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MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Bidya Devi Bhandari of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal on her country's National Day. In the cable, His Majesty expressed his heartfelt sentiments and best wishes to President Bhandari and the friendly people of Nepal. **-ONA**



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HM THE SULTAN GREETES PRESIDENT OF AZERBAIJAN

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Dr. Ilham Heydar Aliyev of the Republic of Azerbaijan on his country's National Day. In the cable, His Majesty expressed his sincere sentiments and best wishes of good health and happiness to President Aliyev. His Majesty also wished the friendly people of Azerbaijan further progress and prosperity. **-ONA**



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of Arab Parliament**

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REPORT

Human Rights Commission spots, probes footing on citizen's alleged bashing in 2011

MUSCAT: A report published on website of Oman Human Rights Commission (OHRC) reads as follows:

Acting through its specialised departments, Oman Human Rights Commission (OHRC) exerts efforts to follow up adherence to human rights in the Sultanate.

OHRC 'detection mechanism', which was a standard measure of monitoring social media and electronic websites, spotted a vis-



ual clip about Omani citizen Abdulaziz Hamad Abdullah Al Balushi contending he was roughed up in 2011.

Accordingly, OHRC launched a probe aimed to ensure the legal rights of the person under custody, to check his health condition and verify the circulated matter in coordination with the departments concerned. On 28 May 2021, the OHRC met Abdulaziz Al Balushi, who, then, reported that

he was being treated decently by Royal Oman Police (ROP) persons in charge and that he was enjoying good health. He also said that the statements made in the video clip circulated via social media networks was not meant to claim that he was subject to beating by the authorities concerned during the 2011 events. He reported that, in that year, he was only 11 years old and that he was not present in the 2011 incidents. **>A3**



NEW PROJECTS TARGET OMR200MN IN INVESTMENTS

The new investment opportunities will help raise the manufacturing sector's contribution to the country's GDP

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman plans to target over OMR200 million worth of investments, across 50 new projects that will be launched to strengthen the country's industrial sector, as well as create new job opportunities for people.

The ceremony announcing these projects will be virtually unveiled on Monday, May 31, under the auspices of Qais bin Mohammed bin Musa Al Youssef, the Minister of Commerce, Industry, and Investment Promotion (MoCIIP).

The new investment opportunities are expected to attract potential investments of more than OMR200 million in the industrial sector across the governorates of the Sultanate. This, in turn, will

help to raise the contribution of manufacturing sector towards the gross domestic product (GDP) of the country. The contributions of the industrial sector until September 2020 have exceeded OMR4.11 billion, said MoCIIP in a statement.

Furthermore, manufacturing companies listed on the Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) contributed towards 25 per cent of the shares traded on the bourse in January 2021. The value of non-oil commodity exports in 2019 also rose from OMR3.17bn in 2017, to OMR3.23bn.

The upcoming action plan is compatible with Oman's Vision 2040, said Sami bin Salim Al Sahib, Director General of Industry at MoCIIP.



Sami bin Salim Al Sahib,
Director General of Industry
at MoCIIP.

"The Vision 2040 document aims at diversification and enhancing the economic growth, creating new job opportunities, raising Oman's ranking in international indicators, strengthening the local value added, promoting foreign direct investment (FDI), achieving balanced development across the governorates of the Sultanate and enhancing the country's exports," he added.

Al Sahib clarified that the setting of these new investment opportunities comes in line with the ministry's direction towards developing the industrial sector by enabling

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new investment opportunities includes several stages.

"The first phase is to define priorities for the required opportunities in the sectors targeted by the manufacturing strategy, the second phase includes the preparing of preliminary feasibility studies for the new opportunities and to present them to the potential investors, while the third phase is to cooperate with investors to conduct final feasibility studies for each project," he further added.

Diverse fields

Al Sahib pointed out that the disclosed investment opportunities are in various fields in the industrial sector.

These include the mining activities, quarrying, food products, paper products, chemical products, rubber and plastics products, non-metallic products, base metals, the manufacturing of formed mineral products except for machinery, electrical equipment, machinery and equipment manufacturing, transportation equipment manufacturing, waste collection, treatment, disposal and material recovery activities. **>A3**

the investors to grab the potential industrial investment opportunities with economic feasibility.

The MoCIIP will include the target of creating industrial investment opportunities in its annual plans in cooperation with our partners in the public and private sectors, he added. The methodology used to set up the

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

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Indian community vaccination drive

1 Indians who are members of the Indian Social Club can sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine, which will be provided by the community organisation as part of a pact with the Ministry of Health. ISC has booked 1,300 doses of the Pfizer vaccine as part of its efforts, according to Dr Sathish Nambiar, its Chairman. **>A4**

WORLD

Vietnam detects new COVID hybrid variant

2 Vietnam's Health Ministry on Saturday said it has detected a new variant of the coronavirus that is a mix of the virulent Indian and UK variants, and spreads quickly by air, Health Minister Nguyen Thanh Long said on Saturday. **>A7**

MARKET

OAB international perpetual bond



3 Oman Arab Bank SAOG (OAB) has successfully issued \$250 million Additional Tier-1 Perpetual Bonds, listed in the International Securities Market (ISM) of the London Stock Exchange. This makes OAB the first local bank this year to do so, ensuring a positive impact on its shareholders and the national economy at large. **>B1**

FIGHTING PANDEMIC

Over 75,000 students in private, public schools to be given COVID jabs

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A campaign to provide the COVID-19 vaccine to more than 75,000 students studying for their General Education Diploma (GED), at both private and government-run schools in Oman is underway.

The vaccination drive, which will see 75,725 students vaccinated, began on May 26, 2021, and will run for two weeks, under the instructions of the Supreme Committee to deal with COVID-19.

Students who wish to be vaccinated need to arrive at their school/vaccination centre as they have been instructed, following which they will need to get their temperatures checked.

They are required to wait in classrooms or designated halls for their turn to be vaccinated. During this time, students will be given a vaccination consent form, which they need to fill in accordingly.



Prior to being vaccinated, students will need to undergo a medical check-up by a doctor, who will also take details of their medical history. All of this will be entered into the Tarassud+ database, following which the student will receive their immunisation card which records their COVID vaccination details.

Once administered the vaccine, the student is required to wait on the premises for 10 minutes, to ensure they do not develop any symptoms that call for urgent medical attention.

"Vaccines used are given through an intramuscular injection," said the Ministry of Health in an advisory. "They are given as



two doses that are separated by a specified period of time. Please comply with the instructions of the vaccination centre when taking the vaccine, and follow-up on updates."

Schools and public facilities across the country are being used as vaccination centres for students. These include the Sultan



Qaboos Youth Compound for Culture and Entertainment in Salalah in the southern Dhofar Governorate, and the Bilad Bani Bu Hassan Girls School for Basic Education in Jalan Bani Bu Hassan in South Al Sharqiyah.

"In a smooth, uninterrupted manner, the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) in the

Governorate of Muscat continues to receive students under the General and Special Education Diplomas as part of the vaccination programme against COVID-19, at Boushar Sports Complex, Quriyat Health Complex, and centres designated for immunisation services in Wilayat Al Seeb," said a statement from the health authorities in Muscat.

No serious side-effects

The ministry was also quick to assuage any concerns people might have over the potential side-effects of vaccines.

