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SOUQS, TOURISM SITES ABUZZ WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY DURING KHAREEF



The surge in activity is mainly driven by a large influx of visitors to the Dhofar governorate

SALALAH: Dhofar Governorate is experiencing a boom in commercial activity in traditional markets (souqs), shopping centres and tourism sites during the 2025 Khareef Dhofar (monsoon) season. The business activity is driven



by a large influx of visitors to the governorate who wish to enjoy the exceptional monsoon weather. It constitutes direct support to the national economy. Commercial activities range from shopping in traditional souqs and modern malls--with an observable rise in sales of handicrafts and local delicacies--to rising demand for restaurants, cafeterias, hotels, and tourist sites and

entertainment facilities. The owners of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) told Oman News Agency (ONA) that Khareef Dhofar season provides a great opportunity for the growth of sales and the expansion of commercial activity. They underlined the importance of upgrading the quality of national products to meet the expectations visitors. — ONA

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN Envoys of Lebanon, Azerbaijan received

1 Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office received Albert Samaha, Ambassador of Lebanon and Rashad Ismayilov, Ambassador of Azerbaijan, to bid him farewell at the end of their tour of duty. >A4

OMAN Al Ansab–Al Jifnain road dualisation

2 As part of his ongoing field visits to monitor development projects the Chairman of Muscat Municipality visited the Al Ansab–Al Jifnain road dualisation project site on July 16 to assess progress. >A6

MARKET Omani Rial exchange rate index rises 1.3%

3 The effective exchange rate index of the Omani Rial rose by 1.3 percent to 119.1 points by the end of May 2025, compared to 117.6 points during the same period last year, preliminary data released by the NCSI showed. >B1

PRESTIGIOUS LIST

Oman gains Ramsar accreditation for Al Wusta Wetlands Reserve



MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman has received official accreditation from the Ramsar Convention for the inclusion of the Al Wusta Wetlands Reserve on the List of Wetlands of International Importance. This marks the third Omani site to be included in this prestigious list, following the Al Qurm Nature Reserve (2013) and Al Ansab Wetlands (2020). This achievement was announced on the sidelines of the 15th Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention (COP15), held under the

theme “Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future” in Zimbabwe, which continues until 31 July. This official international recognition represents a culmination of Oman’s efforts in biodiversity conservation and its commitment to implementing international environmental standards for protecting fragile ecosystems. It also highlights the reserve’s status as one of the most important ecological sites at both regional and global levels. The Al Wusta Wetlands Reserve is distinguished by its rare ecosys-

tems, including mangrove forests (Oman’s largest pristine gathering, covering 162 hectares), salt flats, coral reefs, and seagrass beds. It also provides nesting habitats for endangered sea turtles such as the Olive Ridley and Green Turtle. The site accredited under the Ramsar Convention covers approximately 81% of the total area of the Al Wusta Wetlands Reserve, which spans 714,213 hectares, forming a unique ecosystem that combines sensitive natural habitats and rare species. >A6

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR

Yearly performance-based annual increments introduced for Omanis

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MUSCAT: As part of the measures taken by the Ministry of Labour (MoL) for the welfare of Omani workers in the private sector, a Ministerial Decision No. 317/2025 has been issued for the determination of minimum annual increment and the procedures and conditions for its disbursement.

Based in the public interest and without prejudice to any superior benefits granted to the employee, an Omani worker is entitled to a periodic bonus on 1 January each year, provided that they have been employed at the establishment for at least six months. This bonus shall be based on the outcome of their performance evaluation, and shall be paid at a minimum rate as follows: Five per cent of the basic salary if the worker receives an ‘Excellent’ evaluation, four per cent of the basic salary if the worker receives a ‘Very Good’ evaluation, three per cent of the basic salary if the worker receives a ‘Good’ evaluation, two per cent of the basic salary if the worker receives an ‘Acceptable’ evaluation. The worker shall not be entitled to a periodic bonus if they receive a ‘Poor’ performance evaluation.



In all cases, the employee has the right to appeal against the result of their performance evaluation to the relevant administrative division within the Ministry. While applying the provisions of Article 50 of the Labour Law, the establishment in which the employee has spent the longest period of one year shall be responsible for preparing the performance report. The establishment to which the employee is transferred shall be obligated to pay the periodic bonus due. As per the Article Four, the employer may reduce the periodic bonus if the establishment can demonstrate an economic justification for doing so, provided that

approval is granted by the committee referred to in Article 45 of the Labour Law. The employer may suspend the periodic bonus as per the Article Five in the following cases: If the employee is accused of committing a misdemeanour or felony at the workplace and is referred for investigation by the competent authorities. Should a final judgment acquit the employee, the establishment shall be obligated to pay the suspended periodic bonuses in accordance with the provisions of this decision. The bonus may also be suspended if the employee takes unpaid leave under the provisions of Articles 80 and 83 of the Labour Law, or is absent from work for more than six months during the year in which the periodic bonus is calculated. However, as per the Article six, the periodic bonus shall continue to be paid to the employee once the reason for its reduction or suspension ceases, in accordance with the provisions of this decision. An administrative fine of OMR 50 shall be imposed on any employer according to the Article seven for violating the provisions of this decision. The fine shall be multiplied by the number of employees affected by the violation.

SMART SOLUTIONS

First Omani company specialising in health insurance claims management established

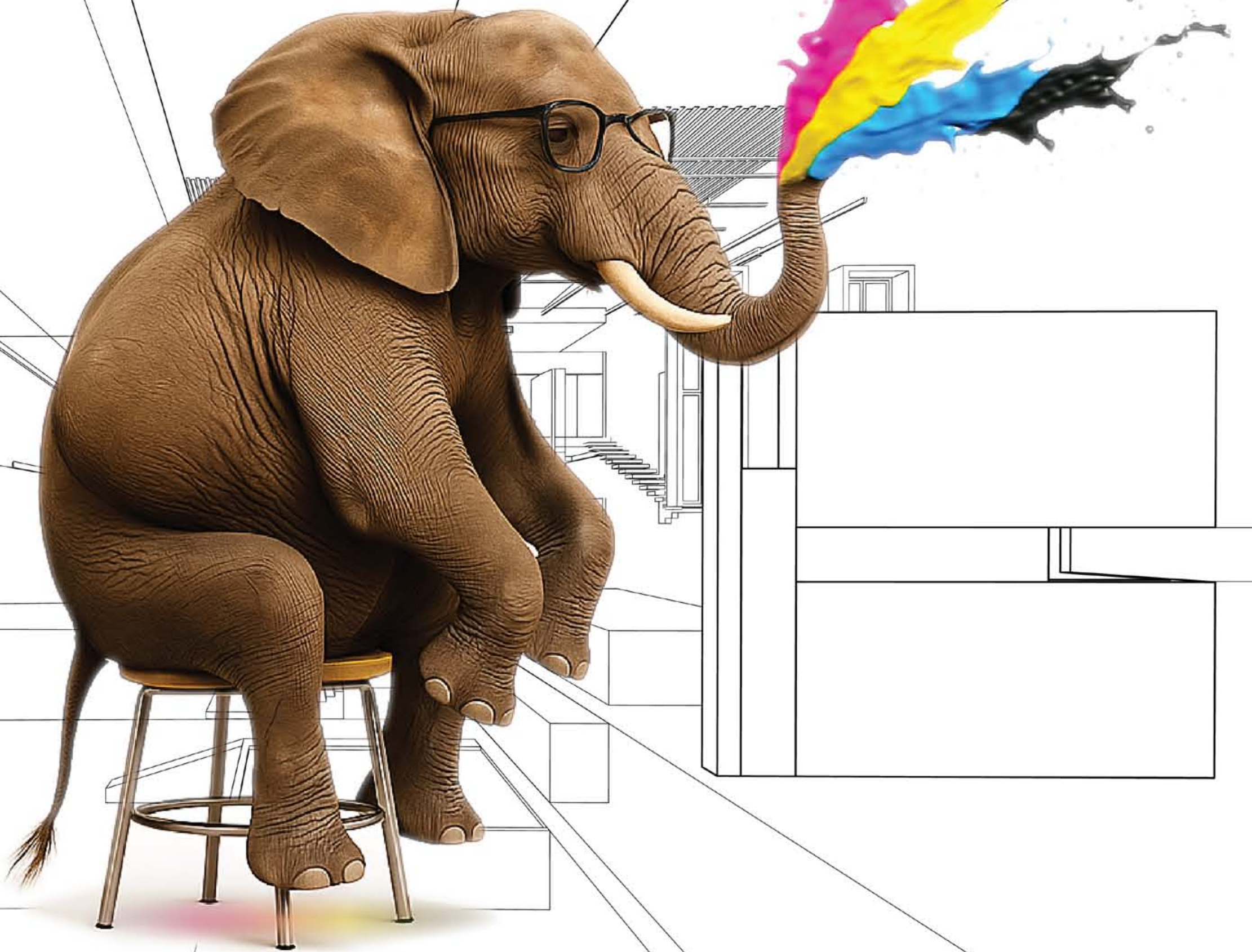
MUSCAT: The first company specialising in health insurance claims management called Green Line Health Insurance Claims Management Company was established yesterday. It is the first Omani company licensed for this activity, supported by a national vision consistent with the directives of Oman Vision 2040, aiming to provide services with global standards using the latest technologies, and to enhance and empower national competencies to undertake a key role in this new field. The move comes amid accelerating growth in the health insurance sector and the increasing need for smart solutions to enhance the efficiency of medical services. Faisal Hamad Al Rashdi, Co-founder and CEO of Green Line Insurance Services, stated that,



due to his long experience in the health insurance sector, he observed the operational challenges facing this sector, whether at the level of insurance companies, healthcare providers, or even policyholders. Given a clear gap in claims management, Al Rashdi decided to establish this company, espe-

cially with the Financial Services Authority (FSA) announcing the opening for applications to practice health insurance claims management as an independent and regulated activity. This presented a national opportunity to establish a specialised local company that contributes to building this vital sector. He explained that the market lacked a specialised company in health insurance claims management, with a greater reliance on foreign companies managing operations from outside Oman. This affected the speed and quality of services, in addition to the possibility of health data – which is highly sensitive – being leaked through external systems. The Financial Services Authority had taken the initiative to issue clear legislation to ensure the protection of this data within Oman. >A6

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FOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Hackathon launched to deliver innovative solutions, empower youth

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth has launched the “Barmajan” Digital Transformation Hackathon, with the participation of 105 individuals representing 28 teams of developers, programmers, UX/UI designers, and business analysts. The event aims to deliver innovative and implementable digital solutions for the ministry’s sectors.

Through this hackathon, which will run for eight full weeks at the National Museum, the ministry seeks to convey several key messages—most notably, that youth are capable of developing digital solutions for institutions while empowering them to harness their creativity in the field of digital transformation.

The hackathon also aims to

strengthen community engagement by involving them in creating solutions that support government institutions and drive digital transformation. Participants will face numerous technical challenges and training sessions designed to guide them in achieving results and developing suitable solutions that will serve both government and private institutions. — **ONA**



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Summer school for academic staff concludes

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) organised the third edition of the summer school for academic staff from various higher education institutions in Oman, with nearly 50 participants representing six different institutions. This edition was held under the theme “Integrating Emotional and Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education”.

This initiative comes in response to the rapid global developments in technology, making it essential for higher education institutions to anticipate the future and prepare students for a technologically driven world, managed by professionals equipped with key human skills necessary for leadership and collaboration, such as communication, empathy and motivation. The programme featured innovative ideas, which are expected to soon materialise into initiatives and fruitful collaborations among academics, whether within the same institution or through partnerships between different institutions.

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COMMENTARY

The gem in the rubbish bin



SALEH AL-SHAIBANY

In my usual evening walks, I saw something glittering on top of a heap of rubbish under a flood of lights from a passing car. I guess it was a curiosity more than anything else that made me stop. I bent over to have a closer look competing with a couple of cats who were helping themselves to a meal of leftovers. I would normally not be seen rummaging a rubbish dump. I guess it was the idea of a mysterious gem lying ideal in the middle of the muck that got better of my good sense.

