China while there is no progress in the rest of the areas."

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rest of the areas."
He said the development can be a matter of discussion but Mir, who lives near the Line of Control, is not wrong in sharing what the sees. "The situation is very bad there (in Pok)... We have never sought help from any other country, we have not asked china, America, England or France to build our roads. The roads constructed across the bonder were done by China," he said, adding, every part of Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed development even as "we have not provided coats to our border people."

people."
He said the coats given to the people across the border have empty pockets, drawing laughter in the house.
"We should not get entangled in such unnecessary arguments. Wherever there is need for development, it should happen and wherever there is need for further improvement that will also be done for the welfare of the people."
Abdullah said.

Before resuming his speech Sharma pointed.

Abdullah said.
Before resuming his speech, Sharma pointed
to party MIA Shagun Parihar and said her father Ajit Parihar and uncle Anil Parihar also fell
to the bullets of terrorists in Kishtwar district
in November 2018.

"The terrorist bullets do not differentiate be-reen the people," he said.

#### No More Health

once the austerity measures imposed by the Finance Department are withdrawn, and any critical gaps as per the Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) are assessed.(KNO)

ground truthing and subsequent demarca-tion of these wetlands exercise, in collabora-tion with the stakeholder departments revenue and wildlife for wetlands, above 2.25 hectares, as per the directions of the Supreme Court," the minister said.

The exercise is underway at present and scheduled to be completed by March end, he added.

added. In accordance with the Wetlands (Conservation and Management Rules), 2017, brief documents for six wetlands have been prepared by the district working groups concerned. Of these, four — Ahansur-Waskunsar wetland Complex; Sansar Lake; Khushalsar and Gilsar Lake (complex); and Anchar and Rakh-i-Kujar (complex) are almost finalised and two (Manasbal Lake and Narkara) are uneer examination of the technical committee, the minister said.

Rana said district wetland management

the minister said.

Rana said district wetland management units headed by the deputy commissioner concerned were constituted on December 19 for protection and preservation of wetlands. In response to another question about the details of the environmental impact assessment report of a proposed road for the Amarnath Yatra from Balad and Paladagam, the minister said the tracks leading to the cave shrine in the south Kashmirt Himalayas had been developed according to the Supreme Court's December 13, 2012, order.

the decline in saffron cultivation. Since 2010-11, the saffron-growing area has remained stable at 3,715 hectares-3,665 hectares in Kashmir division and 50 hectares in Kishtwar-with new areas identified for expansion," Dar

The National Saffron Mission has success The National Saliron mission has success-fully revived saffron cultivation in Jammu and Kashmir, significantly increasing producti-ity and prices for farmers, he said in reply to a question from National Conference member Justice Hasnain Masoodi during Question Hour in the House;

However, key challenges such as irrigation d land encroachments persist. the agriculture minister said.

The government launched the mission

The government faunched the mission in 2010-11 under a flagship scheme devised by SRUAST-K, with a financial outlay of Rs 400.11 crore, he said.

"Of this, Rs 315.99 crore was contributed by the Government of India and Rs 84.12 crore by farmers, So far, Rs 269.91 crore has been released, with Rs 259.67 crore spent; he added. The minister highlighted that the implementation of modern techniques has led to a rise in saffron productivity from 2.50 kilogram per hectare in 2009-10 to a peak of 442 kilogram per hectare in 2023.

"The establishment of the Indian Institute

of Kashmir Saffron and Technology Centre (IIKSTC) and the introduction of scientific post-harvest methods have significantly benefited farmers; he said.

Dar said that the price of saffron increased from Rs 80,000 per kg to Rs 2,20,000 per kg in 2021-22, while saffron stigma recovery improved from 22 grams per kilo to 28 grams per kilo. On the export and revenue trends, he said saffron production has increased 14,87 metric tonnes in 2022 to 14,94 tonnes in 2023 with the value of production hovering up to Rs 291,33 crure in 2023 to Rs 261,38 crure in 2022. Various members of the parties raised supplementary questions about the further course of action and increase in the area of saffron cultivation.

cultivation.

BJP's Sunil Sharma alleged discrepancies ir the answer and called for the Minister to rectify it. Some members alleged a probe into spend-

it. Some members alleged a probe into spending on the mission program.

Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather intervened, pointing towards the members' concerns.

Minister further said in the reply to supplementary questions. The quality of saffron colour has also improved from 8 per cent (traditional drying) to 16 per cent (scientific drying) due to advanced processing at IRISTC.

To eliminate middlemen and ensure fair pricing, the government introduced an e-auction system.

This has enabled transparent transactions, ensuring fair farm-gate prices for saffron growers across India. Dar added.

Despite these successes, the minister acknowledged significant gaps in irrigation infrastructure.

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The National Mission on Saffron had planned to construct 124 community bore-wells, each serving 30 hectares, to provide sprinkler irrigation for 3,655 hectares of saffron fields. Another challenge is the recurring operational costs of bore-wells, which farmers are reluctant to bear. "Many farmers find the maintenance expenses too high, further delaying full irrigation coverage," he added. The minister also highlighted threats to saffron cultivation from real estate developers and land grabbers.

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"There have been instances of sprinkler inrigation systems and bore-wells being damaged. Complaints have been lodged with revenue officials regarding encroachments," he 
said.

A government committee found that 77 hore-wells remain non-functional, while only 
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Despite these hurdles, Dar emphasised that the National Mission on Saffron has achieved most of its objectives.

"While challenges remain, especially in irrigation, we have made significant progress. The government remains committed to addressing these gaps," he said.

To ensure farmer participation in policy decisions, the government has formed committees of saffron growers, traders, and civil society members to incorporate their views.

"The success of the saffron mission depends on continued farmer engagement, improved irigation systems, and protection from land encroachments," Dar said.



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# NZ, SA Look To Shed Underachievers Tag In Champions Trophy Semifinal

Press Trust of India

LAHORE: Loaded with worldclass talent but haunted by
the underachievers' tag at ICC
events, New Zealand and South
Africa will square off in an
evenly-matched second semifinal of the Champions Trophy
here on Wednesday.

South Africa and New Zealand have won the Champions Trophy once each in 1998
and 2000 respectively but the
tournament was called the ICC
Knockout Trophy at that time
and didn't carry the significance which it has now.

While South Africa would
look to shed their big tournament "chokers' tag, the Kiwis
will also be desperate to lay
their hands on a title after having finished second best twice
in the ODI World Cup (2015
and 2019) and once in the T20
World Cup (2021).

Led by Mitchell Santner, New
Zealand finished behind India



in Group A, while South Africa topped Group Bahead of Australia. But there is little to separate the two sides. Both are evenly-matched in most departments but the Proteas look to be slightly abead on the bowling front because of variety.

The two teams have enough firepower in their batting line-

ups and have quality fielders but the contest is expected to be decided by the spinners.

ne decided by the spinners.
Although the pitches here are a bit on the slower side but they havent spun as much as the surfaces in Dubai and it will be interesting to see how the spinners of both the teams fare.

New Zealand were in Dubai

on Sunday to play against India and headed to Lahore the next

and headed to Lahore the next morning.

Latham has been New Zealand's best batter so far with 187 runs from three matches, but Kane Williamson's return to form with a classy 81 against India also augurs well for the Kiwis.

On the bowling front, Matt Henry stood out and is currently the highest wicket-taker with eight scalps and has good support from Will O'Rourke (six wickets).

In skipper Mitchell Santner, Michael Bracewell, Rachin Ravindra, Clenn Phillips and Mark Chapman, New Zealand boast of a good spin attack.

South Africa too are in red-hor form. The Proteas have fielded one of their most prolific squads in the tournament and have all their bases covered. With a century under his belt, Ryan Rickelton is in ominous form, while the likes of Temba Bavuma, Rassie van der Dussen and Aiden Markram have also contributed with the bat.

South Africa's bowling also looks impressive with the likes of Viviaam Mulder, Kagios Rabada, Lungi Ngidi, Marco Jansen, Keshav Maharaj and Tabraiz Shamsi in their ranks.

Match starts at 2:30pm IST.