"No serious side effects have been recorded, since the national campaign for immunisation against COVID-19 began in Oman," explained MoH. "The recorded side effects of vaccines were limited to pain at the injection site, redness or swelling, fever, headache, nausea, joint pain and general fatigue. **>A3**

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NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Over 2,700 expat teachers to be replaced by Omanis

Times News Service

MUSCAT: More than 2,700 expatriate teachers currently employed by schools in Oman will be replaced by Omani nationals for the upcoming school year, the Ministry of Education has said.

The 2,733 expatriates will be replaced by Omanis who have cleared the relevant teaching exams during the current year, as well as previous candidates who are currently on the waiting list for vacant teaching roles, having completed their exams during the previous years.

“The names of new teachers at the ministry will be announced ahead of July 2021, following completion of the relevant administrative processes related to their hiring,” said an official at the Ministry of Education. “The number of teacher appointments made will continue to increase, up to the beginning of the new academic year, as there are replacements that need to be made in many specialised areas of teaching.”

The Ministry of Education's efforts to fill expatriate teaching positions with Omanis comes as part of a broader effort to Omanise more roles, with the Ministry of Labour holding on Friday a



MINISTRY OF LABOUR: The Ministry of Labour held a meeting to set a schedule in terms of targets and deadlines for the replacement of expatriates with local manpower.

joint meeting with the Directors-General of Human Resources at various government organisations to devise ways to employ more citizens across various sectors of the labour market.

The meeting aimed to set a schedule in terms of targets and deadlines for the replacement of expatriates with local manpower, as well as enabling the hiring of workers on temporary contracts, in keeping with the needs of organisations.

Held in keeping with the Royal Directives of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik for speeding up the hiring of locals, the meet-

ing also stressed the importance of government units complying with the need to accelerate hiring procedures, according to a set timetable.

“Pursuant to the Royal Directives of His Majesty the Sultan, the financial grades will be made available per the approved appointment plan,” said the Ministry of Labour. “The ministry will continue to follow up with the appointment processes across various sectors, and steps for the implementation of the Royal Directives concerning employment of national manpower will also be announced.”



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VACCINATION

< FROM A1 Symptoms can vary

“The presence of these symptoms is evidence that the body's immune system has begun to respond to a vaccine,” added the ministry. “These symptoms may often vary on the vaccine used and reactions to them by different bodies, but they often go away within three days of taking the doses of the vaccine.” People who do turn up to be vaccinated are requested to follow the vaccine guidelines issued by the relevant vaccine centre, with the ministry also urging everyone to be inoculated against COVID-19 as soon as they are eligible. “The importance

of taking the COVID-19 vaccine is that it will reduce the burden of infection among communities, reduce the number of admissions in intensive care, and reduce the pressure on the healthcare sector,” explained the Ministry of Health. “It will gradually lead to a reduction in current measures, including physical distancing, closure of activities, travel restrictions and other preventive measures, in preparation for the return of life to normal, and recovery from the impacts of the pandemic across the various aspects of our life,” the Ministry added.

OHRC PROBE

< FROM A1 Outcome of a dispute

As for the traces of bruises that appeared on his back, he said, they were the outcome of a family dispute when he was young. He

admitted that the “action he perpetrated (alleged abuse during 2011 events) was due to financial and family pressures”. -ONA

ECONOMY

< FROM A1 Investment opportunities

Additional investment opportunities are also available in HVAC assembly plant in the construction field and establishing a Centre of Excellence for Food Industries.

“Presenting these initiatives, the Ministry aims at facilitat-

ing procedures for the investors, attracting high quality investments in sectors that can enhance the economic diversification, creating an appropriate environment for the success and development of all investments,” Al Sahib added.



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FIGHTING PANDEMIC

Vaccination drive for Indian expats launched by ISC

The Indian Social Club has booked 1,300 doses of the Pfizer vaccine as part of its initiative

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Indian nationals who are members of the Indian Social Club can sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine, which will be provided by the community organisation as part of an agreement with the Ministry of Health.

The club has already booked 1,300 doses of the Pfizer vaccine as part of its efforts, according to Dr Sathish Nambiar, the ISC Chairman, and more people will be allowed to register once subsequent batches of the vaccine arrive in the country.

"We were initially told there were two options for people: Pfizer and AstraZeneca, but now, there is just the first choice being made available," he said.

"The ministry has put the cost of the Pfizer vaccine at OMR20 per dose, and the clinic with which we have tied up has an administrative fee of OMR3 per shot, so the total cost of being vaccinated per person is OMR46."

"We decided to approach the Ministry of Health to organise vaccinations for our community members, so that the vaccine



drive can take place at a faster pace," said Nambiar.

"So far, the response has been very positive, and the only reason we've had to stop taking names of people is because the first batch of vaccines has been fully booked. We expect to start vaccinating our club members from June onwards."

Once members of the Indian Social Club have been vaccinated, if there are any surplus vaccines left, arrangements will be made to inoculate others from the Indian community as well.

Location

Vaccinations are offered to club members on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who need to be given their vaccines under the arrangements made by the ISC need to go to the Medical Care Centre in Seeb, added the

chairman.

"We had tried to organise the vaccination drive at our premises in Darsait, but there is a lot of maintenance that goes into supplying, storing and distributing these doses," explained Nambiar. "We have asked our members to therefore go to Seeb when they are provided the opportunity to be vaccinated."

"To help put a stop to the spread of the pandemic and bring down the infection rates in the country, it is imperative that all of us get vaccinated as soon as possible," he went on to say. "Those who have any queries about this vaccination programme we are running are of course welcome to approach the Indian Social Club." For more information on the ISC's COVID-19 vaccination efforts, please call the club office on 24-701-347.



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Ordinary Agendas:

1. Approving the annulment of the decision of the ordinary general meeting held on March 28, 2021 to distribute cash dividends to shareholders on the date of the AGM, at the rate of (20 baisas per share) for the year ended on 31/12/2020
2. Study and approve a proposal to distribute cash dividends to shareholders on the date of the association, at a rate of 0.0138 Omani riyals per share, for the year ended on 31/12/2020
3. Study and approve a proposal to distribute cash dividends to shareholders on the date of the meeting at amount of RO 0.0007 per share, out of the company's retained earnings for the year ended on 12/31/2020

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‘COMEX 2021’ to be organised online in Oman

MUSCAT: The Communications and Information Technology Exhibition ‘COMEX 2021’ will be held on Sunday, May 30, 2021. The event is expected to have the participation of over 90 institutions and companies. The Oman News Agency said: “The Communications and Information Technology Exhibition ‘COMEX 2021’ will be launched under the slogan ‘Digital Transformation and Accelerated Adoption of the Future of Artificial Intelligence’.” “It will have the participation of 10 government institutions, 80 private sector companies and some international companies.” In line with global practices in this sector, the exhibition is being held virtually this year and aims to highlight the main trends and updates in the field of information and communication technology around the world, along with introducing digital transformation initiatives, digital services and products.