I kicked the old cans, greasy plastic bags and all the nasty rejects of the houses in the neighbourhood but the ‘gem’ was no where to be found. I gave up after a couple of minutes and continued with my walk not realising that my trainers were covered with dirt. Looking back, why on earth would I want to look through a smelly bin in the dark? The action surprised



me. It was also uncharacteristic of me.

However, looking deeper at my background, as a kid, I used to dream of accidentally kicking the biggest diamond in the world while walking on the beach. It was not the money but the idea of making headlines that inspired the dream. I guess my early reading of books like King Solomon’s Mines had something to do with it.

Perhaps subconsciously, I might have been attracted by people who make their living from searching the bins. Perhaps the search of unknown from unlikely places might be behind it. It might not be that ridiculous. Sometimes, under all the refinement we put on the front, we really have some ridiculous habits that we rather not talk about.

While I might have an urge or two to go into rubbish bins, others find the impulse to wake up in the middle of the night to raid the kitchen impossible to tame. People normally don’t talk about it and they deny if they are ‘caught.’ I think we all go through different phases as we

travel through the passage of life. We sometimes try to fill the voids in our existence with some excitements.

I think searching for simplicity in a complex life makes us unhappy. When the tough gets going we are pushed to look for peace of mind in unlikely places. Once the bustle of life in the city gets the better of us, we become envious of the primitive routine of a villager. Yet, the funny thing, most villagers now want to be part of the city.

That’s why, I guess, most of the city big shots have a place in the countryside. It is an escape retreat when the pressure becomes unbearable. Even a weekend drive far away from home at a spot no one is around can be therapeutic. But with financial pressure mounting, a weekend away can put a dent on our coffers.

Now, as write this column, I find the answer to my impulse to rummage the bins. Unknown to me then, it was my escape route. It might only have been a pin that sat on top of the rubbish. Like a flash in the pan, it served its purpose when I walked away from the ‘two-minute expedition.’

Well, since I found some justifications for it, I now feel better and perhaps would stay clear of rubbish heaps in the future. Having said that, you might be inspired to examine your stupid habit and come to terms with it.

CABLE

His Majesty greets President of Peru

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Dina Boluarte of the Republic of Peru on her country’s National Day.

In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his heartfelt sentiments and best wishes to President Dina Boluarte and the people of her country. – **ONA**



FIVE-DAY EVENT



‘Future Pioneers’ camp kicks off in North Al Batinah

SOHAR: The activities of the third edition of the “Future Pioneers” camp commenced on Sunday at the University of Technology and Applied Sciences in Sohar, targeting 50 students from the Directorate General of Education in North Al Batinah Governorate.

The five-day camp is part of national efforts to foster a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation among students, equipping them with early exposure to technical projects and startups. This initiative aims to build a generation capable of meeting the demands of the knowledge economy and providing innovative solutions to developmental challenges.

The camp seeks to cultivate entrepreneurial mindsets among participants, equipping them with fundamental skills in entrepreneurship and the establishment of technical projects, while also enhancing their creative and innovative thinking abilities. The programme includes practical workshops and theoretical lectures focusing on key themes such as innovation concepts, in-

vestment, early-stage business establishment, and specialised training in small and medium enterprise (SME) development. Additionally, students will be encouraged to design entrepreneurial projects that serve the community and align with economic priorities.

Throughout the camp, participants will explore Oman’s institutional ecosystem supporting entrepreneurship, including funding entities, accelerators, and incubators, bridging theoretical knowledge with practical application. This approach aims to enhance opportunities for transforming ideas into viable and sustainable projects.

The camp—organised by some startups in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority—will conclude by honouring the top three student startup companies. Financial rewards have been allocated to incentivise excellence and creativity, recognising the efforts made in developing value-added projects. – **ONA**

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Al Nu'amani receives ambassadors of Lebanon, Azerbaijan

MUSCAT: Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office received in his office on Sunday Albert Samaha, Ambassador of the Lebanese Republic to bid him farewell at the end of his tour of duty.

Al Nu'amani lauded the efforts exerted by the ambassador in enhancing bilateral relations and cooperation, wishing him success in his future endeavors.

On his turn, the Lebanese ambassador expressed his appreciation for the cooperation that was extended to him. He also praised

the depth of bilateral relations between Oman and Lebanon.

Furthermore, Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office also received Rashad Ismayilov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Sultanate of Oman.

During this meeting, the two sides reviewed bilateral relations and means of enhancing areas of cooperation to serve joint interests. They also touched on regional and international developments and issues of mutual interest. — **ONA**

Entrepreneurial projects for people with disabilities highlighted in Salalah

The forum reflects a national commitment to empowering people with disabilities and enhancing their economic participation

SALALAH: An event titled “Oman Broadband Jusoor Forum: A Step Towards Empowering People with Disabilities” was held yesterday in the Wilayat of Salalah, as part of ongoing efforts to support and economically empower individuals with disabilities.

Dr. Laila Ahmed Al Najjar, Minister of Social Development and patron of the opening ceremony, emphasised that the forum represents an effective model of collaboration between the public and private sectors. She noted that such initiatives serve priority community groups, particularly people with disabilities, and reinforce efforts to empower them across various levels.

She highlighted that this pur-



poseful community engagement reflects a national commitment to empowering people with disabilities, enhancing their economic participation, and providing them with opportunities to showcase their capabilities and talents.

She affirmed that empowering this group is a priority within the Ministry of Social Development's

plans and programmes, in partnership with Oman Broadband Company, to build an equitable society that fosters sustainable creativity and skill development for all its members.

Eng. Sultan Ahmed Al Wahaibi, CEO of Oman Broadband Company, stated that organising the forum aligns with the company's corporate social responsibility.

He affirmed that people with disabilities are capable of contributing meaningfully when provided with a supportive environment and appropriate opportunities.

Meanwhile, Asma Ali Al Balushi, founder of the Jusoor project for empowering people with disabilities, emphasised that the initiative stemmed from a deep belief in the capabilities of this group.

She revealed future plans to transform the project into an independent institution dedicated to sustainable empowerment, serving as a platform for the voices of people with disabilities and an umbrella for initiatives supporting them and their development partners.

The forum, organised by Oman Broadband Company in collaboration with the Jusoor project, witnessed significant visitor engagement, with attendees praising the quality and diversity of exhibits across 12 specialized pavilions. The event is part of a series of community and awareness activities carried out by Oman Broadband Company in Dhofar Governorate, coinciding with the Khareef (monsoon) season 2025. — **ONA**

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN GLASGOW

RAO band achieves advanced rankings in Scotland

EDINBURGH: The Royal Army of Oman (RAO) Music band has achieved advanced rankings in the initial stages of its participation in the (3B) category of the Scottish musical competitions, in preparation for the World Championship in Glasgow.

The band secured fifth place in its classification. Additionally, Warrant Officer Mohammed Khamis Al Amri earned fourth place, and Sergeant Tariq Nassib Al Amri achieved sixth place in the Mace Bearer competition, among

dozens of participants from various countries.

Band's performances

The band's performances are distributed across several Scottish cities, including Renfrew, Dumbarton, Dundonald, Bridge of Allan, and Perth, culminating in Glasgow. This participation comes at the invitation of the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association, with over 200 bands represented by more than 7,000 musicians from around the world.

Colonel Ahmed bin Salim Al Shukairy, Director of Royal Army of Oman Band, stated that this participation is an opportunity to highlight Oman's cultural diversity and civilized image in a global forum that includes thousands of musicians from 200 bands worldwide.

Lorraine Cameron, Provost of Renfrewshire, expressed her delight at the band's presence, commending their performance and the audience's interaction with them. — **ONA**



STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

Oman Astronomical Society plays stellar roles in celestial awareness

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman is home to numerous astronomical observatories dedicated to studying celestial phenomena and promoting astronomical knowledge.

Among them is Al Saa'a “the clock Observatory in Muscat Governorate, used for studying the movement of planets and stars and serving as an educational center for students and astronomy enthusiasts.

Given the importance of this field, Oman Astronomical Society plays crucial roles in enhancing astronomical awareness. These include education and outreach, with the Society offering regular lectures and workshops on various astronomical topics, organizing events such as astronomical observation nights, and fostering scientific research.

The Society encourages scientific research in astronomy and helps provide necessary resources for researchers and interested individuals.

Its roles also include collaborating with educational institutions, working with schools and universities to enhance astronomy-related curricula, participating in global events like “World Space Week,” and publishing astronomical materials, which serve as educational resources for enthusiasts.

Astronomy has long received widespread attention from Omanis, playing a pivotal role in daily life.

Through it, they organised their affairs, including travel, agriculture, and fishing.

For instance, to divide falaj water during the day, they developed the “solar sundial” system, locally known as “Al-Lamd.” This system relies on the movement of the shadow of a gnomon (made of iron, wood, or stone) from sunrise to

sunset, serving as a timekeeper for farmers' shares of falaj water during the day.

This was called “day lecture,” distinguishing it from “night lecture,” which always referred to using stars to complete the water distribution process in the evening.

These stars are known among farmers, numbering around 24 in some wilayats and 26 in others, with this number sometimes increasing in exceptional cases.

Examples of these stars include Al-Sarrah Al-Oula, Al-Sarrah Al-Thaniya, Al-Kawi, Aldebaran, Al-Miyathib, Al-Dhulmi, and others.

To ensure accuracy in water distribution, farmers identified the star “Al-Munsif,” whose appearance signals the halfway point of the “athar,” the unit used for dividing falaj water, equivalent to approximately half an hour.

The terraced agriculture in mountainous regions like Al Jabal Al Akhdar is a testament to the optimal utilisation of solar radiation angles, contributing to the diversity of crops based on pre-determined measurements.

In the maritime domain, Omanis were renowned as ship captains. Ahmed bin Majid Al Saadi and Nasser bin Ali Al Khadhouri are just two examples among thousands of sailors and navigators who meticulously documented their knowledge of routes, stars, and seasons for fishing and travel.

They used stars as guides in the darkness of the sea and as timings for travel and fishing seasons. They also understood “sea strikes,” a term used in Omani and Gulf popular culture to describe violent or sudden marine phenomena that cause disturbances in sea waters, such as strong waves, powerful currents, or sea storms.



Sailors would not venture into the sea for travel or fishing during these times, which they identified by the rising or setting of certain stars.

Among the most important “strikes” known to ancient Omanis is “Dharbat Al-Ahaimar,” a star with a reddish hue.

This leads to disagreement about the exact identity of this star; some consider “Al-Ahaimar” to be the star “Antares” in the constellation Scorpius, while others believe it is “Arcturus” in the constellation Boötes, both of which rise at the same time. Other known strikes include “Dharbat Al-Shali,” which is the 90th strike of the third hundred in the “Hisbat Al-Durour” (calculation of periods), and is considered the strongest and most violent among known strikes, lasting between four and five days. Furthermore, the strikes of “Hawitaim,” “Al-Lakidhib,” and “Al-Kawi” are also dangerous for seafarers, which is why Omanis timed their seasons and knew their dates through the rising of stars.

Dr. Ishaq Yahya Al Shuaili, Chairman of Oman Astronomical and Space Society, stated that “Omani proverbs have pre-

served heritage in a simplified way that carries both humour and knowledge.

For instance, the beginning of the heat's decline is accompanied by the appearance of the star Suhail, hence the saying: ‘If Suhail appears, water and night cool down,’ and ‘When Al-Kawi appears, cut and roast the wheat,’ which refers to the ripening of wheat and the time for its harvest. These and other proverbs convey astronomical heritage to generations, enveloped in years of experience and ancestral knowledge.”