## Div Com Kashmir Reviews **Winter Games Preparations**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Tuesday Kumar Bidhuri on Tuesday Kumar Bidhuri on Tuesday India Winter Games and impressed on concerned departments for ensuring befitting arrangements at Gulmarg. Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Director Tourism, Director Urban Local Bodies, Director Health Services Kashmir, CEO Gulmarg Development Authority, Secretary J&K Sports Council, officers from various departments including SMC, PHE, KPOCL, R&B, MED, Transport, Airport Authority, Cable Car Corporation. Information,



JKTDC, H&H, NHIDCL, Police, SDRF, CISF, HAWS and other stakeholders attended the

meeting.
At the outset, Div Com reviewed arrangements regarding arrival of participants at Srinagar Airport, transportation of participants, accommodation facilities and

essential services including electricity, drinking water, sanitation, mobile network, critical health services and

mobile recovery vans.

The Div Com called for flawless arrangements at the venue, and ensuring smooth conduct of the prestigious

# **U-20 Football Trials For National** Championship Begin In Jammu

JAMMU: The selection trials for the J8K men's football team, set to compete at the Swami Vive-kananda U-20 Men's National Tools and the Swami Vive-kananda U-20 Men's National Men's Tools and the Swami Vive-kananda U-20 Men's National Men's Nation JAMMU: The selection trials for

featuring shortlisted players from both divisions, will be



held in Srinagar on March 17, 18, and 19 under the guidance of expert coaches of JKSC. The selected players will undergo an intensive coach-ing camp to prepare for the prestigious Swami Vive-kananda U-20 Men's Nation-al Football Championshia. al Football Championship, scheduled to be held in Narainpur, Chhattisgarh, in April. Following the remarkable performance of Team J&K in the recently concluded Santosh Trophy, Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul instructed officials to ensure rigorous training, top-notch facilities, and comprehensive technical support for the players,

## Babar Azam, Rizwan Dropped From Pakistan's T20 Squad

AHORE: Captain Muhammad Rizwan and Babar Azam were on Tuesday dropped from the Pakistan squad for the five-match T20 series in New Zealand.

Salman All Agha replaced Rizwan as captain of the T20 outfit with all-rounder Shadab Khan being recalled and named his vice-captain.

Rizwan has been retained as captain of the ODI squad after the team's disappointing show in the Champions Trophy. The selectors have avoided an overhaul in the one-day squad and retained majority of the players who flopped in the ongoing KC event.

Babar is also retained in the ODI

players who flopped in the ongoing ICC event.

Babar is also retained in the ODI squad but batters Saud Shakil and Kamran Ghulam have been axed.

The selectors have also sidelined fast bowlers Shaheen Shah Afridi and Haris Rauf from the one-day squad.

Pakistan play five T20s and three ODIs in New Zealand starting March 16.

Pakistan will still be without dashing opener Saim Ayub, who is yet to recover from an ankle injury while opener, Fakhar squad after sq who is yet to recover from an ankle injury while opener, Fakhari squad after Laman has also been ruled out of the tour with an injury he sustained in the first amatch of the CT.

His injury can the carried while fine one-da retained m squad last month in the three-nation event while Saim got injured while fielding during the Fest series in South Africa earlier this year.

Pakistan squads:
ODI: Muhammad Rizwan (cap-tain), Salman Ali Agha (VC), Abdullah Shafique, Abrar Ahmed, Akif Javed, Babar Azam Faheem Ashraf, Imam ul Hag, Khushdil Shah, Muhammad Ali, Muhammad Wasim junior, Mu-



hammad Irfan Khan, Naseem Shah Sufyan Muqeem, Tayyab Tahir. T20: Salman Ali Agha (captain), Sha-dab Khan (VC), Abdul Samad, Abrar Ahmed, Haris Rauf, Hasan Awaz, Ja-handad Khan, Khushdil Shah, Muham-mad Abbas Afridi, Muhammad Irfan Muhammad Haris, Muhammad Irfan Khan, Omair Sin Yousuf, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Sufyan Muqeem, Usman Khan.

# Aaqib Javed To Continue As Pakistan's Head Coach The Pakistan Cricket Board has asked been retained of the ODI

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Javed, to continue as interim head coach for the white-ball tour of New Zealand. A PCB official said due to time constraints between the Champions Trophy and New Zealand tour, Aaqb will continue as interim head coach. The official said

interim head coach. The official said Pakistan should have a new head coach when they begin their new cycle of the World Test Championship (WTC) in August.

