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ON BEHALF OF HM

Sayyid Asa'ad bids farewell to Swiss envoy

MUSCAT: On behalf of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, His Highness Sayyid Asa'ad bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for International Relations and Cooperation Affairs, Personal Representative of His Majesty the Sultan, received in his office today Balz Abplanalp, Ambassador of the Swiss Confederation to the Sultanate of Oman to bid him farewell at the end of his tour of duty.

The ambassador expressed his thanks to His Majesty the Sultan for the support extended to him during his tour of duty in Oman from His Majesty, the Government and the Omani people, which has enabled him to carry out his duty.

He wished His Majesty good



health, happiness and long life. He also wished the Sultanate of Oman further progress and growth under the wise leadership of His Majesty.

On his turn, Sayyid Asa'ad expressed his utmost thanks to the ambassador for the efforts he

exerted in serving relations between Oman and his country. He wished him permanent success and the Swiss people further progress and prosperity. The meeting was attended by the Secretary-General and the two advisers at the Office of Sayyid Asa'ad. **— OMA**

4-TRACK PLAN FOR DIGITAL CHANGE

The project, an initiative of the National Digital Economy Programme, is one of the main enablers towards accomplishing Oman Vision 2040

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MUSCAT: Providing ease of access to people who use the Oman government's electronic services; efficient systems and solutions; enabling change in leadership and capacity building to support sustainability; and encouraging communities to participate and cooperate towards building trust in public institutions are the four main tracks of the government digital transformation programme.

Launched by the Ministry of Transport, Communication and Information Technology (MTCIT), and set to run until 2025, the programme's executive plan is a continuation of Oman's efforts in digital transformation by developing platforms to provide government services through digital channels, and create legislation and regulations to enable this change.

The government's digital transformation project is also one of the initiatives of the National Digital



Economy Programme, and one of the main enablers towards accomplishing Oman Vision 2040, the nation's long-term plan to achieve economic expansion and sustainability. The programme was created to enable the government sector to strive towards innovation, provide smart services, proactive measures, and a sound online experience for customers.

Simplify procedures

One of the most important processes of the programme is to simplify procedures and make operations proactive. This will be done by first reviewing the current position of government services provided, classifying them, making pertinent information available, documenting the related procedures, and simplifying

their operations to ensure ease and speed of response.

This particular process also takes into account the principles adopted by the MTCIT to enable the efficiency of services and increasing user penetration by diversifying the channels through which they can be accessed.

Another key aspect is the unification, integration and availability of data, since data is an important element of digital transformation, making it a main point of focus that will help achieve long-term plans to reach advanced levels of e-governance, as well as enable regular revision of services, increase quality of service, and allow for standardisation of procedures. Data can also be made shareable or open, depending on its nature. **>A4**

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URBAN PLANNING

Parts of South Sharqiyah move forward with development plans

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MUSCAT: Plans to allocate 600,000 square metres of land for residential projects in Qal-hat, and an additional 1.5 million square metres for agriculture in Al Kamil WAl Wafi have been set into motion, as part of efforts to develop the Governorate of South Al Sharqiyah. The plans include a detailed structural setup for Masirah Island, said Issa bin Salem Al Hajri at the Directorate General of Housing and Urban Planning in South Al Sharqiyah.

“Through sustainable urban planning, the establishment of integrated modern cities, and real estate development programmes that provide new opportunities for housing, the Ministry of Housing and Urban planning aims to achieve comprehensive and sustainable development,” he said.

“This includes integrated residential neighbourhoods and other facilities that contribute to achieving social and economic stability, within the directives of the national urban strategy,” he added. “Through this, the ministry aims at comprehensive transformation, and improved work environment, and enhanced

IN THE LAP OF NATURE: The plans include a detailed structural setup for Masirah Island.

community awareness.”

The government has provided real estate developers and investors the opportunities to begin a number of projects, such as the ones listed above. Furthermore, as part of measures to better organise the real estate sector in the governorate, some 1,483 requests for proof of ownership and registration were completed. All of the 870 requests for housing assistance and social housing were also approved in 2021.

Another initiative being carried out is the identification of farmland and holdings belonging

to their respective owners, as part of plans for an integrated agricultural scheme. Work teams have been formed to study the related technical and planning aspects. The possibilities of providing the services needed to rural areas on the coastline, in the desert, and mountainous regions have also been assessed. To find out the needs of society, the Directorate General, in partnership with the local governor's office, conducts a series of periodic seminars and workshops. A recent workshop on the urban strategy was organised in the governorate for the employ-

ees of the directorate, the walis of South Sharqiyah, Shura Council members, and officials in South Sharqiyah, North Sharqiyah and Al Dakhiliyah who are involved in implementing the above plan.

The Directorate General also reaches out to segments of society, and government and private bodies, to find out their future needs in the fields of urban planning, social housing, real estate development, and other necessary projects, as part of efforts to achieve Oman Vision 2040.

With inputs from Oman News Agency

FIGHTING PANDEMIC

Primary school classes to be online for four weeks from January 16: Supreme Committee

MUSCAT: Students of classes 1-4 in the Sultanate will attend their classes online for four weeks from Sunday, the Supreme Committee tasked with tackling developments resulting from coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has decided.

As part of its ongoing convening, the Committee has studied updates about the pandemic and means of protection against the disease and curb its spread. It noted that statistics in the local front point to a considerable surge in cases of community-based infection with COVID-19 variant Omicron, as well as a rise in related hospitalisation cases in Oman.