Al Shuaili believes that the concerted efforts among various educational institutions, civil society, and entities related to science and technology, by expanding the scope of scientific activities and contributions to promote progress in the astronomy and space sectors, will enhance astronomical and space awareness among the new generation in the Sultanate of Oman, in line with the goals of the “National Space Policy.”

This, he said, can be achieved by integrating and developing astronomy and space sciences into curricula to introduce students to the basics of astronomy and its applications, and to connect them with

space exploration at an early stage.

Introducing topics such as satellites, meteorites, space robots, and human exploration missions will stimulate scientific curiosity among students at various academic levels.

He explained that practical and community activities play a significant role in embodying and clarifying theoretical concepts.

These include scientific astronomical observation workshops, visits to astronomical observatories, astronomical scientific competitions, astronomical summer camps, and other activities that allow participants to fully experience astronomy.

He also emphasised activating the role of scientific media through the production of educational documentaries and digital content that highlight the importance of astronomy and space in our daily lives, clarify the impact and role of space applications in various fields of life, and contribute to improving essential sectors such as agriculture, communications, navigation, and disaster management.

Furthermore, partnerships with specialised scientific societies and institutions in astronomy and space contribute to enhancing community education, including partnerships with scientific research centers and Oman Astronomical and Space Society, to collaborate on various scientific initiatives for the public, such as observation nights and astronomical festivals in universities and schools, he added.

Within the same context, Omar Hamdan Al Hosni, a board member of Oman Astronomical and Space Society, noted that “qualifying and training teachers in astronomy and space is a strategic investment in spreading space

awareness throughout society, as teachers play a crucial role in transmitting a passion for science.

Therefore, qualifying them in astronomy and space, and providing them with modern educational tools, would contribute to enhancing community awareness.”

Al Hosni pointed out that astronomy and space sciences are undergoing a significant global transformation, with an increasing number of countries entering this field, benefiting from technological development, especially through small satellites (CubeSats) and commercial space projects.

From this perspective, the Sultanate of Oman can keep pace with these transformations by adopting the “National Space Policy,” which the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology has done through the “National Space Programme.”

The National Space Policy has been adopted, focusing on supporting scientific research, developing the necessary infrastructure, and qualifying national competencies in the space sector, he pointed out.

He explained that engaging in educational space projects has a significant impact on developing the local space sector, such as designing and manufacturing educational satellites in cooperation with universities in the Sultanate of Oman.

This, he said, would contribute to training students in all stages of space systems, from design, manufacturing, and testing to receiving and analysing space data. Contributing to strengthening Oman's role as a regional centre for research and development in astronomy and space will empower national competencies in scientific and innovative projects, Al Hosni affirmed. — **ONA**



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Forum to focus on creating sustainable food systems

MUSCAT: As per the Royal directives of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, Dr. Saud bin Hamoud Al Habsi, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, left here on Sunday to lead the Sultanate of Oman's delegation at the 2nd UN Food Systems Summit Stocktake (UNFSS+4) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The two-day summit, beginning on Monday, is jointly organised by the governments of Ethiopia and Italy.

The summit will focus on addressing challenges and opportunities in developing sustainable food systems while supporting international efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Since the previous UN Food Systems Summit+2, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources has aligned its sectoral strategies with both the “Oman Vision 2040” - particularly its “Sustainable Environment” pillar for natural resource conservation - and the UN's SDGs in coordination with guidelines from the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

The participation underscores Oman's commitment to global food security initiatives while implementing national policies



for sustainable resource management. The summit comes as countries worldwide reassess food systems following recent global supply chain disruptions

and climate change impacts on agricultural production. Oman's delegation will share the country's experiences in water resource management, fisheries sustainability, and agricultural development during the working sessions.

This high-level UN meeting brings together policymakers, scientists, and private sector representatives to evaluate progress since the 2021 Food Systems Summit and accelerate transformation toward more resilient, equitable and sustainable food production and distribution networks worldwide. Oman's involvement reflects its active role in addressing both regional and global food security challenges through multilateral cooperation. — OMA



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Expenses:			Bank Balances	1,156	1,657
Management fees	(580)	(569)	Total Assets	62,820	62,718
General and administrative	(321)	(322)	Liabilities:		
	(901)	(891)	Accruals	(111)	(115)
				(111)	(115)
Net Investment Income	344	165	Net Assets	62,709	62,603
Fair value Gain or (Loss)	2,545	2,807	Composition of net assets:		
Realised Gain or (Loss) on sale	(1,940)	(1,515)	Unit Capital	19,400	19,559
			Retained Earnings	43,309	43,044
Net Profit for the period	949	1,457	Net Assets Value (NAV)	62,709	62,603
Earnings per unit	0.005	0.074	Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit (Rial)*	0.3232492	3.201

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Note: Due to figures displayed in 000's, immaterial variance is likely with actual numbers. The complete accounts will be sent by mail to any Unitholder who requests them, in either Arabic or English, as requested, within 7 days of receipt of request.

*Note: During current year, Corporate action of unit split in the ratio of 1:10 was executed on 22 May 2025. Net asset value per unit is extended to 7 decimals from 3 decimals on 14 May 2025.

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					small and Medium companies	local companies
365/2025	Strengthening and enhancing the internal network at the Ministry's General Office	Companies specialized in the field of Design, installation and aintenance of information programs and systems registered with the Projects Tenders and Local Content Authority with excellent or first or second or third or fourth degree.	Thursday 14-08-2025 02:00 PM	Thursday 04-09-2025 10:00 AM	10 R.O	25 R.O
366/2025	Supplying and providing prosthetic devices and aids for people with disabilities to North Al Batinah and Musandam governorates	Companies specialized in the field of Supply of medical supplies and tools registered with the Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority in the excellent, first, second, third or fourth degree.	Thursday 14-08-2025 02:00 PM	Thursday 04-09-2025 10:00 AM	10 R.O	25 R.O
367/2025	Supplying and providing prosthetic devices and aids for people with disabilities to South Al Batinah Governorate	Companies specialized in the field of Supply of medical supplies and tools registered with the Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority in the excellent, first, second, third or fourth degree.	Thursday 14-08-2025 02:00 PM	Thursday 04-09-2025 10:00 AM	10 R.O	25 R.O
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370/2025	Supplying and providing prosthetic devices and aids for people with disabilities to North Al Sharqiyah Governorate	Companies specialized in the field of Supply of medical supplies and tools registeredwith Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority in the excellent, first, second, third or fourth degree.	Thursday 14-08-2025 02:00 PM	Thursday 04-09-2025 10:00 AM	10 R.O	25 R.O
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373/2025	Supplying and providing prosthetic devices and aids for people with disabilities to the Al Dakhliah and Al Wusta Governorates	Companies specialized in the field of Supply of medical supplies and tools registered with Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority in the excellent, first, second, third or fourth degree.	Thursday 14-08-2025 02:00 PM	Thursday 04-09-2025 10:00 AM	10 R.O	25 R.O

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Progress of Al Ansab-Al Jifnain 15-km road dualisation reviewed

This major infrastructure project Muscat Municipality of aims to ease traffic congestion and support the area's growing needs

Times News Service

MUSCAT: As part of his ongoing field visits to monitor development and service projects in the Wilayat of Bausher Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Humaidi, Chairman of Muscat Municipality, visited the Al Ansab-Al Jifnain road



dualisation project site on July 16 to assess progress.

This major infrastructure project aims to ease traffic congestion and support the area's growing needs.

The 15-kilometre route involves expanding the existing single-lane road from Falaj Al Sham Roundabout into a dual carriageway with three lanes in each direction.

The project also includes converting four roundabouts into multi-level interchanges, constructing three flyovers connected to the Al Jifnain Bridge, and installing smart traffic signal systems at key intersections to improve traffic flow and safety.

The scope also encompasses 20 kilometres of service roads adja-

cent to the main carriageway, the installation of box culverts for stormwater and wadi drainage at critical points, and the relocation and protection of utility lines to prevent disruption to progress.

He commended the project team and the contractor for their dedication, noting that work has reached 58 per cent completion, which is ahead of expectations.

He said this progress reflects strong on-site supervision and effective coordination between all parties, which could lead to the project finishing ahead of schedule in August 2026.

The Al Ansab to Al Jifnain road dualisation project was awarded in September 2023, with an expected execution period of 36 months.

It forms part of a wider programme of strategic development projects in Muscat Governorate, in line with Royal directives to improve road infrastructure and enhance connections between Muscat and other governorates.



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Reserve harbours rare and endangered marine species

<FROM A1 The reserve is classified as the best site in the Middle East for hosting birds during winter, annually receiving over half a million waterbirds. This includes 23 species whose numbers exceed 1% of the total migratory birds between Asia and East Africa, such as flamingos, plovers, and gulls. The reserve also harbours rare and endangered marine species like the Arabian Humpback Whale and dolphins, and supports 80 species of global importance. The reserve has met all nine criteria of the Ramsar Convention. Prominently, it contains rare ecological systems (such as mudflats and salt pans), sup-

ports endangered species (like whales and turtles), and serves as a primary source for fish food and reproduction. The reserve is also an ecotourism destination attracting birdwatching and wildlife enthusiasts, thereby promoting sustainable tourism. It further supports the national economy through environmentally friendly investment projects that adhere to international standards to ensure resource sustainability. The reserve began its role as a center for waterbird studies in the 1980s and was officially declared a Ramsar site by the Environment Agency in November 2023. — ONA

Al Dhahirah Governorate to construct 18 dams

IBRI: Acting in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, citizens in wilayats of Al Dhahirah Governorate joined hands in the construction of 18 groundwater recharge dams as part of a community partnership project.

Groundwater reserves The project aims to boost groundwater reserves and ensure the sustainability of water resources for future generations. The step reflects the growing trend of community awareness about the im-

portance of community-enhanced management of water resources. The dams' construction was funded by local citizens and the Ministry in a gesture that embodied the success of integrated efforts in the field of water resources management. Eng. Mubarak Salim Al Jabri, Director of the Water Resources Department in Al Dhahirah Governorate, said that work is currently underway to construct 7 new groundwater recharge dams as part of the community partnership initiative, as follows:

3 dams in the wilayat of Ibri, 3 dams in the wilayat of Yanqul and 1 dam in the wilayat of Dhank. The ministry contributes 20 per cent of the cost of the project, while the citizens bear the remaining 80 percent. Al Jabri told Oman News Agency (ONA) that dams are a key element in improving water supply in wells and aflaj, and this helps raise agricultural productivity and provide water in a sustainable manner for the community. Al Jabri added that this year also saw the completion of main-

tenance of 8 existing dams in Al Dhahirah Governorate. Al Jabri said that Al Dhahirah Governorate has 36 dams ('groundwater recharge dams' and 'flood protection dams'): 18 are government dams and 18 are community partnerships-based dams. He pointed out that these dams represent a fundamental pillar in supporting the infrastructure of water security and water resources. The dams achieve sustainable agricultural development in the governorate's various wilayats, he explained. — ONA



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(PRE/25/100)	Consultancy Supervision Services for Construction of Internal Roads at Muscat Governorate (Package 1)	17/08/2025	07/09/2025
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(PRE/25/056)	Construction of Water Stagnation Solution at Bousher (35)	17/08/2025	07/09/2025
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<FROM A1 He noted that the company represents a reliable source managed by national competencies, meeting market needs through its proximity to clients, which directly reflects on work quality and the speed of transaction completion.

Regarding the market's reception of this project, Faisal Al Rashdi affirmed that it is natural for any sector to face some challenges when entering a phase of change, especially when there are long-standing working relationships between the market and external parties that have managed this activity for decades.

However, he stressed the necessity of redoubling efforts to build trust and confirm readiness to provide high-standard services that meet the needs and aspirations of target groups, in addition to full compliance with national regulations. As for the project's nature, he mentioned that the

company offers a comprehensive package of services in health insurance claims management that meets international standards.