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Announcement

Honda Recall Campaign



Date of the campaign : 30 May 2021
Campaign type : Safety
Campaign section : Automobile



Product Description :

Vehicle Type	Model	VIN Details		No
		From	To	
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Accord	2019 YM	1HGCV2637KA600038	1HGCV2632KA6003972018	62
CR-V	2019 YM	5J6RW6850KL700248	5J6RW6894KL7009832018	80
City	2019 YM	MRHGM6645KT030093	MRHGM6642KT030116	5
HR-V	2019 YM	MRJRU5831KP010017	MRJRU5852KP0104812019	90
Odyssey	2019 YM	5KBRL6861KB700884	5KBRL6887KB7009722018	2
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Honda Recall Campaign



Date of the campaign : 30 May 2021
Campaign type : Safety
Campaign section : Motorbike



Product Description :

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		Code / Model	Model	
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	2021 YM	PE07 – CRF450RM	JH2PE0738MK400826	1
	2021 YM	PE07 – CRF450RM	JH2PE073XMK400827	1
	2021 YM	PE07 – CRF450RM	JH2PE0731MK400828	1
	2021 YM	PE07 – CRF450RM	JH2PE0733MK400829	1

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MEETING

His Majesty the Sultan's wise policies, leadership praised by Arab Parliament

Times News Service

CAIRO: The wise policies of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik were praised by Adel bin Abdulrahman Al Asoumi, the President of the Arab Parliament, during a meeting with His Excellency Abdullah bin Nasser Al Rahbi, the Sultanate's ambassador to Egypt, and its permanent representative to the League of

Arab States. The meeting was held in the presence of Dr Hassan Al Madhani, the Vice President, who joined them in the discussion on issues and developments in the Arab world.

Constructive vision

The President of the Arab Parliament praised the wise policy of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik - may God protect him - and

his constructive vision to move the Sultanate forward to broader horizons and build a promising future for the Omani people.

Oman Vision 2040

In this context, he gave high value to Oman Vision 2040, which aims to raise the standard of living of the Omani citizens and move forward towards achieving a promising future and building a modern

and renewed renaissance.

He also stressed the importance of the role that His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik plays to support and promote joint Arab action.

He expressed his sincere wishes of good health and wellness to His Majesty the Sultan, and to the Omani people for continued security, stability, progress and prosperity under his wise leadership.

Senate Republicans block inquiry into Capitol riot

The bill had bipartisan support from Democrats and a few moderate Republicans in the chamber

WASHINGTON: US Senate Republicans on Friday blocked a bill that would set up an independent commission to investigate the deadly riot at the Capitol building on January 6.

The bill had bipartisan support from Democrats and a few moderate Republicans in the chamber.

Why did the bill fail in the Senate?

The bill failed to pass the chamber in a 54 to 35 vote. The Senate filibuster requires 60 yes votes for legislation to move forward, or else



it will be blocked.

Six Republicans joined Democrats in the chamber to vote in favor of the legislation.

The obstruction is the first Senate filibuster of Joe Biden's presidency. The legislation passed the Democratic-majority House of Representatives earlier this month.

Republican Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, who led

the charge of the bill, claimed the legislation is partisan and said the commission would duplicate the work done by other congressional committees.

"I do not believe the extraneous 'commission' that Democratic leaders want would uncover crucial new facts or promote healing. Frankly, I do not believe it is even designed to," McConnell said in

a speech on the Senate floor on Thursday.

How did Democrats react to the obstruction?

"We all know what's going on here. Senate Republicans chose to defend the Big Lie because they feared that anything that might upset Donald Trump could hurt them politically," Democratic Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said after the vote.

He tweeted that the "Big Lie has now fully enveloped the Republican Party."

The "Big Lie" refers to the erroneous claims made by former President Donald Trump and his supporters that the 2020 presidential election was stolen due to voter fraud.

Democratic Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois said there should have been 100 votes for the legislation, and claimed "Republicans still fear the truth and the wrath of Donald Trump."

Trump has previously called the bill a "Democrat trap." He continues to insist that the election was rigged, well into the Biden presidency. **AW**

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US BUDGET

Biden proposes \$6 trillion budget to help US compete against China

WASHINGTON: The United States has proposed a USD six trillion budget for the coming fiscal year, which pitches massive investment plans to rebuild infrastructure and position the country to better compete with China. America's budget for the year starting October 1 earmarked USD 715 billion for the Defense Department, including USD 5.09 billion to enact an initiative to bolster deterrence in the Indo-Pacific region facing China's assertiveness, and plans to procure 85 F-35 fighter jets. "China poses the greatest long-term challenge to the United States," the Pentagon said in its budget overview, adding that Beijing's military modernization activities in recent decades have "sought to erode the ability of US forces to project power in the region."

"If left unimpeded, this continued erosion could fundamentally challenge our ability to achieve US defense objectives and to defend the sovereignty of our allies," Kyodo News quoted the Pentagon.

According to the news agency, the budget request for the Defense Department represented

a 1.6 per cent rise over the fiscal 2021 enacted level.

The president's budget request, which seeks USD 6.01 trillion in total outlays, reflected his USD 2.3 trillion infrastructure investment proposal and USD 1.8 trillion education and child care investment plan -- the former spanning eight years and the latter 10 years.

"Together, these plans reinvest in the future of the American economy and American workers and would help the nation out-compete China and other countries around the world," the White House said in a document explaining the budget request.

The Hill reported that President Joe Biden's first budget during his tenure proposed a budget that would entrench deficits in excess of one trillion US Dollars for the next decade, pushing the nation's debt burden to record highs. The blueprint released by the White House ties together three major spending proposals: the USD 2.3 trillion American Jobs Plan, the USD 1.8 trillion American Families Plan and USD 1.5 trillion in discretionary spending for fiscal 2022. **ANI**

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Germany officially recognises colonial-era genocide in Namibia

German soldiers carried out the massacres between 1904 and 1908 in reprisal for an uprising against colonial rule

BERLIN: Germany has officially recognised its killing of tens of thousands of people in colonial Namibia as a genocide. The victims belonged to the Herero and Nama peoples. German soldiers carried out the massacres between 1904 and 1908 in reprisal for an uprising against colonial rule. "In the light of Germany's historical and moral responsibility, we will ask Namibia and the descendants of the victims for forgiveness," NHK World said quoting German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas. Welcoming the conclusion of the talks with Namibia on recognizing the killings committed by German troops in the country in the early 20th century as



GENOCIDE RECOGNISED: The German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said that Berlin will pay 1.1 billion euros (\$1.3 billion) as compensation.

genocide, the German Foreign Minister said that Berlin will pay 1.1 billion euros (\$1.3 billion) as compensation. "I am happy and grateful that we were able to reach an agreement with Namibia on the common approach to the darkest chapter in our shared history. Five years later, [Special Envoy] Rupprecht Polenz and his Namibian counterpart Zed Ngavirue were able to conclude the negotiations, which they conducted on behalf of our two governments and the request of our two parliaments,"

Maas said in a statement, adding that the German government will offer the African country "a special program for reconstruction in development of 1.1 billion euros," as per Sputnik. According to the request of the Namibian side, the initiatives included in the program will cover land reform issues, such as purchase and development of land, agriculture, rural infrastructure and water supply, as well as professional training. These projects will be implemented in addition to the bilateral cooperation,

which will also be extended. "Now we will officially call these events as what they were from today's point of view: a genocide. In light of the historical and moral responsibility of Germany, we are asking forgiveness from Namibia and the descendants of the victims," Maas added. Namibia existed as a German colony from 1884 to 1915. From 1904-1907, German colonial troops killed tens of thousands of people in response to a rebellion by the Herero and Nama peoples. **DW**