This led to a rise in the average of ‘positive’ cases and hospitalisation rates, while primary healthcare centres registered an increase in respiratory inflammation cases in all governorates of Oman, notably in the age-group of 5-12. This is an indication of widespread respiratory inflammations,

among them COVID-19 attacks within the unvaccinated segment.

To protect the young learners and their families and to sustain the health system's ability to handle the situation, the Supreme Committee decided to revert to the online education system for First Cycle of primary school (classes 1-4) for a period of four weeks with effect from 16 January 2022.

The Supreme Committee lays emphasis on the commitment of all to endorsed precautionary measures. It stresses the need to stick to the 50 percent maximum occupancy rate in establishments allowed to operate, particularly those frequented by a large number of people, like commercial complexes, exhibitions, conference, wedding and sports halls.

The establishments are also required to solicit vaccination proof from their visitors, observe physical distance and demand that the visitors wear face masks. -OMA



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Foreign Minister meets with honorary consuls to Oman

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The meeting came within the framework of the visit programme set by the Foreign Ministry for the Honorary Consuls of Oman.

Review cooperation

The meeting reviewed cooperation and means of utilising the

investment opportunities between Oman and their respective countries.

The meeting was attended by Khalid Hashel Al Musalhi, Head of the Minister's Office Department at the Foreign Ministry and a number of officials at the ministry.

It is worth mentioning that the Honorary Consuls visited Oman's pavilion in the Expo 2020 Dubai and lauded its embodiment of the civil heritage and future vision of the Sultanate of Oman.

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MEETING

Oman, Lithuania review relations

The two sides exchanged views on several regional and international matters of common concern



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The two sides reviewed bilateral relations between the two countries. They underscored their keenness to consolidate these ties in various fields.

The two sides also exchanged views on several regional and international matters of common concern.

The meeting was attended by Sheikh Khalifa Ali Al Harthy, the Foreign Ministry's Undersecretary for Diplomatic Affairs, Renatas Norkus, Ambassador of Lithuania to Oman and several officials from both sides.

Political consultations

A session of political consultations was held between the Foreign Ministries of the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Lithuania.

The Omani side was headed



by Sheikh Khalifa Ali Al Harthy, the Ministry's Undersecretary for Diplomatic Affairs. The Lithuanian was headed by Dr. Mantas Adomenas Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The session discussed bilateral relations between the two countries. The two sides underlined their keenness to continue

promoting joint cooperation in economic fields. They also stressed their willingness to exchange investments.

The session further touched on several regional and international matters of common interest.

It was attended by several officials from the Foreign Ministries of the two countries. -ONA

OCCI Chairman explores investment opportunities

MUSCAT: Eng. Ridha Juma Al Saleh, Chairman of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) received here on Wednesday Dr. Mantas Adomenas, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Republic of Lithuania and his accompanying delegation.

The meeting discussed several topics, mainly conducting bilateral meetings between the Omani businessmen and their Lithuanian counterparts, as well as creating a joint platform to present the investment opportunities in the Sultanate and Lithuania. -ONA



CULTURAL EVENT

Oman to participate in Doha International Book Fair 2022

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth and the Ministry of Information will take part in Doha International Book Fair 2022.

This cultural event will kick off on Thursday and last till 22 January 2022.

The participation aims at highlighting the cultural, civilizational, literary and historic aspects of the Sultanate of Oman, as well as underscoring the Omani intellectual production.

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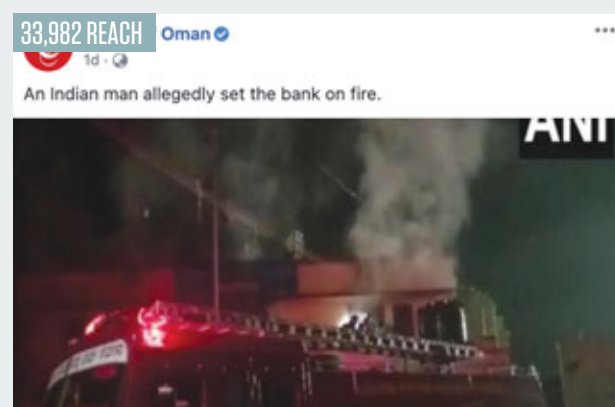
ion in the book fair will include new and variant literary, artistic, historic, intellectual and scientific books for some government

institutions, besides several publications for Omani private libraries.

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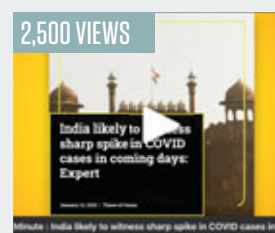
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Story on a man setting a bank on fire for rejecting his loan application

A story on a man setting a bank on fire for rejecting his loan application reached 33,982 people and had 2,807 engagements on Facebook.

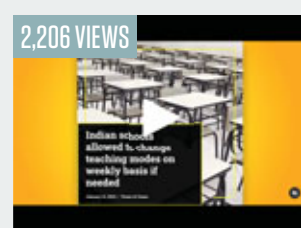
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Morning Minute video on India witnessing a spike in Covid-19 cases

The Morning Minute video on India witnessing a spike in Covid-19 cases had 2,500 views and reached 11,800 people on Facebook.

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Morning Minute video on Indian schools

The Morning Minute video on Indian schools had 2,206 views and 117 likes on Instagram

OMAN VISION 2040

Oman, Lithuania discuss ways to boost trade, industry relations

MUSCAT: Dr. Saleh Said Masan, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion for Commerce and Industry here today received Dr. Mantas Adomenas, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Republic of Lithuania.

The meeting reviewed the astounding relations between the two countries. It also covered fields of trade and economic cooperation.