These include accurate and prompt medical claims management, medical and administrative verification using smart systems to detect duplication and errors, as a step towards time management.

It also covers medical network management, from contracting with hospitals and clinics to ensuring the quality of service provided to policyholders, in addition to data analysis and smart reporting that helps insurance companies make decisions based on accurate data.

He emphasised that the company relies heavily on digital solutions and modern technologies, including artificial intelligence, for faster data analysis and the automation of routine operations using robotic process automation (RPA), which reduces manual er-

rors and saves time and effort. Furthermore, it is fully integrated with the national platform developed by the Financial Services Authority ("Dhamani" platform), which has been approved for fully electronic operations.

He clarified that the company handles data confidentially, storing client data on company-owned servers only, without relying on external servers, to ensure complete control over information security. It applies best cybersecurity standards, such as advanced data encryption during transmission and storage, firewalls, and intrusion detection and prevention systems. Additionally, access permissions are granted on a limited and well-considered basis according to the employees' job roles, along with adherence to all local and international laws and regulations related to data protection and periodic reviews to ensure continuous compliance. — ONA

EA conducts field surveys of coastal areas in Al Jazir

AL JAZIR: As part of its efforts to enhance the protection of ecosystems and monitor biodiversity in the Sultanate of Oman, the Environment Authority this year conducted comprehensive field surveys of birds in the coastal area of Al Wusta Governorate's Wilayat Al Jazir, with emphasis on the three creeks of Khor Ghawi, Khor Qaisad and Khor Ghadisir. Abdullah Salim Al Wardi, Head of the Department of Environment Conservation in Al Wusta Governorate, said that the surveys were aimed to document various species of seabirds and migratory birds and assess the overall environmental situation in these sites—deemed rich in biodiversity and natural resources. Al Wardi told Oman News Agency (ONA) that the surveys conducted in Al Wusta Govern-



piper, red-legged sandpiper, Siberian gull, greater flamingo, common mynah, water curlew, bulbul and the house crow, among other species. Al Wardi pointed out that field surveys bring about various benefits, like monitoring biodiversity with precision, documenting rare and endangered species and analysing the environmental status of coastal systems to enhance sustainable environmental management decisions. He added that surveys also provide environmental databases with accurate and up-to-date information, identify sites of special significance that might be eligible for listing as protected wildlife reserves, in addition to raising public awareness and enhancing cooperation with partner environment authorities. — ONA

India-Oman FTA almost finalised: Piyush Goyal

“We are in negotiations at an advanced stage with Oman. It is almost finalised,” Goyal stated



NEW DELHI : Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday announced that India's Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Oman is “almost finalised,” and negotiations with several other key global economies, including the European Union, the United States, Peru, and Chile, are progressing rapidly.

“We are in negotiations at an advanced stage with Oman. It is almost finalised,” Goyal stated.

He also mentioned that the FTAs with the European Union, the USA, Peru and Chile are also

making “fast progress”.

At the press conference, the minister also pointed to a series of successful FTAs concluded with developed nations in recent years, including Mauritius, Australia, and the four-nation European Free Trade Association (EFTA) bloc, comprising Switzerland, Norway, Liechtenstein, and Iceland.

“The Free Trade Agreement between India and the UK, the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement, clearly reflects the growing relevance and importance of India on the world stage,” Goyal said.

“The goods and services that India provides to the world have high quality and cost competitiveness.”

The latest addition is the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the United Kingdom, which the UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer described as one of the most significant deals post-Brexit.

Goyal noted that the agreement is “very comprehensive,” covering 30 chapters. During the press conference, Goyal also highlighted the Prime Minister Modi's long-standing tenure and international

reputation. “Yesterday, the Prime Minister completed 4,078 days and became the second longest serving Prime Minister continuously in office after Jawaharlal Nehru,” he said. “This morning, when I read that the latest international survey has again shown the Prime Minister as the most popular leader in the world.”

The much-awaited India-UK Free Trade Agreement was signed on Thursday, in the presence of Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and his British counterpart, Keir Starmer, during PM Modi's two-day visit to the UK.

On May 6, Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Starmer announced the successful conclusion of a mutually beneficial India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA). This forward-looking Agreement is aligned with India's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 and complements the growth aspirations of both countries.

Both nations desire to increase their trade to USD 120 billion by 2030. The UK government said that India's average tariff on UK products will drop from 15 per cent to 3 per cent under the India-UK FTA. -ANI

IN UTTARAKHAND

6 dead in India's temple stampede



NEW DELHI: A stampede at a popular Hindu temple in northern India left at least six people dead, officials said on Sunday.

According to a DW tally, the crush was at least the seventh major stampede in India so far this year, including one at a cricket stadium in Bengaluru in June. The incidents have resulted in over 70 deaths.

What do we know about the Haridwar stampede?

The incident happened at the Mansa Devi temple in the northern city of Haridwar in Uttarakhand state, about a 5-hour drive from the country's capital, New Delhi.

The crush reportedly began at around 8.30 a.m. local time after a high-voltage electric wire fell on a temple path, triggering panic among the large group of devotees.

Officials also believe the crush could have been triggered by a rumor, the Times of India reported.

Haridwar police official Parmendra Dobhal told AFP news agency that six people had been killed and more than 10 were injured.

The Times of India put the number of injured at 34, citing local officials.

Vinay Shankar Pandey, a senior government official in Uttarakhand state, recalled how worshippers had scrambled for safety following the incident. -ANI

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

India will be a crucial partner going forward: Muizzu

MALE: Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu acknowledged India's cooperation with the nation through all these years.

Muizzu, while talking to reporters on the sidelines of their Independence Day celebration, said that he was excited to see the implementation of the MoUs signed here and the implementation of the UPI.

“We all see how India has helped the Maldives in the past, and nobody will doubt how India will be a very crucial partner going forward,” he said.

When asked about agreements

with India related to the Line of Credit, debt repayment, FTA, and UPI, Muizzu said that it will help the locals as well as tourists.

“Definitely it will greatly help the Maldives going forward. So we are really looking forward to implementing the agreements and the MoUs we have signed. I think both our countries, people are looking forward because it will definitely benefit the tourists who come here and for the Maldivians who go to India. We are very hopeful, very hopeful. I think we just started on it and definitely help locals and tourists from India who



come here. We hope to conclude it very soon,” he said.

Muizzu further thanked PM Modi for accepting his invitation to the Independence Day celebrations.

Accepting invitation

“On behalf of all the Maldivians, I sincerely thank Prime Minister Modi for accepting my invitation to come to the Maldives on this very important historic occasion,” he said. Muizzu hoped to see a rise in tourism from India post PM Modi's visit.

“Well, India is one of the major

tourism countries that helps the Maldives with tourism. And definitely with Prime Minister's visit, it is going to increase a lot and I'm sure people to people exchange between the two countries will greatly boost,” he said.

“PM Modi is a wonderful person who is very fond of building relationships between India's neighbours. The Maldives and India have a very good relationship that goes back centuries, and with PM Modi's leadership, cooperation between the two governments is going to be even more prosperous in the days ahead,” he said. -ANI

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ASIA CUP 2025

It is the marquee Asian cricket event, says ACC President Mohsin Naqvi

DUBAI: The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) announced the ACC Men's T20 Asia Cup 2025 to be held in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 9 to 28 September 2025.

The tournament will bring together the continent's top teams in a celebration of Asian cricket, culminating in what promises to be an unforgettable sporting spectacle, according to a release from ACC.

ACC President Mohsin Naqvi stated, "Hosting the ACC Men's T20 Asia Cup 2025 in the UAE allows fans from across Asia to come together in a setting that mirrors our region's incredible diversity. When crowds gather to witness the tournament's unforgettable clashes, it will be a great reminder of cricket's power to build bridges."

The ACC Men's T20 Asia Cup 2025 will feature 8 participating teams, up from the previous 6, providing a larger competitive platform to emerging cricketing nations.

"The ACC Men's T20 Asia Cup is the marquee event of Asian cricket, and we are proud to pre-



sent an expanded platform this year," Naqvi added, "This year marks yet another milestone in ACC's journey and a noteworthy development for cricket in Asia. With the inclusion of additional teams in the tournament, we are witnessing the game's boundaries expand, both geographically and competitively. This will be the Asia Cup at its finest."

The tournament opener is placed between Afghanistan and Hong Kong on September 9. India will kick off their campaign against UAE on September 10, while the high-voltage game against Pakistan is scheduled for the 14th. -ANI

Maxwell, Inglis fireworks help Australia defeat WI

With this win, Australia is 4-0 up in the series, with one more match to go

BASSETTERRE: Quickfire knocks from Cameron Green, Josh Inglis and Glenn Maxwell helped Australia defy a commendable fight-back from West Indies as they marched to a three-wicket win in the fourth T20I at Basseterre on Sunday.

With this win, Australia is 4-0 up in the series, with one more match to go.

During the match, Australia won the toss and elected to field first, reducing WI to 67/4, despite Sherfane Rutherford's quickfire 31 in 15 balls, with four boundaries and two sixes. The top order of Brandon King (18), skipper Shai Hope (10) and Roston Chase (0) was done away with within a matter of 42 runs.

Important contributions from the middle-order batters, Roman Powell (28 in 22 balls, with two fours and two sixes), Romario



Shepherd (28 in 18 balls, with four boundaries and a six) and Jason Holder (26 in 16 balls, with four boundaries and a six) took WI to 205/9 in 20 overs.

Adam Zampa (3/54) was the pick of the bowlers, while Aaron Hardie, Xavier Bartlett and Sean Abbott got a wicket each.

During the run-chase of 206,

Australia lost skipper Mitch Marsh for a duck at the hands of left-armers Jediah Blades. However, following that, it was the time for the Inglis show. Australia brought up their 50-runs up in 4.5 overs, with Glenn Maxwell getting to score just one off it.

On the other hand, Inglis collected boundaries effortlessly,

including three against Blades in the third over and four in a row against Romario Shepherd in the next. With 10 boundaries and six within a space of 21 balls, he was on 48 off 25. Inglis completed his half-century in 28 balls, but fell to Shepherd for 51 in 30 balls. Australia was 66/2.

It was Maxwell's turn to cut loose as he hit sixes against Shepherd and Forde, helping Australia cross the 100-run mark in 8.3 overs.

Halfway through the innings, Maxwell fell to Akael Hosein for a 18-ball 47, consisting of a four and six sixes. Australia was 129/3 in 10.1 overs. Blades removed Mitch Owen and Cooper Connolly in the 12th over, reducing Aussies to 134/5.

Joined the party

However, Green continued to tackle Akael and Hardie joined the party with some hits against Jason Holder. 150 was up in 13 overs for Australia.

Holder packed Hardie for a 16-ball 23, consisting of two fours and a six, ending a 51-run stand. Australia was 185/6 in 16.1 overs.

Green reached the third fifty of the series in 30 balls, with three fours and a six, helping Australia seal a win with three wickets and four balls left. -ANI

EXCEPTIONAL INNINGS

Jadeja, Sundar battling to keep India's draw chances alive

MANCHESTER: India were 291 for four with Ravindra Jadeja batting on 41 and Washington Sundar also on 41 in the Manchester Test on Sunday. India were still trailing by 17 runs with 43 overs still remaining to be bowled.

Indian Test captain Shubman Gill exceptional innings of 103 keeps his side in the game as his side posted 223 runs with the loss of four wickets at the end of the first session on Day 5 against England in the ongoing Manchester Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy 2025 on Sunday which is being played at Old Trafford.

At stroke of Lunch, the visitors are 223/4 with Washington Sundar and Ravindra Jadeja unbeaten on the crease. The Shubman Gill-led

side still trail the Three Lions total of 669 by 88 runs.

Team India started the first session of the fifth and final day of the fourth Test from 174/2 with Gill (78*) and opener KL Rahul (87*) unbeaten on the crease.