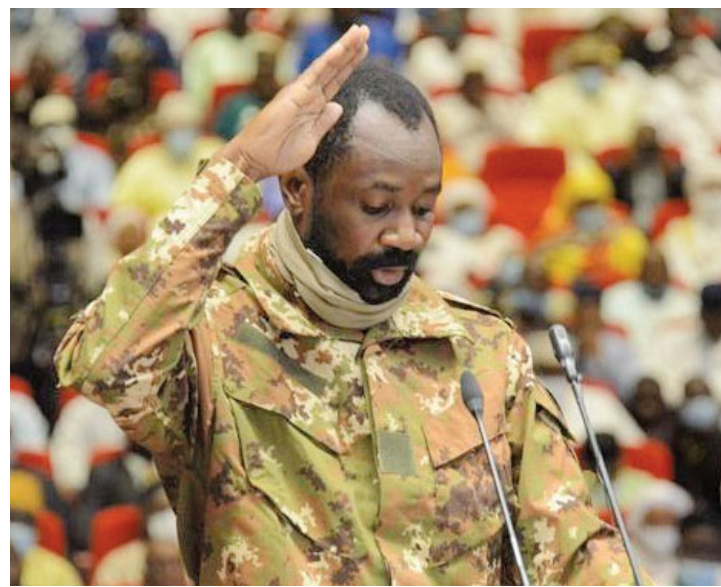
India sees lowest daily rise in coronavirus cases in 45 days

NEW DELHI: With 173,790 fresh COVID-19 cases recorded in the last 24 hours, India on Saturday reported the lowest single-day COVID-19 rise in 45 days, maintaining the ongoing declining trend, according to the Union health ministry. In the last 24 hours, at least 3,617 people have died due to coronavirus disease, according to the ministry's data updated this morning. A total of 322,512 people have succumbed to the virus in the country, the Union health ministry said. With this, the total tally reaches 27,729,247, with a daily positivity rate stands at 8.36 per cent, which is less than 10 per cent for the fifth consecutive day. Active cases in the country fell to 2,228,724 with active cases decrease by 114,428 in the last 24 hours. Also, the weekly positivity rate continues to decline and stood at 9.84 per cent. Daily recoveries in the country continued to outnumber the daily new cases for the 16th consecutive day, as India witnessed 284,601 fresh recoveries in the last 24 hours, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) said. The recovery tally of India has reached to 25,178,011 and the recovery rate stands at 90.80 per cent. According to the Indian Council of Medical Research, a total of 2,080,048 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours in the country and cumulatively 341,119,909 tests have been done so far. The Union health ministry said that nearly 2,089,02,445 vaccine doses were administered so far under the nationwide vaccination drive. **ANI**

INTERIM PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED

Malian constitutional court declares Goita as Interim President

MOSCOW: The Malian Constitutional Court has declared Vice President Colonel Assimi Goita as the interim president of the country. Earlier this week, a source told Sputnik that the Malian military arrested the interim President and the Prime Minister and transported them to an army base near the capital of Bamako. Goita said on Tuesday they were ousted for violating the transition charter. Later, Goita headed the military council that will govern the country. "Starting from the notification about this decree, the Vice President of the transitional period will have a title of the President of the transitional period and the head of state," Article 3 of the court's ruling mentioned. Military junta in Mali has arrested



President Bah Ndaw, Prime Minister Moctar Ouane and Defence minister Souleymane Doucoure of the country's interim government following a cabinet reshuffle. "We are closely monitoring events and remain committed to supporting the transition. We call for calm and demand the immediate and unconditional release of the President and the Prime Minister. Those who hold them will have to answer for their actions," said UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Mali (MINUSMA). The UN peacekeeping mission further said the military must ensure the integrity of those detained. "We are in close contact with ECOWAS (Economic Community

of West African States) and the AU (African Union) within the framework of the local transition monitoring committee, as well as with other international actors engaged in support of the ongoing transition," MINUSMA added. Mali's interim government resigned earlier in the month, with the country's interim President Bah Ndaw, having instructed interim PM Moctar Ouane to form a new government, Sputnik reported earlier. Former defense minister Bah Ndaw was then appointed to be interim president and former foreign minister Moctar Ouane became interim PM to oversee the 18-month transition period in the run-up to the new elections that will return Mali to civilian rule. "Instability in Mali began in

August of 2020 when rebels announced the arrest of then-President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita and Prime Minister Boubou Cisse. Later, the president announced his resignation and the dissolution of the country's parliament and government," the Russian News agency said. Meanwhile, US State Department has issued a travel alert and asked US citizens to avoid travel in the city to Bamako. "The US Embassy has received reports of increased military activity in Bamako (Mali). US citizens are encouraged to avoid non-essential travel inside the city at this time, and monitor local media for updates," said the US Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs. **ANI**

NEW VARIANT

Vietnam detects new hybrid variant amid COVID surge



HANOI: Vietnam's Health Ministry on Saturday said it has detected a new variant of the coronavirus that is a mix of the virulent Indian and UK variants, and spreads quickly by air, Health Minister Nguyen Thanh Long said on Saturday. "After running gene sequencing on newly detected patients, we have discovered a new variant that is a mix of India and UK ones," news website VnExpress quoted Health Minister Nguyen Thanh Long as saying. "More specifically, it is an Indian variant with mutations that originally belonged to the UK variant." The Health Ministry said the

new variant is thought to be much more transmissible than the previously known types. Laboratory cultures of the mixed variant also show that the virus replicates itself very quickly. After successfully containing the virus for most of last year, Vietnam is now in the midst of its most intense COVID outbreak since the pandemic began. Long said the new variant could help explain why cases in Vietnam have been rising so quickly. More than 3,600 COVID infections have been reported across Vietnam since the end of April alone. Just under 6,400 COVID cases have been reported in total. **DW**



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Overheating of engine derails Al-Rawahi's Jordan Rally chances

Oman's Abdullah Al-Rawahi was sidelined with engine issues after overheating at the end of the first loop



DEAD SEA: Nasser Saleh Al-Attiah cruised into a massive lead of 8min 32.1sec after an opening leg of six gruelling special stages of the Jordan Rally that were held in punishing heat and decimated the field on Friday.

Oman's Abdullah Al-Rawahi was sidelined with engine issues after overheating at the end

of the first loop.

"We had a puncture on the rear on the first stage, and then another one on the longer second one," said the disappointed Omani.

"It was really tough. I guess the rubber from the tyre cut a bit of the pipe on the radiator and we got a bit of a leak. The car overheated but we only knew after the

third stage. It stopped. We managed to get back to service but the compression was low on the engine and we could not continue."

Leading Jordanian Shadi Sheban held fourth overall and claimed victory in the opening round of the Jordan National Rally Championship. Round two will be held over

Saturday's stages.

Young Al-Rawahi and Feghali became embroiled in a battle for third and fourth places with half a second separating the pair after three stages.

Henry Kahy retired his two-wheel drive Škoda after the opening stage with engine issues and handed the MERC3 advantage to Asem Aref.

Al-Attiah dropped nine minutes in the second special and slipped to 10th place, with both he and Al-Rawahi's Jordanian navigator Ata Al-Hmoud both suffering the effects of the punishing heat.

Al-Attiah increased his advantage to 4min 33.5sec through SS4 but Al-Rawahi's challenge for the podium ended before the fourth stage with engine overheating issues, the Omani also losing the chance of winning the opening round of the National Rally Championship.

We'll have to suffer to win, says Guardiola on Champions League final

PORTO: Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola has said his side will have to suffer before winning the Champions League final.

Manchester City will face Chelsea in the finals of the Champions League later on Saturday in Porto. Guardiola's side has already won the Premier League and Carabao Cup this season. "I know exactly the way we want to play, with who we're going to play and I'm not going to bother them much. I know exactly what I'm going to tell them. The guys who are anxious and nervous, I will tell them it's normal. They have to handle that," Goal.com quoted Guardiola as saying.