The two sides discussed several matters of common interest and expressed their keenness to seize the investment opportunities and the available capabilities in the fields of trade, industry, tourism and energy.

The meeting touched on Oman Vision 2040 and the economic di-



versification sectors targeted by the Sultanate of Oman, namely transformative industries, tourism, mining, fisheries, transportation, logistic services and associated sectors.

Investors

It also covered the investment opportunities and incentives offered for investors through the Foreign Capital Investment Law, as well as other advantages offered in the previous period to stimulate the business environment.

The two sides explored the possibility of exchanging expertise, increasing cooperation, organizing joint events aimed at bolstering trade exchange and conducting B2B meetings among business-people of the two countries. -ONA

DIGITAL PLAN

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Institutional integration to improve

The programme also requires digital integration and institutional cooperation between the units of the state administration. This is considered one of the most important objectives, as it will help improve user experiences, make it easier to facilitate procedures, avoid duplication of work, and increase efficiency. A digital platform and solutions hub is to be set up to improve institutional integration and create digital platforms for shared use, which will reduce spending, and increase work efficiency and planning.

Advanced digital architecture and agile management also come under the transformation pro-

gramme. This particular aspect refers to the digital readiness necessary to enable efficiency, which includes upgrades to infrastructure related to hosting, integration, and networks.

Reviewed

Furthermore, the laws and regulations concerning digitisation will be reviewed so that they are in line with rapid technological changes, and help define the relationships between all parties involved in the implementation of this plan.

The aim of these laws is to positively impact digitisation through agile management that supports decision making, focuses on pre-

dictive analysis, and encourages real-time planning.

To protect and safeguard this new digital infrastructure, attention has also been accorded to cybersecurity, which will work hand in hand with enhanced community awareness and confidence building exercises so that people can use smart services in a safe manner.

Follow-up on the implementation of the plan will be conducted by the Financial and Economic Committee of the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers.

The team will also help resolve challenges, and identify the direc-

tions in which the programme needs to go.

A technical committee has also been established to support implementation and enhance coordination among all those involved.

Some OMR170 million is expected to be invested in this project. The money is to go towards improving procedures, re-engineering government services, automation of basic services and making them fully available digitally, improving digital infrastructure, and improving the competence of nationals in the areas of digital transformation and change management.

-With inputs from Oman News Agency (ONA)



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HONORARY PATRONAGE

RAA to enrich administrative training experience in Oman

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Sayyid Zaki Hilal Al Busaidi, CEO of the former Institute of Public Administration, told Oman News Agency (ONA) that the establishment of the RAA affirms the care and attention accorded to human resources by His Majesty the Sultan.

He added that the Academy will upgrade the capabilities of the Omani human resources in the public and private sectors in a manner that aligns with the requirements of Oman Vision 2040.

Yahya Khamis Al Hussaini, CEO of Muscat Statistical Consulting centre, said that the RAA

will contribute to the improvement of government performance by devising clear-cut plans for the development of leadership skills.

Dr. Obaid Said Al Shaqsi, Associate Professor of Mass Communications at Sultan Qaboos University, said that the establishment of the RAA reflects the piercing vision of His Majesty the Sultan to meet the requirements of the next stage of development

in Oman, notably when the need arises for training of nationals in administrative fields.

Dr. Rajab Ali Al Owaisi, Expert of Social and Educational Studies at the State Council, said that the RAA will constitute a national house of expertise that will comprise international capabilities and provide a great proportion of consultancies to enrich the experience of the State's Administrative Apparatus.

Dr. Humaid Al Nofali, Director of the Culture Department at Oman National Committee for Education, Culture and Science, said that the RAA ushers in a new era of administrative development that fits with the goals of Oman Vision 2040.

Dr. Mohammed Fayel Al Arai-mi, Associate Professor at Sur University College, said that the RAA has been established as part of an approach to bridge the transformation of the Sultanate of Oman into the sphere of advanced nations. -ONA

ADAM AND AL MUDHAIBI

Pacts signed for fish markets

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources yesterday signed two agreements with Al Qima Company for Projects to construct two fish markets in the Wilayats of Adam and Al Mudhaibi. The two projects are funded by the Petroleum Development Oman (PDO). The agreements were signed by

Dr. Saud Hamoud Al Habsi, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, Khalfan Musalam Al Habsi, Chairman of the Board of Al Qima Company for Projects, and Eng. Abdul-Amir Al Ajmi, PDO's External Affairs and Value Creation Director.

As per the agreements, the two markets will be set up on a construction area of 920 square meters for each. The two markets will include 14 fish stalls, with a hall for cutting fish that comprises 7 stalls and waiting hall for the customers. They will also include a cafe, a hall for wholesale auction, cold store and ice production unit.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

Dhofar Integrated Services Company S.A.O.C (DISC) invites reputable contractor for carrying out following works in Dhofar Region.

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Tender Fee	RO. 157.500 Inclusive VAT (5%) Each Tender. Note: Tenderer who wish to participate in the above tenders should collect the tender documents from DISC's office or send an e-mail to below mention mail id for tender documents.
Experience	The tenderers should have executed in the last Five (5) years period similar Projects in Sultanate of Oman.
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Last date for issue of tender documents	03:00 PM on 27 th January 2022
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Last date for seeking pre bid clarification	03:00 PM on 3 rd February 2022
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Last date for submission of bids	02:00 PM on 14 th February 2022
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Tenderers are requested to note that the bids accompanied with Tender Bond (1% of the quoted bid price and having 150 days validity) shall only be considered for evaluation.



