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80% of Iran's Medical Staff Vaccinated against Coronavirus

Iran has vaccinated nearly 80% of the health workers engaged in the COVID-19 activities, Deputy Health Minister Maryam Hazrati said. "Approximately 80 percent of the health staff that have been treating COVID-19 patients have so far been vaccinated," Hazarti said on Wednesday.

She added that Iran is busy vaccinating citizens with the priority of the health workers and doctors working at the intensive care units and those dealing with the COVID-19 patients. The official noted that the vaccination of other citizens, particularly the high-risk groups, will be done gradually based on the health ministry's codes.

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Iran 11th in steel production

Minister of Industry, Mines and Trade:

Once we were importers of steel, but today we are a producer and exporter of steel, and Iran is ranked 11th in the world in terms of steel production.

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"Last year, we increased the country's production capacity in the petrochemical industry by 25 million tons", Bijan Zanganeh, Iran's oil minister.

“It was a brilliant year. We have not been able to say this but this year in the history of the petrochemical industry, we have increased the production capacity of the country by 25 million tons. We also increased crude gas production to one thousand million cubic meters per day.”

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Iran's progress in aerospace industry in 1399, Iranian calendar year

Iran is one of the countries that has the capability to build both satellites and satellite carriers. It was in early May of last year that, Noor, Iran's first multi-purpose satellite was launched. Noor was launched by the satellite carrier called Ghasedak in three stages, which the superpowers have the capability to build only. Pars 1 satellite was delivered to the country's space organization after successful tests. Using Zul-Jannah satellite with solid fuel was another important achievement in the space field of the country. Construction of Simorgh and Sarir satellites has continued this year and is progressing rapidly. A biospace capsule was also unveiled, which is a prelude to sending the astronaut to 130 kilometers of Earth. Last year, the country's space data center was opened to provide satellite data to enthusiasts in this field.

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How much electricity do Iran's power plants generate?

According to the latest published statistics, the total capacity of the installed power plants in the country last year compared to the previous year, increased by 2.2 percent to 85 thousand and 313 MW.

In the energy sector, last year, with a growth of 5.1 percent compared to 1398, Iranian calendar year, reached 343 billion kilowatt hours, of which 337 billion kilowatt hours were related to the production of power plants of the Ministry of Energy, the private sector and the rest belonged to big industries.

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Tehran adds 13 more metro stations in 5 months

With launching 4 metro stations by the end of May this year, the number of operating metro stations will reach 13 since the end of December last year. Operation of these 13 stations has cost about 4 thousand billion tomans.

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Art exhibition dedicated to prisoners' artwork in Isfahan

An exhibition showcasing 2000 items of handicrafts produced by prisoners of Isfahan province has been established in Tehran. The products of this exhibition belong to 50 workshops with about 2500 help-seekers. Profits from the sale of these products will be spent on the help-seekers and their families.

<http://tn.ai/2475839>

Change in strategic vision with the long-term agreement between Iran and China

The signing of the 25-year partnership agreement between Iran and China, as an oil-rich and regionally influential country, and China as a global power, will create a new strategic push in the West Asian region for the United States and its allies, the Australian Institute for Governance Policy said in a report.

The basis of these strengthened relations is the mutual interest of both sides in confronting the United States and its allies. Deeper and broader cooperation between Iran and China, especially in their close relationship with Russia, has strong potential to change the strategic vision of the region.

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JCPOA Joint Commission Holds Virtual Meeting

The 18th meeting of the Joint Commission of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) was held virtually on Friday, 2 April. The 18th meeting of the Joint Commission of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) was held virtually on Friday, 2 April. Under the terms of the JCPOA, the Joint Commission is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the agreement.