"It's an incredible experience to be here, I never expected when I started my career to play even one final. We are so lucky," he added.

This is the first time that City has managed to enter the finals of the Champions League. Guardiola has the experience of managing and winning two finals with Barcelona, as well as win-



ning one as a player.

"Leaving players out is terrible, it's absolutely a disaster. I advise you don't be a manager in your life. I don't have any nice words to give relief for the guys who won't play, but my advice is to stick with the team, there are five substitutions and everybody has a chance. Everyone will be a part," said Guardiola.

"I feel incredibly sorry for them but it is what it is. The selection I will do is to win the game. Life will always give you another chance. Work harder next time and maybe you will be there," he added. **ANI**

WTC FINAL

India to sport retro jersey against New Zealand

NEW DELHI: Virat Kohli-led Indian cricket team will be donning the retro jersey in the upcoming World Test Championship (WTC) final against New Zealand.

All-rounder Ravindra Jadeja shared the photo on Twitter and he captioned the post as: "Rewind to 90's #lovingit #India." The sweater donned by Jadeja has a blue V-neck border, that used to be a regular feature in the longest format till the 90s.

The Indian cricketers might be in quarantine ahead of the UK



tour, but they are sweating it out in the gym to ensure they are fit and ready to go once they get out of quarantine in England ahead of

the WTC final against New Zealand in Southampton.

Taking to Twitter, BCCI had posted a video of the players working out in the gym which read: "Getting stronger each day!"

The BCCI has also ensured that the cricketers will get their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccines in England under the guidance of the UK health department. "The team has already taken the first dose here after the government opened the vaccination process for all above 18," BCCI sources had told ANI. **ANI**

SRI LANKA VS BANGLADESH

Sri Lanka register consolation win in third ODI against Bangladesh

DHAKA: Kusal Perera smashed a brilliant ton before Dushmantha Chameera registered career-best figures to help Sri Lanka win the third and final ODI against Bangladesh on Friday.

Sri Lanka defeated Bangladesh by 97 runs in the dead rubber to claim their first World Cup Super League points. But the hosts took the ODI series 2-1 after failing to secure a win on Friday. Skipper Perera's 120 off 122 balls and

Dhananjaya de Silva's gutsy fifty had propelled Sri Lanka to 286/6 at the end of 50 overs. In reply, Bangladesh was bundled out for 189/10 thanks to a splendid spell by Chameera.

Chasing 287, Bangladesh got off to a worst possible start as Chameera picked two wickets in the first four overs to reduce hosts to 9/2. Chameera came back to dismiss Tamim Iqbal in the tenth over to dent Bangladesh's hopes of

chasing the target.

Mushfiquur Rahim and Mosaddek Hossain tried building a partnership but Ramesh Mendis sent both batsmen back in the hut as hosts lost half (125/5) of their side.

From there on Bangladesh never really recovered and kept losing wickets at regular intervals. Chameera again wreaked havoc and picked two wickets in his next spell to bundle out Bangladesh for 189/10. **ANI**



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BANK CREDIT GROWTH

Bank credit growth slowed down to 5.6 per cent from 6.4 per cent a year ago, according to data published by the Reserve Bank of India. Combined credit by bank branches in top-six centres which together accounted for over 46 per cent of total bank credit declined marginally during 2020-21.

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OPTIMISM FOR AIR TRAVEL

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MUSCAT: Oman Arab Bank SAOG (OAB) has successfully issued \$250 million Additional Tier-1 Perpetual Bonds, listed in the International Securities Market (ISM) of the London Stock Exchange. This makes OAB the first local bank this year to do so, ensuring a positive impact on its shareholders and the national economy at large.

Rashad Al Zubair, Chairman of OAB commented, "This recent issuance marks another successful milestone in the history of OAB and our journey of growth. Furthermore, it is in line with the vision of the Central Bank of Oman, focusing on the need for local banks to expand and enhance their position and capabilities to finance developmental projects for the Sultanate, under the overarching strategy of Oman Vision 2040. I would like to extend, on behalf of the OAB Board, a warm welcome



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Today, we are proud to announce another success in the history of OAB's expansion with the issuance of an International Perpetual Bond of \$250 million on the London Stock Exchange, one of the largest securities markets in the world

Rashad Al Musafir
CEO of OAB



This will contribute towards our efforts in attracting foreign investments to the local banking sector to meet the bank's growth and development plans."

"We are proud of the positive reaction of OAB's first international offering that has generated widespread interest from international investors that included several top-notch funds from the London market. The final order book was valued at over \$1.1 billion, which is a testimony to the high level of confidence placed by international investors on Omani economy and local banking sector, as well as the financial performance of OAB," he added.

This step is considered the first issue of its kind for OAB in foreign currency and is also the first international issuance of public AT1 (Additional tier-1 bonds) in the last three years from Oman. Therefore, making it significant in enhancing domestic liquidity with a continuous flow of foreign investments, especially during the current market conditions. The issuance was jointly managed by Emirates NBD

Bank PJSC, First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC, Kamco Investment Company K.S.C.P., Standard Chartered Bank and Ubhar Capital SAOC.

Oman Arab Bank has a rich and proud history as one of the first financial institutions to be established in the Sultanate.

In June 2020, OAB completed its acquisition of Alizz Islamic Bank and merging it with its Islamic banking window. OAB was transformed into a public joint-stock company, with its shares listed on the Muscat Stock Exchange for the first time.

Today, the bank operates a nationwide network of 53 branches and representative offices with 160 ATMs spread across Oman. OAB provides a complete range of financial products and services to individuals, companies and investors. As one of the most advanced banks, it provides comprehensive digital solutions through its OAB online app, through which customers can open new accounts and benefit from other services, directly from their mobile phones.

to the diversified set of international investors who have placed their trust on the growth story of Oman's economy in general and OAB in particular."

Highlighting the importance of this milestone, Rashad Al Musafir, CEO of OAB, said, "This is a huge step for us, especially fol-

lowing the successful acquisition of 100 per cent of shares of Alizz Islamic Bank (AIB) and merging our Islamic banking window with AIB. As of mid-2020, Oman Arab Bank was transformed into a public joint-stock company, with its shares listed on the Muscat Stock Exchange, marking a fundamental

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IATA optimistic about air travel as borders reopen

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To ensure that aviation can sustainably deliver its social and economic benefits as it meets this long-term demand, it is critical that governments step up their support for more efficient operations and foster an effective energy transition.

Forecast highlights include
In 2021 global passenger numbers are expected to recover to 52 per cent of pre-COVID-19 levels (2019).
In 2022 global passenger numbers are expected to recover to 88 per cent of pre-COVID-19 levels.
In 2023 global passenger numbers are expected to surpass pre-COVID-19 levels (105 per cent).
By 2030 global passenger numbers are expected to have grown to 5.6 billion. That would be 7 per cent



PASSENGER DEMAND RECOVERY: In 2021, global passenger numbers are expected to recover to 52 per cent of pre-COVID-19 levels (2019). - Photo used for illustrative purpose only

below the pre-COVID-19 forecast and an estimated loss of 2-3 years of growth due to COVID-19.

Beyond 2030 air travel is expected to slow, due to weaker demographics and a baseline assumption of limited market liberalisation, giving average annual growth between 2019 and 2039 of 3.2 per cent. IATA's pre-COVID-19 growth forecast for this period was 3.8 per cent.