On the second ball of the 70th over, India lost their third wicket as Rahul (90 runs off 230 balls) was sent back to the pavilion after building a marvellous partnership of 188 runs with Gill. The right-hand batter was dismissed by England captain Ben Stokes.

Following Rahul's dismissal, left-hand batter Washington Sundar came out to bat, who was promoted up the order by his team.

Indian cricket team touched the 200-run mark on the first ball of

the 82nd over as Gill slammed a boundary on the bowling of right-arm pacer Jofra Archer.

Gill completed his ton on the last ball of the 83rd over as he took a single on the bowling of fast bowler Chris Woakes. Five overs later, the skipper (103 runs from 238 balls) was sent back to the dressing room just 10 minutes before the lunch break.

After Gill's departure, left-hand batter Ravindra Jadeja came out to bat. Before the end of first session he along with Sundar took India score to 223/4.

For the hosts, two wickets were snapped by Stokes (1/12 in 8 overs) and Archer (1/55 in 15 overs) in their respective bowling spells. Earlier on Saturday, Woakes

(2/57 in 19 overs) picked two back to back wickets when India score was 0.

Recapping Day 4 of Manchester Test, England went wicketless in the final session as Indian batters added 126 runs to their tally, with KL Rahul 87* and Shubman Gill 78* unbeaten on the crease.

India started the third session at 86/2 with Gill, who looked in fine touch, notched up his eighth Test fifty and fourth against England off 77 deliveries. His innings has been laced with eight delightful boundaries, showing great control and intent at the crease. He was batting on 52 off 80 deliveries. At the other end, KL Rahul played the perfect support role, remaining unbeaten on 30 with two boundaries to

his name.

In the 40th over, the duo of Rahul and Gill completed a 100-run stand for the third wicket. Rahul slammed his second fifty of the ongoing series in the 43rd over after pushing the ball for a single off Liam Dawson. He also completed 9000 runs in international cricket across all formats. In the 55th over, the duo completed 150 runs for the third wicket.

Earlier in the match, after an early jolt just before Lunch, India found stability in the second session of Day 4, thanks to a composed partnership between skipper Shubman Gill and opener KL Rahul.

India reached their 50 in 15.2 overs, but still trailing by 225

runs. With the final session to come, both batters will look to carry on, and end the day on a high for India.

In the first session, a stellar batting performance from England skipper Ben Stokes helped The Three Lions to finish their first innings on 669, leading by 311 runs against India in the fourth test.

This is England's second-highest total against India, only behind 710/7d at Edgbaston, 2011. India had a poor start to their second innings, losing Yashasvi Jaiswal and Sai Sudharsan in the first over for zero runs each.

India were 1/2 at Lunch with KL Rahul 1* and Shubman Gill 0* unbeaten on the crease. -ANI

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MARKET

MSX index ends higher

Liva Group, up 9.82%, was the top gainer while, Muscat Gases, down 6.36%, was the top loser at the end of Sunday's trading session



MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 4,740.05 points, up by 0.46% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended up by 0.51% at 459.30 points. Liva Group, up 9.82%, was the top gainer while, Muscat Gases, down 6.36%, was the top loser. Shares of OQBI were the most active in terms of number of shares traded as well as in terms of turnover.

A total number of 1,975 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of OMR12.43 million, with more than 79.32 million shares changing hands. Out of 65 traded securities, 26 advanced, 16 declined, and 23 remained unchanged. At the session close, GCC & Arab investors were net buyers for OMR350,000 while foreign investors were net sellers for OMR272,000, followed by domestic investors for OMR78,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 8,072.25 points, down 0.01%. Prices of Liva Group, Financial Corporation, Taageer Finance, United Finance, Bank Muscat

were up by 9.82%, 2.27%, 1.77%, 1.52%, 1.38% respectively. Prices of Bank Nizwa, Muscat Finance, Oman Arab Bank, Al Sharqia Investment were down by 1.96%, 1.85%, 1.38%, 1.22% respectively. Industrial Index closed at 6,904.10 points, up 0.79%. Prices of Oman Fisheries, Al Anwar Ceramics, A'Saffa Foods, Oman Chromite, Al Maha Ceramics were up by 7.14%, 3.45%, 3.30%, 2.30%, 1.64% respectively. Prices of Construction Materials, Gulf Mushroom Products, Voltamp Energy were down by 6.33%, 0.84%, 0.61% respectively.

Services Index was up by 0.39% before closing at 1,807.65 points. Prices of Dhofar Generating, Al Batinah Power, Al Suwadi Power, Oman Oil Marketing, Musandam Power were up by 6.49%, 2.15%, 2.13%, 1.75%, 1.70% respectively. Prices of Muscat Gases, Barka Water & Power Company, Oman National Engineering, National Gas, SMN Power Holding were down by 6.36%, 1.67%, 1.64%, 1.22%, 1.01% respectively.

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INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff %
MSX 30 INDEX	4,763.83	4,718.52	4,740.05	4,718.56	21.50	0.46
FINANCIAL INDEX	8,090.61	8,065.02	8,072.25	8,073.35	-1.11	-0.01
Industry Index	6,914.63	6,848.23	6,904.10	6,850.15	53.94	0.79
Services Index	1,823.49	1,800.38	1,807.65	1,800.57	7.08	0.39
MSX Shariah Index	461.02	456.16	459.30	456.96	2.34	0.51
MSX TR INDEX	7,046.80	6,979.05	7,011.64	6,979.84	31.80	0.46
FINANCIAL TR IDX	9,611.92	9,581.52	9,590.11	9,591.42	-1.31	-0.01
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	8,497.05	8,415.45	8,484.10	8,417.81	66.29	0.79
SERVICES TR IDX	2,325.39	2,295.92	2,305.19	2,296.16	9.03	0.39
FIXED INCOME INDEX	1,204.48	1,204.48	1,204.48	1,204.48	0.00	0.00

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap.	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
79,326,859	12,431,509	1,975	28,968,985,342	26	16	23	65

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, JULY 27

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF. RD.	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST BD.	LAST OFF.	PREV. VALUE	MARKET CAP.
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REGULAR MARKET

OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	804,061	143,519	83	0.174	0.181	0.174	0.180	0.174	0.006	3.448	0.179	0.179	0.180	0.100	39,600,000
OM0000002804	ASAFFA FOODS	50,900	23,886	15	0.470	0.470	0.460	0.470	0.455	0.015	3.297	0.470	0.450	0.469	0.100	56,400,000
OM0000004825	ALBATINAH POWER	1,305,043	125,612	46	0.096	0.097	0.092	0.095	0.093	0.002	2.151	0.095	0.094	0.095	0.100	64,114,306
OM0000004852	AL SUWADI POWER	1,295,758	124,916	45	0.096	0.098	0.094	0.096	0.094	0.002	2.128	0.096	0.095	0.100	68,583,009	
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	101,880	6,783	11	0.067	0.067	0.065	0.067	0.066	0.001	1.515	0.067	0.065	0.067	0.100	23,860,529
OM0000002786	BANK MUSCAT	7,113,482	2,077,942	137	0.285	0.287	0.280	0.289	0.284	0.004	1.384	0.283	0.282	0.283	0.100	1,199,974,339
OM0000001833	OMINVEST	157,447	31,342	19	0.224	0.228	0.224	0.228	0.225	0.003	1.533	0.228	0.224	0.228	0.100	213,342,244
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	8,182	3,843	4	0.419	0.419	0.418	0.419	0.415	0.004	0.964	0.419	0.418	0.419	0.100	52,332,245
OM0000001887	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	18,150	4,298	3	0.233	0.237	0.233	0.237	0.235	0.002	0.851	0.237	0.234	0.237	0.100	23,700,000
OM0000008072	OQAS NETWORKS	6,326,523	922,671	205	0.145	0.148	0.144	0.146	0.145	0.001	0.690	0.146	0.147	0.146	0.100	632,271,092
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	30,000	9,300	1	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.000	0.000	0.310	0.300	0.310	0.100	504,043,370
OM0000001707	OMAN CARBON INDUSTRY	6	14	1	2.300	2.300	2.300	2.300	2.300	0.000	0.000	2.300	2.295	2.300	0.100	306,310,000
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	178,080	32,339	29	0.181	0.185	0.180	0.181	0.181	0.000	0.000	0.181	0.181	0.181	0.100	774,581
OM0000003388	SOHAN INTERNATIONAL BANK	18,703,437	2,591,556	86	0.138	0.139	0.138	0.139	0.139	0.000	0.000	0.139	0.140	0.139	0.100	46,797,232
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	60,000	4,920	5	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.000	0.000	0.082	0.080	0.084	0.100	14,350,000
OM0000008834	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	400,557	105,620	22	0.262	0.264	0.262	0.264	0.264	0.000	0.000	0.264	0.265	0.264	0.100	203,332,800
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	305,201	275,050	40	0.901	0.904	0.900	0.900	0.902	-0.002	-0.222	0.900	0.897	0.896	0.100	675,000,000
OM0000003681	VOLTAMP ENERGY	17,617	14,420	13	0.815	0.820	0.815	0.820	0.825	-0.005	-0.606	0.819	0.819	0.819	0.100	78,782,793
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	137,544	39,754	18	0.290	0.290	0.288	0.288	0.290	-0.002	-0.680	0.288	0.288	0.289	0.100	68,068,080
OM0000003868	OQREDDO	192,100	31,636	16	0.238	0.240	0.238	0.238	0.240	-0.002	-0.833	0.238	0.238	0.240	0.100	154,824,727
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIYA INVESTMENT HO.	1,000	81	1	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.082	-0.001	-1.220	0.081	0.081	0.083	0.100	7,290,000
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	1,060,478	108,109	34	0.101	0.101	0.100	0.100	0.102	-0.002	-1.961	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	223,685,303
Total	22	38,199,746	6,676,724	834												