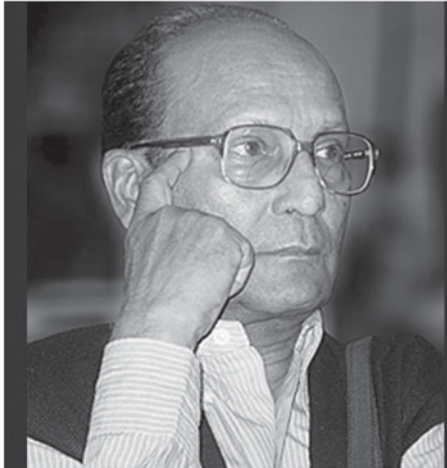
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BREACHING LAWS

Djokovic admits mistake on Australia COVID form

CANBERRA: Serbian tennis star Novak Djokovic said on Wednesday that an incorrect answer was made on his Australian entry documents. This mistake breached the country's strict laws on reporting recent travels. The Australian government is still considering whether to deport him.

Djokovic had been held in immigration detention in Melbourne for several days after his visa was canceled upon arrival by Australian border force officials. They questioned the legitimacy of a medical exemption Djokovic presented from having to be fully vaccinated to enter the country.

The tennis world number one is hoping to compete in the Australian Open and secure a record-breaking 21st Grand Slam title.

What did Djokovic say about the error?

Djokovic's form said that he had not traveled anywhere in the 14 days before arriving in Australia, even though the tennis player had been seen at events in Spain and his native Serbia within that time period.

In a statement posted on social media, Djokovic described reports



about his activities as "misinformation which needs to be corrected," and said he wished to "address matters which are very hurtful and concerning to my family."

After attending a basketball game in Belgrade, where several people tested positive, Djokovic said he took a rapid and a PCR test on December 16. The next day, the tennis star said, he took a rapid test and tested negative before presenting awards to children at a tennis event. He said it was only after the event that he received a positive COVID result from his PCR test.

"The next day, on 18 December, I was at my tennis center in

Belgrade to fulfill a long-standing commitment for a L'Equipe interview ... I felt obliged to go ahead and conduct the interview, but did ensure I socially distanced and wore a mask except when my photograph was being taken," he said. "While I went home after the interview to isolate for the required period, on reflection, this was an error of judgment and I accept that I should have rescheduled this commitment."

Djokovic said his travel declaration was filled in by his support team, and that his "agent sincerely apologizes for the administrative mistake in ticking the incorrect box." **AN**

FILIBUSTER RULES

Biden asks Senators to declare their stand on democracy

WASHINGTON: US President Joe Biden gave a statement on changing the Senate's so-called filibuster rules to push the voting rights legislation and rebuked the former president Donald Trump and his allies for disenfranchising anyone who votes against them.

Taking to Twitter he said, "The next few days when these voting rights bills come to a vote, will mark a turning point in this na-

tion. Will we choose democracy over autocracy? Every Senator will have to declare where they stand." "I ask every elected official in America - how do you want to be remembered?", he added.

Last year, President Joe Biden ripped apart the claims of Donald Trump's 'big lie' about the 2020 presidential election and said that the US is facing the "most significant test of our democracy since the Civil War" due to al-

leged attempts by the Republican party to suppress and subvert the right to vote in fair and free elections.

Furthermore, he said, "When it comes to protecting majority rule in America, a majority should rule in the United States Senate. To protect our democracy, I support changing the Senate rules to prevent a minority of Senators from blocking action on voting rights." **AN**





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Jasprit Bumrah, Pujara and Kohli help India storm back into contest



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CAPE TOWN: Jasprit Bumrah's dominant bowling performance backed up by a gritty batting performance by Cheteshwar Pujara and Virat Kohli helped India recover some lost ground against South Africa on Day 2 of the ongoing third Test here at Newlands, Cape Town on Wednesday. At stumps, India's score read 57/2-- with the visitors extending their lead to 70 runs. Kohli (14*) and Pujara (9*) are currently unbeaten at the crease. After gaining a lead of 13 runs, India openers KL Rahul and Mayank Agarwal put on 20 runs for the first wicket, and the stand was finally broken by Kagiso Rabada as he dismissed Mayank

(7). In the very next over, Marco Jansen got the better of KL Rahul (10) and India was reduced to 24/2. Virat Kohli and Cheteshwar Pujara then rallied the Indian innings, and the duo ensured that India does not lose more wickets before stumps. Earlier, Jasprit Bumrah took five wickets as India bowled out South Africa for 210 in the first innings on Day 2. India took a slender 13-run lead after an excellent bowling effort. Resuming the third and final session on Day 2 at 176/7, Keegan Petersen and Kagiso Rabada added three more runs to the total before Petersen (72) was sent back

to the pavilion by Bumrah. Kagiso Rabada and Duanne Olivier added 21 more runs to the total, but this partnership was cut short by Shardul Thakur as he dismissed Rabada (15), reducing South Africa to 200/9. In the end, Proteas were bowled out for 210. On the opening day of the Test, India was bowled out for 223 with skipper Virat Kohli top-scoring with a knock of 79. Kagiso Rabada scalped four wickets for the Proteas. Brief Scores: India 223 and 57/2 (Virat Kohli 14*, Cheteshwar Pujara 9*; Marco Jansen 1-7); South Africa 210 (Keegan Petersen 72, Temba Bavuma 28; Jasprit Bumrah 5-42). **ANI**