Last year, the PCB had appointed Jaon Gillispie and Gary Kirsten as the red ball and white ball coaches respectively, but both resigned within six to eight months of their appointment citing issues with the appointment citing issues with the Pakistan board.

## **Short TAKES**

### India Enter CT Final With Four-Wicket Win Over Australia

Star batter Virat Kohli top-scored with 84 as India entered the final of the Champions Trophy with a four-wicket win over Australia here on Tuesday. Batting first, Australia were bowled out for 264 in 49.3 overs and India chased it down with 11 balls to spare. Besides Kohlis 98-ball knock, Shreyas lyer made 45 while KL Rahul and Hardik Pandya chipped in with 42 and 28 respectively in the first semifinal. Earlier, captain Steve Smith and Alex Carey struck fifties to guide Australia past 260.

Smith top-scored with 73 off 96 balls as he stitched two crucial partnerships, first with Travis Head (39) for the second wicket, which yielded 50 runs, and then with Marnus Labuschagne (29) for the third for another 56 runs.

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Carey made 61.

For India, Mohammed Shami (3/38) grabbed three wickets while Varun Chakravarthy and Ravindra Jadeja took two wickets apiece.

#### J&K Shootingball Association **Felicitates Junior National Team**

The J&K Shootingball Association hosted a felicitation ceremony to honour the Junior National Shootingball Team at Oasis Educational Institute, Gulshan Nagar, Nowgam. The ceremony was attended by prominent figures, including Faheem Ali Punjabi (S.P. Ganderhal), the Chairman, Director, Principals of both wings of Oasis School, and members of the J&K Shootingball Association.

The Junior Bost team was felicitated with National

Shootingball Association.
The Junior Boys team was lelicitated with National Participation Certificates and Appreciation Medals in recognition of their outstanding performance at the 37th Junior National Shootingball Championship, which was held in Kollicat, West Bengal, in December 2024.
The event celebrated the team's dedication and success on the national stage, further encouraging the growth of Shootingball in the region.

### CT: South Africa Add Linde As Cover For Injured Markram

Cover For Injured Markram

South Africa roped in left-arm spin bowling allrounder George Linde as a cover for the injured
Aiden Markram ahead of their Champions Trophy
semi-finals against New Zealand on Wednesday,
Markram, who captiande South Africa in their final
league game against England, had sustained a right
hamstring injury and didn't take part in the match
after leaving the field in the 31st over.

"He will undergo a fitness test at training on Tuesday evening to determine his availability for the semifinal against New Zealand," a report in ESPNT-ricinfo
said on Tuesday.

"Linde will join the South African camp on Tuesday
evening but will not officially replace Markram in the
squad unless he is ruled out and the ICCs event technical
committee confirms the swap."

Linde score of lei runs at a strike rate of 153.33
and picked up 11 uksets at an economy of 6.29 in 11
games at the SA20 this year.

Skipper Temba Bavuma and Tony de Zorzi have also
recovered from illness and trained this evening.

#### **Benfica Coach Expects More** Fireworks Against Barcelona

Barcelon and Benfica produced one of the most electrifying games of the season with a nine-goal thriller in the first phase of the Champions League and the Portuguese side's manager Bruno Lage told fans to brace for more excitement on Wednesday. He said Benfica, who lost 5-4 after a stoppage time Raphinha strike, will stay true to their identity of atcking football when they host Barca again in the first leg of their last-16 clash and expects the Spanish glants do the same. "I can't predict how many goals will be scored in the game, but I can predict a great game of football because they're two teams with an eye for attack," Lage told a press conference on I uesday,
"I think it's going to be a tough match and we will go out for the win. Sure, tomorrow's result will be important, but

for the win, Sure, tomorrow's result will be important, but the result of the second leg will be more decisive,"

# PSG Coach Warns Players About Liverpool's 'Fighter Jets' In Attack

PARIS: Paris Saint-Germain coach PARS: Pars Saint-German coat.
Luis Enrique is worried about the speed of Liverpools' "fighter jets" in attack and warned his team not to give the ball away in their Champions League clash.
PSG hosts six-time champion Liverpool in the first leg of the round of 16 at Parc des Princes on Wednesday.