The Joint Commission was chaired, on behalf of EU High Representative Josep Borrell, by the EEAS Deputy Secretary General Enrique Mora and was attended by representatives of China, France, Germany, Russia, the United Kingdom and Iran at the level of Deputy Foreign Ministers/Political Directors. In line with the joint ministerial statement of 21 December, participants recognised the prospect of a full return of the US to the JCPOA, and underlined their readiness to positively address this in a joint effort.

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Zarif to start tour of Central Asia

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif will take a tour of the Central Asian states of Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan, the Foreign Ministry announced on Saturday. The trip will start on April 5 and will last until April 8. Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said promoting “civilizational, historical and cultural” affinities with Central Asian states have been among Iran’s priorities. The spokesman also said the focus of Zarif’s talks with the officials of these countries will be on bilateral and regional cooperation.

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Almost 30 ancient items to be returned to Iran

About 30 Iranian ancient items that were illegally taken out of the country will be sent to Tehran in the coming days after being discovered in Austria and handed over to the Iranian Embassy in Vienna. In July 2016, it was announced that a number of ancient items belonging to Iran had been illegally smuggled out of the country into Austria. In cooperation with Interpol Austria, the International Police of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Tourism, and the NAJA International Police, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the items were handed over to the Iranian Embassy in Vienna.

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COVID-19: Iran's Azadi Tower Lights Up With Messages Of Solidarity Amid Crisis

In a bid to showcase solidarity amid the ongoing crisis due to coronavirus outbreak, Iran's iconic Azadi Tower projected the messages of 'togetherness'.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XBh_5VS-BDw

Tale Zang Waterfall

Shevi or Tale Zang Waterfall is one of the greatest and most beautiful waterfalls in Iran which is located in Zagros Mountains and in Sardash Area of Dezful located in Khuzestan Province with a little distance from Lorestan Province and between Sartang Shevi Mountains, 10 kilometers from Tale Zang Rail station and on Tehran-South Railroad which is the easiest way to Lorestan Rail Station. This waterfall which is one of the most beautiful waterfalls in Iran in some people's idea is a beautiful and pleasant waterfall which comes from a cave outside and flows in a high defile downwards.

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Pak-Iran naval drill in the offing

The combined naval exercise will be held in the very near future with the participation of navies of Pakistan and Iran. The Iran-Pakistan combined naval exercise will be held in the coming days in Bandar Abbas and Lark Island of Iran with the aim of exchanging educational and intelligence experiences, securing the region's maritime trade lines, good neighbourliness, and deepening relations between the two countries.

It should be noted that Pakistan's intelligence-combat and operational flotilla docked in Bandar Abbas on Saturday with the official welcome in 1st Naval Zone of Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran. A Pakistani fleet consisting of two naval

vessels docked at Bandar Abbas to further strengthen bilateral and friendly relations with Iran.

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Makhunik village

Makhunik is a unique village in a remote corner in Iran's South Khorasan Province which dates back to hundreds of years ago. This mysterious village commonly known as the land of Lilliputians, is one of the seven amazing world's villages by its remarkable architecture. It is located in Doreh rural district of Sarbisheh County, South Khorasan Province, near the Iran-Afghanistan border.

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Ground squirrel in the Zagros Mountains

Due to its location in the Zagros Mountains, Alvand Peak enjoys pristine wildlife, an area that has easily become a breeding ground for a variety of plants and animals such as the Persian squirrel and the ground squirrel.

The ground squirrel is one of the species that has been the victim of the misconceptions of villagers and farmers for many years due to digging the ground

and feeding on plant roots, as well as the similarity of its search activity with the burrower.

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Iran's Tourism Attractions: Milad Tower



Milad tower, a great complex including various parts of technical and cultural varied structures is one of the unmatched tourism centres in Iran. This tower in 12 floors and as the highest telecommunication tower in Iran is visible from every district of Tehran. The construction of this tower lasted 11 years and finished in 1387 SH and has been known as the symbol of Tehran. Iranian-Islamic architecture of this tower and its octagonal structure are the interesting and sensible points of this tower architecture.