Parallel Market

OM0000007043	LIVA GROUP	100	30	1	0.302	0.302	0.302	0.302	0.275	0.027	9818	0.302	0.255	0.301	0.100	120,309,051	
OM0000007407	DHOFAH GENERATING	1,814,512	148,065	129	0.081	0.084	0.079	0.082	0.077	0.005	6.484	0.082	0.081	0.082	0.100	19,223,680	
OM0000001020	ASYAD SHIPPING	12,185,045	1,517,155	184	0.122	0.127	0.122	0.126	0.122	0.004	3.279	0.126	0.126	0.128	0.000	656,301,779	
OM0000001020	OMAN CHROMITE	2,860	9,110	6	4.000	4.500	4.000	4.500	4.399	0.101	2.296	4.500	4.500	4.500	1.000	14,850,000	
OM0000002911	FINANCIAL CORPORATION	3,225	145	1	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.044	0.044	0.001	2.273	0.045	0.000	0.047	0.100	3,151,348	
OM0000003281	TAGEER FINANCE	2,600	299	1	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.113	0.002	1.770	0.115	0.113	0.118	0.100	32,110,669	
OM0000002272	OMAN OIL MARKETING	2,500	1,888	2	0.754	0.754	0.754	0.754	0.754	0.000	0.000	0.754	0.750	0.753	0.100	46,201,350	
OM0000007811	MUSANDAM POWER	46	14	1	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.295	0.005	1.685	0.300	0.285	0.300	0.100	21,117,000	
OM0000003005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	130,743	40,223	37	0.305	0.310	0.304	0.310	0.305	0.005	1.639	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.100	17,050,000	
OM0000008908	OQ BASE INDUSTRIES (SFZ)	19,067,745	2,647,281	319	0.138	0.141	0.137	0.140	0.138	0.002	1.449	0.140	0.141	0.140	0.040	448,328,719	
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	824,737	70,176	25	0.085	0.087	0.085	0.086	0.085	0.001	1.176	0.086	0.083	0.086	0.100	25,675,532	
OM0000008868	THE PEARL BEE	14,823	3,146	8	0.126	0.126	0.127	0.126	0.127	0.001	0.794	0.127	0.127	0.128	0.100	38,094,212	
OM0000001509	DHOFAH INTERNATIONAL DEV. & INV.	47,545	12,995	11	0.274	0.277	0.272	0.276	0.274	0.002	0.730	0.276	0.251	0.276	0.100	136,911,495	
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	7,263	3,377	7	0.465	0.465	0.465	0.465	0.465	0.000	0.000	0.465	0.463	0.465	0.100	78,899,375	
OM0000001681	OMAN EMBATES HO.	26,200	1,886	3	0.071	0.072	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.000	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.100	8,653,125		
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	197	99	1	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.000	0.000	0.500	0.485	0.489	0.100	185,438,355	
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAH	238,000	33,024	5	0.138	0.138	0.138	0.138	0.138	0.000	0.000	0.138	0.127	0.128	0.100	388,094,212	
OM0000003000	ALMAHA PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MARKETING	5,900	4,988	6	0.880	0.900	0.880	0.900	0.900	0.000	0.000	0.900	0.880	0.925	0.100	62,100,000	
OM0000004725	SEEMCOOP SALALAH	327,800	46,036	31	0.140	0.142	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.000	0.000	0.140	0.137	0.140	0.100	133,640,073	
OM0000004776	TAKAFUL OMAN	72,000	5,744	5	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.000	0.000	0.052	0.050	0.052	0.100	13,000,000	
OM0000005863	PHOENIX POWER	1,246,329	125,635	40	0.099	0.102	0.099	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.095	0.102	0.100	146,260,146	
OM0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	3,000	216	1	0.090	0.100	0.090	0.100	0.090	0.010	0.072	0.100	0.090	0.090	0.100	6,629	
OM0000008447	OMAN REIT FUND	36,704	3,193	8	0.087	0.087	0.087	0.087	0.087	0.000	0.000	0.087	0.082	0.087	0.100	56,427,358	
OM0000008759	OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	2,684,695	907,837	197	0.333	0.341	0.332	0.332	0.332	0.000	0.000	0.332	0.332	0.340	0.010	656,000,000	
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MARKETING	1,900	620	2	0.620	0.620	0.620	0.620	0.625	-0.005	-0.800	0.620	0.620	0.620	0.100	58,900,000	
OM0000002287	GULF MUSHROOM PRODUCTS	47,600	11,186	11	0.235	0.235	0.235	0.235	0.237	-0.002	-0.844	0.235	0.231	0.235	0.100	10,754,963	
OM0000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	50,500	9,734	33	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.000	0.000	0.190	0.196	0.191	0.196	0.100	39,128,578
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	10,100	819	2	0.085	0.085	0.081	0.081	0.082	-0.001	-1.220	0.081	0.081	0.084	0.100	6,885,000	
OM0000005260	OMAN ARAB BANK	27,816	4,033	6	0.145	0.145	0.143	0.143	0.145	-0.002	-1.379	0.143	0.143	0.149	0.100	238,725,630	
OM0000001152	OMAN NATIONAL ENGINEERING & INV.	2,000	340	1	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.000	0.000	0.120	0.118	0.121	0.100	18,000,000	
OM0000003141	BARKA WATER AND POWER	17,076	3,039	13	0.179	0.179	0.177	0.177	0.180	-0.003	-1.667	0.177	0.177	0.180	0.100	28,320,000	
OM0000003142	OMAN CONSTRUCTION FINANCE	516,450	27,887	14	0.054	0.054	0.053	0.053	0.054	0.000	1.850	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.100	16,278,735	
OM0000003188	OMAN CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL INDUSTRIES	1,500	111	1	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.079	0.005	1.829	0.074	0.079	0.079	0.100	1,500,000	
OM0000001778	MUSCAT GASES	39,462,620	5,638,565	1,083	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.100	-0.007	-3.364	0.103	0.100	0.103	0.100	3,090,000	


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A GREEN GATEWAY IN THE HEART OF THE LION CITY

voco Orchard Singapore by IHG offers comfort, culture and cuisine with a conscience

Times News Service

There are hotels you stay in, and then there are those that stay with you. voco Orchard Singapore, part of IHG Hotels & Resorts’ premium collection, is firmly the latter.

Tucked along the storied boulevard of Orchard Road — Singapore’s glittering epicentre of commerce, fashion, and culture — this stylish hotel offers far more than just location. It’s a refined experience that fuses sustainability, smart design, culinary flair, and cultural inclusivity into a memorable stay for travellers from around the world — particularly guests from the Middle East.

I recently had the pleasure of spending a couple of days at this vibrant property, and what stood out was how effortlessly it balanced comfort with consciousness. In a city known for its forward-thinking spirit, voco Orchard Singapore manages to feel both intimate and innovative in Lion City’s most iconic shopping and lifestyle belt.

A warm welcome with a green soul

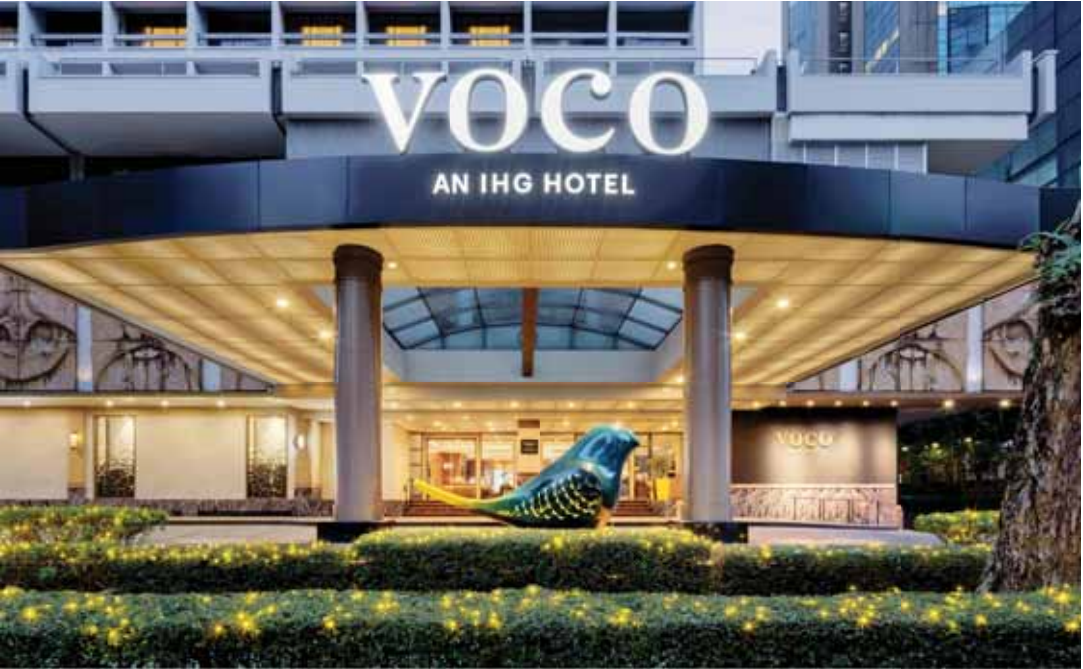
Singapore is a city of contrasts — lush greenery and towering skyscrapers, heritage shop houses and gleaming malls. voco Orchard Singapore fits right in.

From the moment I stepped into the lobby, greeted by the scent of citrus grapefruit and pink peppercorn — a tribute to the area’s historic orchards — I sensed this wasn’t your typical business hotel.

voco Orchard Singapore is designed with intention: filtered water taps in every room replace plastic bottles; stylish non-smoking signage are crafted from reused chopsticks; bedding is plush yet sustainable. These aren’t gimmicks. They’re thoughtful, purpose-driven decisions that create a lighter footprint without sacrificing comfort.

“Sustainability is not a marketing slogan for us — it’s our DNA,” explains Vikram Mujumdar, General Manager of voco Orchard Singapore. “We want our guests to experience a sense of responsibility woven into a unique experience they’ve come for.”

That intention comes through in subtle ways: biodegradable straws at the bar, bulk-size amenities from Apotheke in the bathrooms, and the conscious selection of MSC graded seafood that is served in their restaurants. Every detail, no matter how small, contributes to a larger purpose.



Designed for business, perfect for leisure

While the hotel has a clear green conscience, it doesn’t forget the needs of modern travellers — especially those from the Middle East looking for both comfort and cultural connection.

voco Orchard Singapore’s 423 rooms and suites offer sleek, spacious accommodation with intuitive design. The hotel is a five-minute walk from Orchard MRT station, making it an ideal base for both business and leisure guests. Singapore’s financial district is easily accessible, as are major

event venues and embassies.

For corporate travellers, there’s over 1,914 square metres of meeting and event space equipped with the latest technology. But what I appreciated most was the ease with which the hotel blends work and play. After long days of sightseeing, I could unwind at the rooftop pool or take a leisurely stroll to the nearby UNESCO-listed Singapore Botanic Gardens.

A culinary playground above the city

Dining at voco Orchard Singapore is not just about meals — it’s an ex-



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perience of flavours, culture, and creativity. The hotel’s dining venues are exceptional in both quality and diversity, each offering a distinct identity.

The newly refreshed Opus Bar & Grill is a highlight. Known as one of Singapore’s top steakhouses, it has recently unveiled an inspired



dinner menu curated by Executive Chef Dean Bush and Chef de Cuisine Edwin Tan — both alumni of Singapore’s most respected kitchens. Their ingredient-first philosophy is evident in every dish: from crab cakes enriched with caramelised miso aioli to the fork-tender octopus with mojo verde and golden baby potatoes.

The main attraction, though, is the grill. With prime cuts like Stockyard Angus 200-day grain-fed ribeye and Sanchoku Wagyu ribeye, every bite is smoky, juicy perfection. For sharing, the Longhorn Bone-in Dry-aged Beef is a showstopper — robust in flavour and grilled to excellence.

Yet the menu doesn’t forget vegetarian diners either, offering delights like smoked napa cabbage with burnt onion purée and Jospir-grilled aubergine with herb pesto. This kind of inclusive attention to detail is what elevates the dining experience.

Beyond Opus, there’s il Cielo, an elegant rooftop Italian restaurant that pairs authentic dishes with breathtaking skyline views, and D9 Cakery, famed for its artisanal patisserie (don’t miss the D9 American cheesecake).

The exclusive Club Lounge offers a more intimate setting for cocktails, canapés, and conversation.

A home away from home for Middle Eastern guests

For travellers from the Middle East — especially Oman — voco Orchard Singapore offers a welcoming space that understands and respects cultural nuances. The hotel provides halal dining options, prayer facilities on request, and a team trained in cultural sensitivity, ensuring guests feel seen, respected, and comfortable.

This hospitality is more than surface-deep. It’s rooted in Singapore’s historical ties with Oman.

Muscat Street, named after Oman’s capital, lies not far away from the hotel and is a symbol of the enduring friendship between the two cities — now sister cities in a formal partnership.

“We have a deep appreciation for our Middle Eastern guests,” says Mujumdar. “From Muscat to Singapore, there’s a bond that runs through both countries. We hope

guests from the region feel that connection during their stay with us.”

This genuine warmth is what transforms voco Orchard Singapore from an indulgent stay into a cultural experience. It’s also why the hotel is seeing increasing numbers of Middle Eastern guests — both business travellers and families — who are drawn not only by the comfort but by the thoughtful hospitality that makes them feel at home.

Explore the best of Singapore from one central address

Location is everything in a city like Singapore, and voco Orchard Singapore delivers. It places you within easy reach of the island’s most iconic landmarks: Marina Bay Sands, Gardens by the Bay, Chinatown, Kampong Glam, and of course, Orchard Road’s dazzling stretch of luxury boutiques and flagship stores.

For nature lovers, the Singapore Botanic Gardens are just 3km away — a tranquil escape perfect for a morning walk or an afternoon picnic. For cultural enthusiasts, neighbourhoods like Little India and Haji Lane offer immersive encounters with Singapore’s multiethnic heritage.