The recovery in passenger numbers is slightly stronger than the recovery in demand measured in revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs), which is expected to grow by an annual average of 3 per cent between 2019 and 2039. This is owing to the expected strength of domestic markets like China with large passenger numbers and shorter distances.

"I am always optimistic about aviation. We are in the deepest and gravest crisis in our history. But the rapidly growing vaccinated population and advancements in testing will return the freedom to fly in the months ahead. And when that happens, people are going to want to travel. The immediate challenge is to reopen borders, eliminate quarantine measures and digitally manage vaccination/testing certificates. At the same time, we must assure the world that aviation's long-term growth

prospects are supported with an unwavering commitment to sustainability. Both challenges require governments and industry to work in partnership. Aviation is ready. But I don't see governments moving fast enough," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director-General.

Short term: Restart
The damage of the COVID-19 crisis will be felt for years to come, but all indications are that people have retained their need and desire to travel:

Any possibility for borders to reopen is met with an instant surge in bookings. The most recent example is the 100-percentage point spike in bookings from the UK to Portugal when the UK's "Green List" was announced in early May.

The economy is strong and can fuel growth in travel. February 2021 industrial production levels stood at 2 per cent above February 2019 levels.

Consumers have accumulated savings in the lockdowns, in some cases exceeding 10 per cent of GDP.

Vaccination rates in developed countries (with the notable exception of Japan) should exceed 50 per cent of the population by the third quarter of 2021.

"This should be a clarion call to governments to get ready. The

travel and tourism sector is a major contributor to GDP. People's livelihoods are at stake. To avoid greater long-term economic and social damage, restart must not be delayed. Governments can facilitate a safe restart with policies that enable restriction-free travel for vaccinated people, and testing alternatives for those unable to be vaccinated. Governments must also be ready with processes to digitally manage the vaccine or test certificates — ensuring that a safe restart is also efficient," said Walsh.

Sustainability
"Aviation will grow because people want and need to travel. But we must be able to fulfil that consumer demand sustainably. Those are the ground rules for any business. It is no secret that this is more challenging for aviation than sectors with broader energy alternatives. But with the support of governments we will get there through a combination of means," said Walsh.

Aviation is committed to cutting its net carbon emissions to half of 2005 levels by 2050. It already has a good track record of decoupling emissions and demand growth per passenger journey in half since 1990 through efficiency gains, but governments need to step up as well.

Trade show highlights key opportunities in hospitality industry

DUBAI: The Hotel Show Dubai 2021 is excited to share key highlights to look out for at the 21st edition of the trade show, which will be returning live and in-person from May 31 to June 2 at the Dubai World Trade Centre.

Connecting industry leaders

The Hotel Show Dubai is the largest event of its kind in the region and will connect industry leaders from over 20 countries for the first time in more than a year, making up for time missed during the pandemic. Visitors can look forward to three days of engaging networking and rich inspiration, enhanced with a world-class line-up of conferences and seminars, supplemented with a host of live competitions and demonstrations.

International platform with local industry insights

International participants at this year's show are predicting the 21st edition to unveil a wealth of trade and tourism insights, as well as solidify restored confidence in the region's growing hospitality market. Experts predict that the UAE will be one of the fastest tourism markets in the world to recover from the pandemic, due to its strong governance and regulatory framework, and rapid vaccination roll-out.

Muhammed Khomeini, Director of Indonesian Trade Promotion Center and organiser of the official Indonesian pavilion comments, "Nine Indonesian manufacturers are participating at the Hotel Show Dubai. Dubai has been rated the safest city in the world for business and leisure travellers. The city's rapid economic and exponential recovery only reinforces the confidence industry leaders have in the UAE's vision of the future and its leadership."

A survey conducted by GRS in partnership with The Hotel Show Dubai resulted in some promising statistics on the industry's current situation, reinforcing the positive outlook for businesses and individuals within the hotel and leisure sector.

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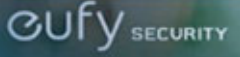
The survey showed that some 80 per cent of business owners in the industry are expecting an improvement for the second half of this year, in contrast to the second half of 2020. Additionally, 82 per cent of the industry's business owners expect an improvement for the second half of 2021 in comparison to the first half of 2021. Notably, 56 per cent of the surveyed hotel owners also believe their hotels are delivering a "better experience to their guests today than before COVID-19".

Active recruitment

When asked what the two most important factors to consider when choosing a supplier, 65 per cent of industry business owners said quality and 35 per cent said reliability. Finally, more than half of hotel owners are actively recruiting, demonstrating the industry's remarkable turnaround in recent weeks.

Outstanding response

Yves Tarabout, General Manager at Sheraton Mall of the Emirates adds, "The statistics from the GRS survey are a resounding example of the outstanding response from the UAE government over the past 14 months. The local hospitality industry is rebuilding at pace, and we are already seeing vast improvements in operations across all sectors. It's a remarkable achievement and testament to the resilience of the region and its commitment to being a global destination for leisure and tourism."





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UAE's investment climate continues to attract investors

DUBAI: Rami Al Qaisi, CEO of RAQ Contracting, stated that the UAE's investment and legislative environments are highly attractive to investors, who continue to make investments due to the many facilities that the UAE provides to investors, contractors and employers, as well

as its advanced infrastructure. The UAE's flexible laws, which guarantee justice for all, encouraged me to choose to do business in the UAE rather than any other country, Al Qaisi told Emirates News Agency in an exclusive interview. He highlighted Dubai's success

in hosting and organising major events and exhibitions, most notably Expo 2020 Dubai, which will start in October 2021, adding that the success seen across the UAE's investment environment has encouraged investors to work, invest, and even live in the country. -WAM


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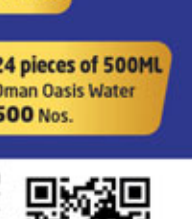
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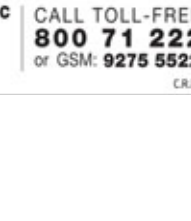




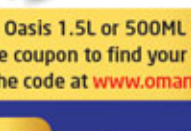



















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Bank credit growth in India slows to 5.6% in March

MUMBAI: Bank credit growth slowed down to 5.6 per cent from 6.4 per cent a year ago, according to data published by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Combined credit by bank branches in top-six centres - Greater Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad and Kolkata - which together accounted for over 46 per cent of total bank credit declined marginally during 2020-21.

On the other hand, bank branches in urban, semi-urban and rural areas recorded 9.4 per cent, 14.3 per cent and 14.5 per cent credit growth, according to RBI's quarterly statistics on deposits and credit of scheduled commercial banks.

Public sector and private sector banks recorded 3.6 per cent and 9.1 per cent credit growth respectively while lending by foreign banks declined during 2020-21. Aggregate deposits growth accelerated to 12.3 per cent in March from 9.5 per cent a year ago. Metropolitan branches which account for over half of total deposits recorded nearly 15 per cent growth.

The central bank said that the share of current account and savings account deposits in total deposits increased to 44.1 per cent in March from 42.1 per cent a year ago. -ANI

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10TH CHINA FLOWER EXPO IN SHANGHAI

The 10th China Flower Expo in east China's Shanghai opened welcoming over 20,000 visitors on its first day. The expo, held to showcase the development of China's flower industry, will last until July 2. A total of 180 outdoor exhibition zones and 64 indoor areas have been set up at the expo park in the city's Chongming District.