BANGLADESH VS NEW ZEALAND



Series against NZ will see us as a force in Test format: Mominul Haque

CHRISTCHURCH: Bangladesh Test skipper Mominul Haque has said that the other full member nations of the International Cricket Council (ICC) will start seeing his side as an actual force in Test format after they were able to defeat New Zealand in the first Test of the two-match series. Bangladesh had outclassed New Zealand by eight wickets in the first Test, however, the BlackCaps came back to win the second Test, to end the series at 1-1. "A lot of challenges await us as a team this year. Everyone, including the opponents, had assumed that we wouldn't do well abroad. This series will create more awareness about us. We have Test series against South Africa, Sri Lanka, and West Indies in the next six months. It won't be easy for us. We have to accept the chal-

lenges and continue well," ESPN-cricinfo quoted Haque as saying. The Bangladesh skipper said that his side now has the belief that they can win Tests overseas and it is the biggest takeaway from the series against New Zealand. "I got the captaincy at a very tough moment. I always dreamed of winning against big teams. But that belief has to be visible. I think winning the first Test match was important for us to believe in our capability of winning overseas. We will one day win a Test series abroad," said Haque. "So, getting that belief, for myself, the team, and even for you, was a significant step. There are many positives. I always stress on a combined team effort, which I always believe brings us wins," he added. **ANI**

CRICKET

Vaishali to lead Oman women's team against Wanstead CC of UK



NINE-DAY TOUR: Oman Cricket has picked an exciting bunch of experienced and budding cricketers who will be in action against Wanstead CC for one 30-over game and three T20 matches

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Women's cricket is on the rise and Wanstead Cricket Club, one of the top women's teams in UK, will be touring Oman for a 9-day trip, starting on January 15. Vaishali Jesrani will be leading the Oman side whereas Fiza Javed will be her deputy for the series. Oman Cricket has picked an exciting bunch of experienced and budding cricketers who will be in action against Wanstead CC for one 30-over game and three T20 matches at the picturesque

Al Amerat Cricket Stadium. The tour opens with a 30-over day-night clash starting at 2.30 pm on January 16 followed by T20 games on January 18, 20 and 21 starting at 10.30 am. With a strong girls team, Wanstead CC is likely to pose a strong challenge to Oman Women's team and Oman captain is fully alive to the task ahead. While the girls are all geared up to compete against a quality side, the series offers an excellent opportunity for the youngsters in Oman team to come forward and showcase their talent," said Vaishali, who

is also Women's Coordinator at Oman Cricket. Oman squad: Vaishali Jesrani (captain), Fiza Javed (vice-captain), Amanda D'costa, Nikhita Jagadish, Sameera Khan, Hina Javed, Afida Aftab, Suhanthika Sahiva, Prinka Mendonca, Snehal Nair, Nayan Anil, Shreya Prabhu, Bhakti Shetty, Sakshi Shetty. Reserves: Alifia Sayed, Clarita Saldana, Nitya Joshi, Sani-e Zehra. Team officials: Haider Ali (manager/head coach), Desmond Berhardt, Amir Kaleem (assistant coaches), Vijay Kaliswaran (physio).

NEW YEAR CUP 2022

New Wisdom XI lift Black Arrows New Year Cup

MUSCAT: New Wisdom XI defeated Samiksh XI by one run to lift the Black Arrows New Year Cup 2022. The 9th edition of Black Arrows tournament 2022 final was conducted at the Al Khoud Black Arrows Cricket club ground. New Wisdom XI won the toss and elected to bat and scored 95 runs in the allotted eight overs. Vishnu (32 runs from 13 balls) and Riyas (23 runs from 15 balls) helped the team to score 95 runs. Ruban from Samiksh XI took 6 wickets with his excellent bowling performance. In return, Samiksh XI scored 94 runs in 8 overs, Ruban (35 runs 15 balls) and Rakesh (25 from 12 balls). Vishnu from New Wisdom XI was named Man of the Match in the final and Man of the Series. The other awards given away for the individual performance were, Waqas Abdul Aziz -Best Bowler,(New Wisdom XI) Sarath, Man of the Match for the first semi-finals (Samiksh XI) and Shani, Man of the Match for the 2nd Semi-finals (New Wisdom XI) Bala Baskeran from Sultan Qaboos University handed over the trophies to the winners. **ANI**

FOOTBALL

Barcelona get injury boost as five players declared fit for clash against Madrid



RIYADH: Five FC Barcelona players were declared fit and available for the Spanish Super Cup semi-final against Real Madrid on Wednesday. Head coach Xavi Hernandez can now call upon Ronald Araujo, Ansu Fati, Pedri, Frenkie de Jong and Ferran Torres with the latter in with the chance to make his first appearance for Barca since joining from Manchester City. On Wednesday, FC Barcelona and Real Madrid meet for the second time in the 2021/22 season, this time in the Spanish Super Cup, which is being played this week in the Saudi Arabian capital of Riyadh. Barca are competing as the current Copa del Rey winners, and Madrid as last year's Liga runners-up. The prize for the victors is a place in Sunday's final

against either the defending Liga champions, Atletico Madrid, or beaten cup finalists Athletic Club, who will be meeting in the second semi-final on Thursday. All three of the games are being played in the 68,752 capacity King Fahd International Stadium. This is the second time that the Spanish Super Cup has been held in the Middle Eastern country. Two years ago, Barca lost a dramatic semi-final to Atletico Madrid when the King Abdullah Sports City, Jeddah, hosted the event. Due to COVID-19, the 2021 Super Cup was relocated to Andalusia, but now it is back in Saudi Arabia, this time in Riyadh, a city that Barca are returning to less than a month after appearing at Mrsool Park to contest the Maradona Cup with Boca Juniors of Argentina. **ANI**



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Times News Service

MUSCAT: The second edition of the SPE International Hydraulic Fracturing Technology Conference and Exhibition opened in Muscat, Oman with more than 395 oil and gas professionals from 90 companies and 28 countries.