And when you return to the hotel after a day of discovery, you’re greeted with a smile and a scent — reminders that this is more than just a place to rest your head.

The final word: A stay that stays with you

voco Orchard Singapore doesn’t try to be everything to everyone — but what it does, it does with style, sincerity, and sustainability. It’s a hotel that doesn’t just check the boxes of modern luxury but redefines them through an experience that’s deeply rooted in place, people, and purpose.

Whether you’re traveling from Muscat or Dubai, whether you’re here to shop, sightsee, or sign deals, voco Orchard Singapore offers more than a room. It offers a story — one of comfort, care, and cultural connection.

As Mujumdar aptly puts it, “We’re not just offering a hotel stay — we’re offering a sense of belonging.”

SPORTS

Henry holds nerve in final over as Kiwis clinch T20 Tri-Series

Henry conceded just three runs in the final over and finished with match-winning figures of 2/19 in three overs

HARARE : In a nail-biting finish, Matt Henry emerged as New Zealand's hero, delivering a brilliant final over under pressure to help the Black Caps lift the T20 Tri-Series trophy in Harare, edging past South Africa by just 3 runs in the final. With just 7 runs needed off the last over, it looked like South Africa had the edge, especially with the dangerous Dewald Brevis still at the crease but Henry held his



nerve superbly. On the second ball of the over, he dismissed Brevis, who had already smashed three sixes and a boundary in a fiery 16-ball 31. Later, on the fifth delivery, he removed George Linde (10), sealing the game for New Zealand. Henry conceded just three runs in the final over and finished with match-winning figures of 2/19 in three overs, turning the game for the Kiwis. Chasing a target of 181, the Proteas looked in control for the most part. Their opening partnership gave them a strong foundation as Lhuan-dre Pretorius set the tone with a 51-run knock, but was dismissed when the score was 92/1 in 9.4 overs. Reeza Hendricks, anchoring the innings well, contributed a steady 37 off 31, before South Africa found themselves suddenly in trouble. The Kiwis were 116/2. From 131/2, they lost two quick wickets and slumped to 131/4, opening the door for a Kiwi comeback. The momentum shifted com-

pletely after that, and despite some late fireworks from Brevis, the South Africans fell agonisingly short at 177/6, handing New Zealand a thrilling win. While Jacob Duffy, Zakary Foulkes, Adam Milne, and Michael Bracewell chipped in with a wicket each, it was Matt Henry's final over that turned the match around and took the trophy home for New Zealand. Earlier, South Africa had won the toss and opted to bowl first. New Zealand made a steady start with an opening stand of 75, before Tim Seifert departed for 30.
Crucial knocks The middle-order was held together by Devon Conway and Rachin Ravindra, both of whom played crucial knocks of 47 each, helping the Kiwis post a competitive total of 180/5. South Africa's best bowler on the night was Lungi Ngidi, who bowled with discipline to return impressive figures of 2/24 in four overs. -ANI

WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

China beat USA to win women's basketball title

ESSEN: China defeated the United States 81-69 in the women's basketball final on Friday at the FISU World University Games. China delivered a well-rounded performance, with four players scoring in double digits. Small forward Chen Yujie shot eight of 15 from the field to score 19 points while power forward Tang Ziting buried four 3-pointers out of six attempts to add 16 points. "We told the players to play as they like and not to have any burden mentally," said Chinese coach Zhao Xueting. "We had already achieved what we expected before the Games, so I just told the players to enjoy the final and that they had nothing to lose," added Zhao. For the United States, power forward Deyona Gaston had a game-high 21 points and point guard Sidney Love notched 15 points. "China was very good. In the first half we had the upper hand, and I thought we got them out of their defense pretty well," said U.S. coach Krista Lea Gerlich. "In the second half, they increased their pressure on the zone, and they were mixing it up, and it was really confusing to our kids." China also claimed another gold medal in archery, as Liu Yanxiu and Wang Yan defeated Japan's



Waka Sonoda and Yuya Funahashi 6-2 in the recurve mixed team final. Three gold medals were decided in the track and field. Finland captured its first gold in the meet from the women's 100m hurdles as Saara Keskitalo finished first in 12.88 seconds, followed by Hungary's Anna Toth (12.88), who was just a tiny 0.005s behind. Poland's Alicja Sielska (12.95) came third. Belgium also secured its first gold in the Games as Elien Vekemans overcame a height of 4.60 meters in women's pole vault. Norway's Kitty Augusta Friele Faye was 10 centimeters lower than

the winner and Canada's Rachel Grenke recorded a personal best of 4.35m in third. Simon Wieland of Switzerland tossed his season best of 79.33 meters to win the men's javeline throw, followed by Germany's Nick Thumm (78.47) and Finland's Topias Yki Eerik Laine (75.96). Team USA continues to lead the medal table after Day 9 of competition with 28 gold, 22 silver, and 26 bronze medals. China remains second with 23 gold, 21 silver, and 13 bronze and Japan is third with 22 gold, 13 silver, and 20 bronze. -Xinhua

TEST SERIES

Rahul becomes 2nd Asian opener to slam 500-plus runs

MANCHESTER : Indian batter KL Rahul has become the second Asian opener to aggregate 500-plus runs in a Test series in England, after legendary batter Sunil Gavaskar (542 in 1979). He's also the second visiting opener to do that in the country in the 21st century after Graeme Smith (714 runs in 2003). He achieved this feat in his outing against England in the fourth test of Anderson-Tendulkar trophy in Manchester. He has slammed 508 runs in four matches at an average of 72.57 with two hundreds and fifties each. He remained not out on 87 at the end of Day 4. This was the first time a pair had batted through two complete sessions in an innings in this series. Rahul also completed 9000 runs in international cricket across all formats.
Manjrekar hails KL Rahul for his "mental stamina" Former Indian cricketer Sanjay Manjrekar hailed opener KL Rahul for showing his "mental stamina" and consistency throughout the series, with many of his knocks coming while trying to save the match for his side. KL is enjoying a rich run of form in England, having scored



508 runs in eight innings at an average of 72.57, with two centuries and two fifties each. He is India's second-highest run-getter in the series. This is his most successful Test series ever and in absence of legendary batters Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, KL has played the role of senior statesman of the team to the perfection. Speaking on 'Match Centre Live', the JioStart expert Manjrekar said about Rahul, "People often ask whether KL Rahul matured after the exit of a few senior batters -- maybe he was already

mature, and was just taking on too much responsibility. What we're seeing now is consistency. It may have taken him slightly longer than expected, but he now knows how to carry his form from one innings to the next. His temperament is such that he naturally shoulders a lot of the load. You saw that-- when India lost two early wickets, KL Rahul was defending everything that came his way." "Gill, on the other hand, had a slightly different approach, and eventually that tempo caught up with KL," he added. -ANI

TOUR DE FRANCE

Tadej Pogacar closes on fourth title

PARIS: Slovenia's Tadej Pogacar (UAE Team Emirates-XRG) emerged from a potential banana skin of a penultimate stage in the sodden Jura Mountains unscathed - just - to all but secure his fourth Tour de France triumph. A needless crash in the peloton on the home straight played out just metres from the world champion in yellow, who crossed the line with a wry smile after counting his lucky stars. Pogacar will start Sunday's final stage of the Tour in Paris with his unassailable lead of 4'24" over Denmark's Jonas Vingegaard (Visma-Lease a Bike) intact. The incident came seven minutes after Australia's Kaden Groves (Alpecin-Deceuninck) became the 114th rider in history to complete a clean sweep of Grand Tour stage wins - soloing clear of the day's breakaway to end his debut Tour in style, as per a press release. Groves had tears streaming down his face as he crossed the line to win a 10th Grand Tour stage not in a sprint - as you might expect - but after proving himself to be the strongest rider in the pack over a relentless succession of climbs during a chaotic and rain-swept 184km stage through the foothills of the Jura Mountains of eastern France. As heavy showers lashed down and made many of the roads slippery and treacherous, Groves



managed to stay on two wheels and keep out of trouble. The fastest finisher of a stellar 13-man breakaway that also included the likes of Tim Wellens (UAE) and Matteo Jorgenson (Visma), 25-year-old Groves did not rely on his sprint but instead kicked clear with 16km remaining - leaving a trail of devastation in his wake. Dutchman Frank van den Broek (Picnic PostNL) took second place at 54", ahead of compatriot Pascal Eenkhoorn (Soudal Quick-Step), with a chase group led home moments later by Italy's Simone Ve-

lasco (XDS Astana). A key cog of the breakaway was Frenchman Jordan Jegat (TotalEnergies), whose position on the fringe of the top 10 initially served to jeopardise the chances of the move. But Jegat was rewarded for his persistence by riding up to 10th place on GC on the eve of the Paris finale at the expense of Australia's Ben O'Connor (Jayco-AlUla), who ultimately gave up the chase and succumbed to his fate. It took over an hour of fast and furious racing for the breakaway to establish itself, with Groves among a 10-rider move that bridged over

to a leading trio that had formed around Stage 15 winner Wellens and the American all-rounder Jorgenson. Also in the break were Ewen Costiou (Arkea-B&B Hotels), Harry Sweeny (EF Education-EasyPost), local rider Romain Gregoire (Groupama-FDJ), Matteo Trentin (Tudor Pro Cycling), Jake Stewart (Israel-Premier Tech) and the Spanish champion Ivan Romeo (Movistar). When the yellow jersey group eventually sat up, the gap quickly grew above two minutes - prompting O'Connor's Jayco-AlUla teammate Mauro Schmid to come to the front to protect the Australian's place in the top 10 from that man Jegat. But when the Swiss champion skidded out in the rain, the wind was taken from the sails of the main pack, and the gap steadily grew. On the toughest of three climbs, the Cat.2 Cote de They, a countermove involving Wout van Aert (Visma) emerged from the peloton - but it was too little, too late. Jegat rode clear of the break, coaxing a response from Sweeny - and the two quickly built up a solid lead. Perhaps taking a leaf from his team-mate Ben Healy's books - the Irish Stage 5 winner renowned for his long-distance raids - Sweeny rode clear with over 50km remaining after a dispute with his French colleague. -ANI

SWEDISH STRIKER

Arsenal sign striker Gyokeres on 5-year deal

LONDON: Arsenal has sealed the signing of Swedish striker Viktor Gyokeres from Sporting Lisbon for 55 million pounds (74 million U.S. dollars), with a possible extra 8.5 million pounds in incentives. Gyokeres has agreed a five-year deal with the London-based club after passing his medical tests on Saturday and will now join up with his new teammates in Singapore. "I just felt that it was the right club for me," said the 27-year-old, who netted 39 league goals in Portugal last season, adding that his side's 5-1 defeat at home to Arsenal in the UEFA Champions League last November had been a factor in his decision. "When I was playing against Arsenal last season, I could really feel it was a very strong team and very difficult to play against." "That made me choose Arsenal, and of course all the history the club has and the massive fanbase," he said, adding that he was also impressed by the club's supporters. Arsenal coach Mikel Arteta welcomed the arrival of the striker. "Viktor has so many qualities. He is a quick and powerful presence up front, with incredible



goalscoring numbers at club and international levels." "He brings a clinical edge with a high conversion rate of chances into goals, with his intelligent movement in the box making him a constant threat," added Arteta. Arsenal has been busy in this summer's transfer market, with the arrival of players such as Spain international midfielder Martin Zubimendi, Christian Norgaard from Brentford, Chelsea duo Kepa Arrizabalaga and Noni Madueke, and Valencia's Spain under-21 defender Cristian Mosquera. -Xinhua

BankDhofar partners with Desert Spark to drive digital transformation

At the heart of the partnership is a bold initiative to support BankDhofar's transition from a traditional monolithic IT architecture to a microservices-based ecosystem