round of 16 at Parc des Princes on Wednesday, "Liverpool has one of the best counter attacks in Europe so we will try to keep the ball and be careful not to suffer too much from transitions," Enrique said Tuesday at a pre-match news con-ference. "They have three fighter jets in attack and it's not easy to stop these fighter jets." Liverpool striker Mohamed Salah is enloying one of the best seasons

Liverpool striker Mohamed Salah is enjoying one of the best seasons of his career with 30 goals in 39 games, and is well supported by List Diaz and Cody Cakpo in attack. "We are facing the team that has played the best football in the group stage. They were the most consistent side." Enrique said. "Arne Slot has done a great job. He has created a near-perfect team, which knows how to defend, knows how to press, which can attack either by holding the ball



or accelerating."
In a rare admission, Enrique
conceded that Liverpool may have
the slight edge.
"Liverpool is also able to create
danger without the ball, maybe,
they don't need it as much we do,
he said. To impose ourselves we
generally need to keep the ball."
However, PSG is on a 22-game
unbeaten run since a 1-0 loss at
Bayern Munich in late November.

PSG has won its past 10 matches

PSG has won its past 10 matches with an eye-watering 40 goals scored in a successfully re-shaped attack since Kylian Mbappé's departure to Real Madrid.

"The advantage of our forwards is that they can play in every position," said Enrique, whose clever positional switch has allowed Khvicha Kvaratskhelia and Brad-eye Barcola to play alongside Ouser ley Barcola to play alongside Ous-mane Dembélé in attack.

PSG has much better teamwork in the post-Mbappe era, with Dembléle scring a caree-best 26 goals in 33 games. The speedy 19-year-old forward Désiré Doue and sharpshooter Conçalo Ramos provide a threat from the bench. Earique hopes Liverpool's players will be rattled in Paris. "It's difficult for our opponents to play at Part des Princes with the pressure," he said. "The atmosphere is extraordinary and hope

the pressure," he said. "The atmosphere is extraordinary and hope we can profit from it."
However, Liverpool's Anfield stadium is one of the toughest places for a return leg, as Lionel Messi's Barcelona found out in the 2019 semifinals, losing 4-0 after winning 3-0 at home.
Both sides are dominating their respective laws.

Both sides are dominating their respective leagues. Unbeaten PSC is coasting toward a record-extending 13th French title. Liverpool is closing in on a record-equaling 20th Premier League title, while a seventh Champions League trown would move it level with AC Milan in second place outright.

PSG lost the only Champions League final in its history 1-0 to Rawen in 2020 in the Coronavi-

Bayern in 2020 in the Coronavi-rus-shortened campaign. (AP)

## 'Happy' Vinicius Wants To Renew Real Contract As Soon As Possible

Agencies

Brazil forward Vinicius Jr said he is happy at Real Madrid and wants to renew his contract with the Laliga club as soon as pos-sible, playing down reports of interest from the Saudi

sible, playing down reports of interest from the Saudi Pro League. Vinicius, who joined Real in 2018, has won the Spanish top-flight league three times with the club, apart from two Champions League and two Club World Cup titles. He has scored 102 goals for Real in all competitions, and made his 300th appearance for the club in Saturday's 2-ll loss at Real Betis. "I am very calm because my contract assoon as possible because I am happy here; Vinicias told a press conference on Monday, ahead of Tuesday's derby with Altetico Madrid in the Champions Leagues' round of 16. League's round of 16.



to agreeing a contract extension with Vinicius.

"I am living the dream of playing with the best players in the world, the best coach, the best president, the hest fans. Here everybody loves me so much. I couldn't be in a better place." Vinicius added better place. "Vinicius added better place." Vinicius added better place." Vinicius added better place." Vinicius added better place." Vinicius added better place."

better place," Vinicius added. Vinicius, who won the FIFA men's player of the year award for 2024, said it was

his childhood dream to succeed at Real.

"Now I have managed to make it to here, I am writing my story," the 24-year-old said.

"I have won but I can still win much more and make it into the history of the club. That is very complicated because many good players have been here, leeends, and







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