Taking place from January 11-13 at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre, the conference and exhibition is held under the auspices of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, with Petroleum Development Oman as the exclusive host.

The opening ceremony commenced on an inspiring note with Sultan Al-Shidhani, Conference

Chair, Petroleum Engineering Function Director, Petroleum Development Oman, saying, "This conference is truly an international event with participants joining from every corner of the globe and the key players in the oil and gas industry. The conference signifies two developments — one, the resilience in the pursuit of knowledge and knowledge-sharing, technology advancements, and overcoming all the challenges that we've been facing as an industry."

"So, having this conference with this magnificent participation is very significant. Actually, it opens the season for conferences to be held in-person and through col-



EXCLUSIVE HOST: The conference and exhibition is being held under the auspices of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, with Petroleum Development Oman as the exclusive host. - Supplied picture

laboration. The other significant aspect is the continuous evolution of the technology."

Salim bin Nasser Al Aufi, Undersecretary, Ministry of Energy and Minerals, Sultanate of Oman, addressed the audience with a keynote speech. Commenting on some key points on hydraulic

fracturing technology and the relevance of the conference, he said, "Nothing comes close to hydraulic fracturing, at least in my mind — it's because of the way it changed the fundamentals of oil and gas, whether it's the oil side, the shale oil revolution that happened in the US, and of gas, again the shale gas.

It was a major game-changer that allowed us and enabled us to go back to reservoirs we have pretty much written off on the books. I am happy to see that the second edition of the event is attracting audiences despite the fact we are still not out of COVID but we are still able to get together."

Lauding Oman for its commitment to technological advancement, Kamel Ben-Naceur, 2022 SPE President, CEO, Nomadia Energy Consulting, said, "The fact that we have another sister conference in the US on hydraulic fracturing and the fact that the only other big international hydraulic fracturing technology conference is in Oman, is a testimony of how much Oman is playing a key role in terms of advancing technology and being at the front of innovation."

Notable executives from the world's leading oil and gas companies came together for an Executive Plenary Session: Fracturing—Accessing the Molecules and Enhancing Recovery to discuss the conference theme. The session featured Steve Adiletta, VP Exploitation, Oxy; Moutaz Al Riyami, Gas Director, Petroleum Development Oman; Chokri Ben Amor, Executive Director and VP QHSE, NESR; Ziad Jeha, Managing Di-

rector, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, Schlumberger. The speakers emphasised the importance of advances in hydraulic fracturing and how they can bring new life to fields and sustain the world's energy supply more competitively and acceptably.

The upcoming days of the conference will see panel sessions focused on topics like HF Environmental, Sustainability and Governance (ESG) Considerations, Challenges, and Opportunities and Operational Efficiency and Enhanced Production, numerous technical sessions, knowledge sharing ePoster sessions and networking opportunities.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Salim Al Aufi. Over 25 exhibitors are showcasing a wide range of current and upcoming technologies with product demos and interactive displays offering visitors an engaging experience of discovering technologies and growing their network.

The event's esteemed sponsors include Principal Sponsors, Aramco, Baker Hughes, Gulf Energy, Sinopec; Platinum Sponsor, Schlumberger; gold sponsor, Shell Development Oman; silver sponsors, Abraj Energy Services, NOV; Networking Reception Sponsor, bp; associate sponsor, TAQA.

CAPITAL MARKET AUTHORITY

CMA organises trainers' training programme on medical coding

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Capital Market Authority organised a trainers' training programme to acquaint them to train others in matters related to health insurance electronic link Dhamani Platform with the participation of 280 persons from government and private health institutions, insurance companies and health insurance third party administrators. The participants attended physically and via video conferencing.

The programme covered several topics the most important is the training of trainers on medical coding systems and their role in ensur-



ing quality health services and data accuracy in addition to reviews on medical coding systems that would be incorporated in the Dhamani Platform such as CPT license arranged by the CMA in the platform in contract with the American Medical Association as the plat-

form would link insurance companies with private health institutions and the institutions would use the above-mentioned license for classification and diagnosis of diseases to limit the need for unnecessary medicines and diagnosis.

The trainers were trained on the

method for using the unified platform which includes (MapME) for medical coding, Health Data Records (HDR), Main Data Records (MDR) and the training portal.

A number of tests were conducted for the trainees especially in medical coding systems to ensure their understanding of the topics in addition to questions and discussion sessions.

The CMA continues its endeavours to empower the Omani youth to work in the various technical fields related to health insurance including medical coding which would provide jobs related to medical coding in insurance companies and private health institutions.

WORLD BANK REPORT

COVID-19 new variant, inflation to derail global economic recovery in 2022

WASHINGTON: Global economic growth will drop sharply from 5.5 per cent in 2021 to 4.1 per cent in 2022 and dip further to 3.2 per cent in 2023 due to fresh threats from COVID-19 variants and a rise in inflation, debt and income inequality, the World Bank said in a report.

Global Economic Prospects report

According to the World Bank's latest Global Economic Prospects report, following a strong rebound in 2021, the global economy is entering a pronounced slowdown amid fresh threats from COVID-19 variants

and a rise in inflation, debt, and income inequality that could endanger the recovery in emerging and developing economies.

"The world economy is simultaneously facing COVID-19, inflation, and policy uncertainty, with government spending and monetary policies in uncharted territory. Rising inequality and security challenges are particularly harmful to developing countries," World Bank Group President David Malpass said in the report released. "Putting more countries on a favourable growth path requires concerted international action and a comprehensive set of national policy responses," he said. -ANI

STOCK MARKETS

Asian stocks follow Wall St up as Powell says rates may rise

BEIJING: Asian stock markets followed Wall Street higher on Wednesday after Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell said monetary policy would return to normal and interest rates might be raised earlier than planned.