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ROUND-UP



The exclusive offer on Lexus will end soon. In Oman, the Lexus range includes the IS, ES, LS, NX, UX, RX, GX, LX and RC

MUSCAT: If you have a Lexus in mind, then now is the best time to make the most of it, before it ends on June 10. The exclusive offer includes free service 6 years or 60,000km and free first-year registration. (Conditions apply. Visit any Lexus showroom for details). In Oman, the Lexus range includes the IS, ES, LS, NX, UX, RX, GX, LX and RC.

The IS350 is equipped with a 3.5-litre engine that's paired with 8-speed automatic transmission. The turbocharged IS300 features a 2.0-litre twin-scroll turbocharged inline four-cylinder engine with an intercooler that generates 241 Hp.

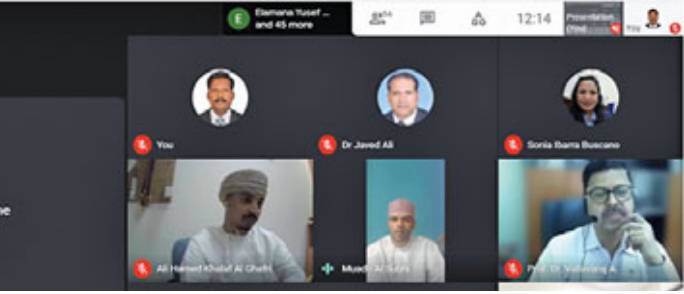
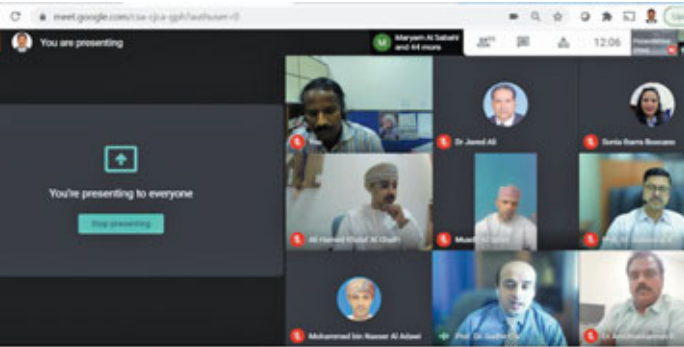
The ES is available in options of an affordable 2.5L, 16 Valve, engine with a fuel efficiency of 17.2 km /L and a classy 3.5 Litre, engine paired to an 8-speed automatic transmission with a fuel efficiency of 13.6 km/L. The ES is also available in the Hybrid version with a 2.5-litre DOHC direct-injection Atkinson cycle 4-cylinder with intake VVT-i E and exhaust VVT-i with a total system output of 215 hp, offering 24.1 km/L mileage.

The LS is the flagship of the Lexus brand. It is available in a 3.5-litre V6 Multi Stage Hybrid System producing 354 hp, a 3.5-litre V6 naturally aspirated Atkinson-cycle producing 311 hp and 38.7 Kg.M Torque, and a 3.5-litre twin-turbo V6 engine producing 415 hp and 61.2 Kg.M of Torque.

The NX300's advanced turbo-charged 238hp, 2.0-litre engine combines fuel efficiency with outstanding power output, generating exhilarating acceleration for sporty driving, together with exceptional fuel economy.

The Lexus UX has a front-wheel-drive configuration and is powered by a high-efficiency 2.0 litre, four-cylinder engine, which is coupled with a Direct Shift Continuously Variable Transmission (DCVT). The five-seat Lexus RX350 is equipped with a 3.5-litre V6 that is mated to an eight-speed automatic transmission. The RX is also available in a 3-row 7-seater option. Also available is the Lexus RX450h, a hybrid version featuring a 3.5-litre Atkinson-cycle engine.

SAVING THE NATURE



Save Globe Fest 2021 held online

MUSCAT: Department of Mechanical Industrial Engineering in association with Student Affairs Office, College of Engineering, National University of Science and Technology organised the Save Globe Fest 2021 recently through a virtual platform (Google meet).

The objective of this event was to provide a forum for the young emerging brains to display and discuss their ideas on Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle (RRR) of wastes/plastics and to acquire a novel solution for the current environmental issues. It is series of events viz., (1) Project presentation (2) Video making competition (3) Quiz Competition and (4) Essay competition with topics focusing more on the Globe and the atmosphere.

Save Globe Fest 2021 was initiated by Professor Ahmed Al Balushi, the Dean of College of Engineering as a CSR for the benefit of the students' community and the society. The event was inaugurated by Engineer Muadh

Al Subhi, the managing director of Rassen Pet Food Factory and in his speech he was emphasising on the responsibility of each individual to save the planet by a proper balance with nature. Professor A Vallavaraj, Assistant Dean, Undergraduate studies conveyed his best wishes to all the participants and insisted the students take up novel projects in the domain of waste to energy. Professor Sudhir, head of the department of mechanical and industrial engineering welcomed the gatherings.

The online event was attended by more than 60 students and has shown stupendous performance with more zeal and enthusiasm. A total of 500 OMR cash awards have been bagged by the students in Save Globe Fest 2021. The Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering congratulates all participants and winners and thank the management, executives and the entire team of Save Globe Fest 2021 for a marvellous performance.

GROWTH

Ferrari reports strong first quarter results and record order book



MARANELLO: Commenting on the results and the outlook, chairman and Acting CEO John Elkann said, "This strong start augurs well for the rest of 2021 and is testimony to the resilience of our business model as well as the extraordinary work of the women and men of Ferrari. Looking ahead, we expect the prudent steps we took in 2020 and are continuing in 2021 to adjust our expenditure in response to the COVID-19 emergency, which will postpone by one year the achievement of our year-end 2022 guidance. However, the robustness of our order book and the wonderful new models we will launch in the coming years provide a strong base on which to build our ambitious future."

Shipments

Shipments totalled 2,771 units in the first quarter of 2021, up 33 units or 1.2% versus a strong prior-

year quarter despite the limited impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the core business.

Sales of 8 cylinder models (V8) were up 8.1%, while 12 cylinder models (V12) were down 19.6%. The deliveries of the quarter were driven by the F8 family and the 812 GTS. The SF90 Stradale and the Ferrari Roma remain in the ramp-up phase, while the 488 Pista family and the Ferrari Portofino have been phased out. The Ferrari Monza SP1 and SP2 continued to be delivered in line with production planning.

Total net revenues

Net revenues for the first quarter of 2021 were Euro 1,011 million, up 10.8% at constant currency. The increase in revenues from cars and spare parts to Euro 855 million (up 8.5% or 11.0% at constant currency) was generated mainly by the strong enrichment of the product mix.

Increased sponsorship, commercial and brand revenues (Euro 91 million, up 1.4% or 2.6% at constant currency) were attributable to an improved outlook for the Formula 1 calendar, partially offset by lower prior year ranking as well as reduced brand-related activities due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Q1 2021 highlights

Ferrari and Richard Mille signed a partnership contract

On February 22, 2021, it was announced that Ferrari and Richard Mille have signed a multi-year partnership agreement, which will see the Haute Horlogerie brand become sponsor and licensee for the Prancing Horse.

Share repurchase programme resumed

On March 11, 2021, Ferrari communicated its intention to restart its multi-year share repurchase

programme announced on December 28, 2018, with a fourth tranche of up to Euro 150 million starting on March 12, 2021, and to end no later than September 30, 2021, of which up to Euro 120 million to be executed on the MTA market under a non-discretionary share repurchase agreement with a primary financial institution and up to Euro 30 million to be executed on the NYSE under an additional mandate with a primary financial institution.