MUSCAT: BankDhofar, one of Oman's most technologically advanced financial institutions, has announced a strategic partnership with Desert Spark SPC, a next-generation technology and investment company, to accelerate its digital transformation journey. The collaboration marks a significant step

toward modernizing the bank's core architecture while aligning with Oman's Vision 2040 and In-Country Value (ICV) objectives. Oman-based Desert Spark specializes in enabling digital transformation across the Middle East and neighboring markets through strategic investments and cutting-edge solutions, focusing on AI,

cloud computing, microservices, open banking, and e-government. By bridging international tech expertise with regional needs, Desert Spark helps businesses, governments, and communities thrive in the digital era. At the heart of the partnership is a bold initiative to support BankDhofar's transition from a tradition-

al monolithic IT architecture to a microservices-based ecosystem. This shift aims to enhance agility, scalability, and customer experience, positioning the bank to respond more dynamically to changing market demands and rapidly evolving customer expectations. "This initiative represents a key milestone in our transforma-

tion roadmap," said Dr. Tariq Saleh Taha, Chief Information Officer of BankDhofar. "By partnering with Desert Spark, we are gaining access to world-class capabilities in microservices, cloud, and AI, enabling us to streamline operations and deliver more personalized, responsive services to our customers. This collaboration reinforces our commitment to technological leadership and long-term value creation." Desert Spark brings over two decades of global experience supporting leading financial institutions, giving it deep insight into the complexities of banking operations and the specific challenges that come with modernization. Alexander Vinogradov, CEO of Desert Spark, commented, "We are excited to work with BankDhofar on this landmark transformation. Our deep expertise in banking use cases, combined with cutting-edge technologies, enables us to tailor scalable, future-ready solutions that support the bank's growth ambitions and Oman's broader economic vision." Desert Spark's approach focuses on delivering intelligent tools

that automate processes and enhance decision-making, creating purpose-built systems tailored to the specific needs of the banking sector. It combines deep regional understanding with global best practices, ensuring solutions are both locally relevant and internationally competitive. The company emphasizes long-term client success by building strategic, collaborative relationships. Beyond enhancing BankDhofar's internal capabilities, the digital transformation strategy also supports national priorities. By focusing on local talent development and ecosystem growth, the initiative contributes to Oman's ICV goals and strengthens the country's digital competitiveness. As Oman's financial services sector evolves in line with global innovation trends, BankDhofar's partnership with Desert Spark underscores its commitment to staying at the forefront of digital banking. It reflects a forward-looking vision that seeks not only to enhance operational performance but also to deliver lasting value for customers and the wider economy.

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BANK NIZWA

Professional Diploma in Waqf leadership celebrates graduation of its inaugural cohort

MUSCAT: In a groundbreaking initiative to advance the future strategic vision for leading and developing the Waqf sector and establishing a comprehensive, sustainable Islamic financial model, the Professional Diploma in Waqf Leadership celebrated the graduation of its inaugural cohort. This milestone marks the fruition of a strategic alliance between Bank Nizwa, Tawafuq Financial Consultancy, and the College of Sharia Sciences, dedicated to cultivating national human capital specialized in Waqf leadership. The graduation ceremony was held under the esteemed patronage of Dr. Mohammed bin Said bin Khalfan Al Maamari, Minister of Endowments and Religious Affairs, and attended by senior officials, distinguished leaders from the Waqf and banking sectors, and representatives from the partnering institutions. Since its launch earlier this year, the Professional Diploma has underscored the critical importance of harmonizing rigorous academic research with specialized practical application in the endowment



sector. Its mission is to equip a new generation of leaders with the expertise and vision required to spearhead this pivotal sector. Developed through a robust strategic partnership - Bank Nizwa serving as the banking partner, Tawafuq as the executive partner specialising in Islamic financial consultancy, and the College of Sharia Sciences as the knowledge partner-the program delivers a comprehensive, tailored educational experience meticulously designed to address the unique characteristics and opera-

tional demands of the Waqf sector. Under the expert guidance of Dr. Mohammed Fakhri Suwaileh, Islamic Banking and Endowments Advisor and Sr. Manger of Waqf Investment at Bank Nizwa, participants engaged in an intensive curriculum covering Islamic jurisprudence, legal frameworks, corporate governance, risk management, regulatory compliance, performance metrics, contemporary Waqf investment strategies, internal and Sharia audit, and Waqf accounting. By embracing an innovative pedagogical approach

that transcends conventional methodologies, the diploma program has solidified a management paradigm focused on maximizing the developmental and investment impact of endowments. Graduates have been empowered with the essential tools, insights, and competencies to elevate operational efficiency, uphold transparency standards, and ensure the long-term sustainability of the sector. Khaled Al Kayed, Chief Executive Officer of Bank Nizwa, stated, "This milestone underscores our firm commitment to partnering with like-minded institutions that share our vision of advancing Islamic finance through the development of highly skilled and specialized professionals. Initiatives of this nature are essential in cultivating individuals with a profound understanding of Waqf systems, alongside the analytical and managerial competencies needed to thrive in today's evolving institutional landscape. This program embodies our belief in structured, purposeful learning as a catalyst for sustainable transformation and meaningful impact within the sector."

ALIZZ ISLAMIC BANK



Manahil Alizz Internship Programme delegates of 3rd batch visit OQ head office

MUSCAT: As part of the Manahil Alizz Internship Programme, the delegates of the third batch of the programme recently conducted a visit to the OQ head office where they were welcomed them by OQ management and the candidates were then given a comprehensive tour of the Mina Al Fahal Refinery. **Essential skills** The programme which is designed to empower and prepare third year university and college students and augment their capabilities by equipping them with the essential skills and knowledge required to

successfully enter and thrive in the job market saw great success in it's previous two editions; with the participants expressing gratitude to being part of such and an enriching program that not only aims to enhance their leadership, personal development and project management skills but also teach them how to overcome challenges in the business sector and find suitable solutions. **Holistic approach** The programme will broaden the students' perspectives and equip them with skills beyond their aca-

demic specialisation. This holistic approach is demonstrated through a comprehensive range of lectures and classes encompassing topics such as Islamic economics, Islamic banking, endowment (Waqf), voluntary work, and other relevant disciplines. Alizz Islamic Bank continuously strives to develop the future leaders of Oman; placing great importance on education, training and development, empowering future leaders and equipping them with the skills and capabilities needed to contribute their creative potential towards serving their communities.

CAMPAIGN

Vodafone invites everyone to 'Live it Right' this Khareef

MUSCAT: Vodafone is returning to Dhofar this Khareef with a renewed vision for the season. Under the theme 'Live it Right', the 2025 campaign builds on the company's long-standing commitment to bringing people together in ways that are meaningful, accessible, and memorable through seamless digital connectivity, purpose-led community engagement, and hospitality rooted in place. "Each year, Khareef becomes an opportunity for us to deepen our presence, not just through visibility, but through value", said Usama Al Saifi, Vodafone Oman's Head of Brand and Communications. "'Live it Right' is our response to evolving expectations in Dhofar, and a reflection of how we see technology, culture, and community coming together. Whether it's through a stronger network, smarter products, or engaging spaces, our aim is to show what Khareef is all about." Bringing this vision to life, 'Live it Right' introduces immersive spaces designed to deliver interactive and memorable experiences for Khareef visitors across Dhofar. These include eight unique activation zones in key locations such as Al Haffa, Ittin, and Al Dahareez. The main highlight this year is Vodafone's Viewpoint at Samharam Resort in Awqad, held in collaboration with local SMEs



"Estikana" and "Ladh". This social hub serves as a physical extension of the campaign message, offering a haven where digital and real-world connections come together, and where everyday steps become moments of recharge, reflection, and simple pleasure. Complementing the experience, Vodafone's 5G network continues to be a driving force behind the season. As Oman's only fully digital network, it offers high-speed, low-latency 5G connectivity across key areas in Dhofar, supporting the movement, pace, and spontaneity that define Khareef. From coastal roads to moun-

tain peaks, the network ensures that residents and visitors stay connected with ease and reliability. Supporting this is Makani Internet, Vodafone's portable connectivity solution that adapts to life on the move, allowing users to stay online wherever the season takes them. To further enhance the visitor experience, Vodafone has introduced a dedicated Khareef Visitor Pack starting from OMR 10. Designed for maximum convenience, it offers unlimited data and local calls plus international minutes, so travellers can explore Dhofar without interruption or worry.

ROUND-UP

Bank Muscat introduces integrated social sports project in Musandam

The project seeks to enrich sports, social, and cultural activities in Kumzar Village by establishing a modern football turf designed to host a variety of events and recreational endeavours

MUSCAT: In a significant stride towards sustainable development and social responsibility, Bank Muscat announced the inauguration of the first integrated social sports project in Kumzar Village, Musandam Governorate.

This initiative, in collaboration with the Office of the Governor of Musandam, underscores the bank's dedication to enhancing the quality of life in local communities and developing sports infrastructure across the Sultanate of Oman.

The project seeks to enrich sports, social, and cultural activities in Kumzar Village by establishing a modern football turf designed to host a variety of events and recreational endeavours.

Strategically located with stunning views of the Strait of Hormuz, the playground is equipped with state-of-the-art safety features, lighting, and artificial turf, creating an ideal environment for individuals of all ages and serving as a vital recreational hub for the village's residents.

On behalf of the Governor office, Eng. Mohammed bin Saif Al Jabri, Assistant Director General, Musandam Municipality, emphasized the significance of this integrated project as a successful example of partnership between the public & the private sector. He said "This project reflects the government efforts to provide bespoke services to the coastal



areas, such as Kumzar, which is distinguished by its unique location and culture. The football turf is a pivotal addition that addresses the needs of the youth, providing a secure and well-equipped setting for both sports and social activities. I would like to extend gratitude to Bank Muscat for its robust support and collaboration in bringing this project to fruition. It will surely be a perfect gathering place for the community and a venue for various social events and activities."

Talib Saif Al Makhmari, Head-Community & Media Relations, Bank Muscat, expressed pride in the Bank's role in actualizing this project, which reflects its unwavering commitment to bol-

stering local sports infrastructure throughout the Sultanate. He highlighted the partnership with Musandam Governor's Office as a testament to the Bank's dedication to supporting local communities. "We would like to express sincere gratitude to the Governor's Office for their diligent efforts in facilitating the procedures necessary for the successful implementation of this project. This initiative transcends being merely a sports facility; it serves as an open social center that fosters unity and collaboration among residents, illustrating a successful model of public-private partnership." He added.

Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Kumzari, Deputy Chairman of the

Municipal Council of Musandam Governorate, expressed his enthusiasm for the project, stating, "We, the people of Kumzar Village, are thrilled with the opening of this integrated sports and social project, marking a historic advancement in enhancing our community's quality of life. The facility addresses a long-standing need for youth, providing them with a supportive environment to pursue their athletic passions and develop their skills. This project will serve as a cultural and social platform for various events, fostering community cohesion and empowering youth in local development."

He also expressed gratitude to both the Musandam Governor's

Office and Bank Muscat for their exemplary collaboration.

Residents of Kumzar have also voiced their excitement about this achievement, recognizing it as a timely response to the community's needs. They believe the project will play a crucial role in advancing youth and social activities and extend their heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed to making this vision a reality.

Bank Muscat remains firmly committed to sustainability and social responsibility, having established a strong foundation in these areas over the past decades. The Bank implements clear strategies and sustainable annual programs aimed at creating a positive impact on Omani society across various

sectors, including health, environment, youth, and sports. Initiatives such as the "Green Sports", "Tadhamun", and "Maliyat Academy" have benefited thousands of community members from different governorates.

In recognition of its dedicated efforts in this domain, Bank Muscat has garnered several prestigious local and international awards, including the Best CSR Bank Oman Award within Gazet International Annual Awards 2025, Outstanding CSR Initiatives in Banking Oman 2025 Award from World Business Outlook, along with the Excellence in Environmental, Social, and Governance Performance Award at Oman Sustainability Week 2025.

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