Shanghai, Tokyo, Hong Kong and Sydney advanced. Oil prices edged higher. Wall Street's benchmark S&P 500 index rose 0.9 per cent after Powell said policy "in all likelihood" will return to normal as bond purchases and other economic stimulus winds down. Speaking before the Senate Banking Committee, he said ultra-low rates might be raised earlier than planned if necessary to cool inflation that is at a four-decade high, according to The Association Press (AP).

"Wall Street now has a better understanding on how the Fed will normalise policy," Edward Moya of Oanda said in a report. -BNA

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sellers for OMR384,000 while domestic investors were net buyers for OMR271,000 followed by foreign investors for OMR113,000 worth of shares. Financial Index closed at 6,793.66 points, up 1.21 per cent. Bank Dhofar, Al Sharqia Investments, National Bank Oman, Vision Insurance and Al Omaniya Financial Services were up 3.85 per cent, 3.23 per cent, 2.54 per cent, 2.41 per cent and 2.31 per cent respectively. Industrial Index closed at 6,014.11 points, down 0.40 per cent. Construction Materials, Gulf International Chemical and Jazeera Steel Product were up 10.81 per cent, 2.08 per cent and 1.54 per cent respectively. Index was up by 0.16 per cent before closing at 1,664.30 points.

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INDICES							
Index.....	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value.....	Diff.....	Diff%	
MSX 30 INDEX	4,262.91	4,226.37	4,258.21	4,224.67	33.55	0.79	
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,793.67	6,715.14	6,793.67	6,712.42	81.25	1.21	
Industry Index	6,050.42	6,014.11	6,014.11	6,038.16	-24.05	-0.40	
Services Index	1,666.94	1,664.30	1,664.30	1,661.70	2.60	0.16	
MSX Shariah Index	527.16	524.28	524.84	526.04	-1.20	-0.23	
MSX TR INDEX	5,129.80	5,085.83	5,124.15	5,083.78	40.37	0.79	
Trading Summary							
Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap.....	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
3,559,537	510,813	223	18,180,346,800	3	11	16	30

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST BD	LAST OFFER	P/B VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000002040	AL SHARQIA INV.	285,000	27,330	11	0.095	0.096	0.095	0.096	0.093	0.003	3.226	0.096	0.096	0.102	0.100	8,640,000
OM0000001555	OMAN INVST& FIN.	2,351,941	384,519	45	0.184	0.186	0.180	0.183	0.159	0.004	2,516	0.180	0.158	0.163	0.100	38,631,000
OM0000006920	VISION INSURANCE	2,087,000	176,867	21	0.085	0.087	0.085	0.086	0.083	0.002	2,410	0.086	0.084	0.086	0.100	8,500,000
OM0000002077	AL OMANIYA FIN.S	2,933,800	390,969	96	0.130	0.135	0.130	0.133	0.130	0.003	2,308	0.132	0.132	0.132	0.100	38,827,378
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	410,042	49,105	16	0.119	0.120	0.119	0.120	0.118	0.002	1,695	0.120	0.119	0.120	0.100	233,958,896
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	231,486	91,525	42	0.392	0.400	0.392	0.396	0.390	0.006	1,538	0.394	0.394	0.396	0.100	49,459,592
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	3,355,250	395,920	35	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.117	0.001	0,855	0.118	0.117	0.118	0.100	352,827,350
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER.	1,165,136	510,720	65	0.434	0.448	0.434	0.438	0.436	0.002	0,459	0.440	0.440	0.460	0.100	103,547,580
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	2,105	657	2	0.314	0.314	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.000	0,000	0.310	0.310	0.316	0.100	207,193,282
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	7,300	431	2	0.059	0.059	0.059	0.059	0.059	0.000	0,000	0.059	0.059	0.060	0.100	18,121,633
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDSTR	20,030	20,030	9	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.100	89,700,000
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	289,600	27,698	15	0.096	0.096	0.095	0.096	0.096	0.000	0,000	0.095	0.095	0.096	0.100	19,200,000
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	258,972	113,558	36	0.438	0.440	0.434	0.440	0.440	0.000	0.000	0.434	0.438	0.434	0.100	96,900,000
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	32,600	11,375	5	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.000	0.000	0.350	0.346	0.350	0.100	21,421,496
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	163,143	84,658	17	0.520	0.520	0.518	0.518	0.518	0.000	0.000	0.518	0.516	0.518	0.100	1,851,577,942
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	63,715	48,933	4	0.768	0.768	0.768	0.768	0.768	0.000	0.000	0.768	0.768	0.768	0.100	576,000,000
OM0000003968	COBRED	56,216	21,373	15	0.388	0.388	0.378	0.380	0.388	-0.008	-2,062	0.378	0.378	0.380	0.100	2,473,588,807
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	296,430	130,667	33	0.450	0.450	0.436	0.440	0.450	-0.010	-2,222	0.436	0.436	0.450	0.100	24,200,000
OM0000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	1,300,009	282,091	66	0.230	0.230	0.210	0.217	0.225	-0.008	-3,556	0.210	0.210	0.225	0.100	43,400,000
Total	19	15,289,375	2,768,225	535												
Parallel Market																
OM0000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	38,500	2,118	7	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.050	0.005	10,000	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.100	10,979,858
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAR	1,501,491	202,381	19	0.131	0.135	0.131	0.135	0.130	0.005	3,846	0.135	0.135	0.140	0.100	404,507,444
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	1,395,250	282,400	35	0.198	0.210	0.198	0.202	0.197	0.005	2,538	0.205	0.205	0.216	0.100	328,441,164
OM0000002028	GULF INT. CHEMI.	5,100	392	1	0.098	0.098	0.098	0.098	0.096	0.002	2,983	0.098	0.097	0.100	0.100	2,058,000
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	138,800	8,185	7	0.058	0.059	0.058	0.059	0.058	0.001	1,724	0.059	0.058	0.059	0.100	20,599,520
OM0000007407	DHOFAR GENERATING	430,843	28,531	20	0.065	0.069	0.065	0.066	0.065	0.001	1,538	0.065	0.065	0.069	0.100	14,667,840
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV. H.	1,363,270	82,551	62	0.067	0.069	0.067	0.068	0.067	0.001	1,493	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.100	13,600,000
OM0000007084	MCT DESALINATE	150,541	13,233	14	0.090	0.090	0.087	0.088	0.087	0.001	1,149	0.087	0.088	0.094	0.100	15,686,435
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	1,238,160	117,017	74	0.095	0.096	0.094	0.095	0.094	0.001	1,064	0.096	0.095	0.096	0.100	16,625,000
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG.	189,644	18,304	14	0.096	0.097	0.095	0.097	0.096	0.001	1,042	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.100	12,610,000
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	2,631,185	292,196	43	0.099	0.101	0.099	0.100	0.099	0.001	1,010	0.100	0.100	0.101	0.100	223,695,303
OM0000001517	HSBC BANK OMAN	278,300	29,231	10	0.104	0.107	0.104	0.105	0.104	0.001	0,962	0.105	0.105	0.108	0.100	210,032,843
OM0000001095	DHOFAR INSURANCE	10,000	1,957	3	0.195	0.202	0.195	0.196	0.195	0.001	0,513	0.202	0.196	0.202	0.100	19,600,000
OM0000001568	OMAN FISHERIES	9,403	536	2	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.000	0,000	0.057	0.058	0.057	0.100	7,125,000
OM0000001881	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	21,765	1,391	4	0.063	0.065	0.063	0.064	0.064	0.000	0,000	0.065	0.064	0.065	0.100	7,800,000
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	50,170	3,813	4	0.077	0.077	0.076	0.076	0.076	0.000	0,000	0.076	0.076	0.077	0.100	15,426,970
OM0000004735	SEMBICORP SALALAH	298	24	1	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.000	0,000	0.080	0.072	0.080	0.100	76,365,756
OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	26,106	1,279	3	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.000	0.000	0.049	0.048	0.049	0.100	33,069,494
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	113,232	5,662	6	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.049	0.050	0.100	73,130,073
OM0000004669	SHARQIAH DESALIN.	30,000	3,260	2	0.110	0.110	0.108	0.109	0.110	-0.001	-9,909	0.108	0.103	0.108	0.100	10,660,435
OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	66,000	9,382	5	0.127	0.127	0.127	0.127	0.129	-0.002	-1,550	0.127	0.127	0.127	0.100	4,263,574
OM0000003681	VOLTAAMP ENERGY	291,596	28,604	17	0.109	0.112	0.107	0.109	0.111	-0.002	-1,802	0.107	0.107	0.109	0.100	8,972,900
Total	22	9,949,754	1,111,555	353												