Subsequent events

New Ferrari limited-edition 812 Competizione and 812 Competizione A: On April 21, 2021, the first official images of Ferrari's latest limited-edition special series were published in the build-up to its world premiere, which was broadcast live on the Maranello marque's social media channels on May 5 at 2:30pm CEST.

ROUND-UP

Walk-in, test drive before June 16 and win with Mitsubishi

Customers visiting a Mitsubishi showroom can walk in, take a test drive and be eligible for a draw to win Lulu shopping gift vouchers twice weekly and even an iPhone 12 Pro Max at the end of the promotion



MUSCAT: General Automotive Company (GAC), the official distributors of Mitsubishi vehicles in Oman, is giving you even more reason to visit your nearest Mitsubishi showroom this season.

Over the coming month, customers visiting a Mitsubishi show-

room and taking a test drive will be entered into a draw to win Lulu shopping gift vouchers weekly twice and even an iPhone 12 Pro Max at the end of the promotion.

Commenting on the new promotion, Manoj Ranade, General Manager of GAC, “While festive celebra-

tions may have come to a close now, we wanted to keep them going for a little while longer at our showrooms. This is why we decided to offer all customers visiting our showroom during this time, a chance to win high-value shopping vouchers twice every week, for an entire month.”

All customers who walk into Mitsubishi showrooms and take a test drive before June 16 will be entered into a walk-in and win a raffle draw. The raffle will be conducted twice a week with the winner receiving a Lulu gift voucher worth OMR 50. Each of these customers

will also be entered into a special mega raffle draw, which will take place at the end of the promotion period, on June 17. The winner will receive an iPhone 12 Pro Max.

“This promotion is running alongside our ongoing festive promotion which is offering cash gifts,

0% financing options, trade-in bonuses and more on the purchase of a vehicle. We will even be covering the entire 5% VAT for our customers during the promotion period. This latter promotion however ends soon. As such, we encourage all customers looking to purchase a Mitsubishi to visit the showroom at the earliest to benefit from both promotions,” added Manoj Ranade.

As part of this ongoing festive promotion, which ends on June 03, customers purchasing any Mitsubishi will benefit from cash gifts ranging from a minimum of OMR 1,000 up to OMR 2,650 together with the option of 0% interest financing for up to two years. Select models will also be available with trade-in bonuses ranging from OMR 200 to OMR 500, free Insurance for the first year, and a 2-year/20,000km free service package. Select variants of the L200 will also be available with a 4-year financing option at an attractive interest rate of just 2.99%. GAC will also be covering the 5% VAT for all customers as part of the promotion. All vehicles will also come with free registration for the first year together with six years/unlimited kilometres warranty and roadside assistance.

KEY HOLIDAY DESTINATION

Holidays are coming as Qatar Airways resumes Málaga route from July 2

DOHA: The key holiday destination of Málaga returns to Qatar Airways’ route network as Spain begins to ease travel restrictions for tourists. Málaga is a firm favourite with holidaymakers around the world, and fully vaccinated travellers will soon be able to visit once again whilst also enjoying Qatar Airways’ award-winning hospitality and service.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, Akbar Al Baker said: “As the world begins to open up again, we at Qatar Airways stand ready to take the lead in supporting the global economic and social recovery as demonstrated by our support for tourism in Spain. Spain has always been a strategically important country for our airline, as reflected by our deep partnership with Iberia and steady rebuild of our Spain network.

“Our global network continues to rebuild and expand even in these challenging times. Passengers booking with Qatar Airways can do so with complete confidence that they can make changes to their booking should factor outside their control disrupt their travel plans.”

Málaga is a beautiful and cosmopolitan city nestled along Spain’s Costa del Sol in the southern Spanish region of Andalusia. The city offers a wide variety of activities for visitors to enjoy, such as exploring the historic Roman fort, basking on one of Málaga’s wonderful Mediterranean beaches or visiting one of its many museums. Many travellers also combine a trip to Malaga with a visit to the Southern Spain hotspots of Marbella and Puerto Banus.

Málaga became the third Spanish destination for Qatar Airways network in June 2018 and will be served by flights on Friday and Sunday from Doha, utilising one of the airline’s modern, sustainable and young Airbus A350-900 aircraft with seating for 36 in Business Class and 247 in Economy Class. The seasonal service will operate from 2 July to 12 September.

Qatar Airways operates a to-



tal of 19 weekly flights to and from Spain, with daily Barcelona flights, ten weekly Madrid flights and the soon to resume two weekly Málaga flights.

Qatar Airways recently expanded its strategic partnership with fellow oneworld member, Iberia. The expanded commercial cooperation will increase the number of destinations available to Iberia passengers from 29 to 36 on Qatar Airways’ network, including new destinations in Angola, Australia, Mozambique, New Zealand and South Africa.

Qatar Airways passengers will also benefit from additional connectivity, with the ability to book travel to and from an additional four destinations on Iberia’s network in Brazil, Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala and Senegal. As one-

world alliance partners, Qatar Airways Privilege Club and Iberia Plus members are ensured recognition of their tier status with benefits including access to lounges worldwide, through check-in, extra baggage allowance, priority check-in and boarding plus accrual and redemption of miles, across the partner carriers’ networks.

Qatar Airways operates one of the youngest, most fuel-efficient fleets in the sky, and is committed to delivering a sustainable and environmentally responsible travel experience for its customers. The airline operates a total of 53 A350 aircraft with an average age of just 2.7 years. Qatar Airways has also recently launched a new programme that enables passengers to voluntarily offset the carbon emissions associated with their

journey at the point of booking.

As travellers return to the skies with Qatar Airways, they can take comfort knowing that they are travelling with the only airline in the world that has, together with its state-of-the-art global hub Hamad International Airport, achieved four 5-Star Skytrax ratings – including the prestigious 5-Star Airline Rating, 5-Star Airport Rating, 5-Star COVID-19 Airline Safety Rating and 5-Star COVID-19 Airport Safety Rating. These achievements highlight Qatar Airways’ commitment to providing our passengers with an industry-leading experience at every point of their journey, including the highest possible level of health and safety standards that safeguard the well-being of our passengers both on the ground and in the air.

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

Wipro Yardley appoints BPG Dubai to lead media planning

MUSCAT: Wipro Yardley FZE, the Middle East arm of the consumer products business, a significant player in personal care and home care consumer product segments in the region, has appointed BPG Dubai to lead media planning and buying for its Middle East brand campaigns.

Wipro products have a large consumer base across Arab and Asian communities in the region and navigating this complex space has always been a challenge and an opportunity for growth. The company also has ambitious expansion plans that required an agile, innovative and disruptive partner such as BPG.

Addressing the appointment, Arun Giridhar, Vice President-Mena Wipro Yardley FZE, said: “We have a very steep growth agenda in the region with our uniquely positioned brands in categories across body care, home and hygiene segments. With rapidly changing consumer trends in a prolonged disruptive phase, we felt the strong need to bring in a fresh and disruptive perspective. We felt that we had to revisit various aspects of how we communicate with consumers and sharpen the way we reach them in an optimum and impactful manner. We saw this appetite to challenge the status quo in the BPG team. What excited us the most was their strategic approach backed by data and logic. We look forward to this partnership.”

Avi Bhojani, CEO, BPG, added, “Wipro is a well-known brand with great products that deserve to reach every household in the region. It is an innovative company and we share a similar DNA with our ideas-driven approach.

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