SURVEY

Nearly 62% of region-based digital workers are hunting for jobs

MUSCAT: Nearly 62 per cent of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) employees working in digital fields are actively job hunting, according to a new survey. "Nearly 72 per cent are looking for better career opportunities in other roles, 66 per cent are looking for a new challenge, 40

per cent are feeling undervalued in current positions and 32 per cent are searching for a company more aligned with personal beliefs," are the key takeaway following a global survey of employees in digital roles conducted by Boston Consulting Group and The Network, a global alliance of

recruitment website. The subsequent report, titled "Decoding the Digital Talent Challenge," sheds light on the key factors behind people's aspirations to move to pastures new, providing a comprehensive analysis of major international markets, the MENA region included.

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Infrastructure financing initiative launched

DUBAI: The Arab Petroleum Investments Corporation (Apicorp), an energy-focused multilateral development financial institution, and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) have established the Infra Initiative, a \$1 billion private sector-focused infrastructure financing initiative. The Infra Initiative's funds will be used to finance strategic utility projects that contribute to human and economic development in the two multilateral financial institutions' member countries and their respective national development strategies. The two institutions will jointly identify and deliver structured finance facilities to utilities projects with limited access to international financing. Under the Infra Initiative, funds will be allocated to electricity generation and transmission projects which utilise renewable energy or natural gas, as well as water and waste management facilities. The scope of Infra Initiative, which will launch for an initial period of three years, includes all OIC countries, with priority given to the 10 member countries common to Apicorp and IsDB.

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Parent's Genes Can Influence -

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new research by the University College London, a child's educational success depends on the genes of his parents that have been inherited as well as not been inherited. The study has been published in 'The American Journal of Human Genetics'. Funded by the Nuffield Foundation, the study confirmed that genes a person inherits directly are most likely to contribute to their achievements in education. But parent genes that aren't directly inherited, yet have still shaped parents' own education levels and subsequently influenced the lifestyle and family environment they provide for their children, are also important and can affect how well a person does at school and beyond.



A Child's Educational Success

Two aspects are complementary here. First, some of it depends on the genetic lottery, so parents do not have complete control and not everything is down to what they do.

Children resemble their parents because of nature (the genes they inherit) and nurture (the environment they grow up in). But nature and nurture effects are intertwined. Mothers and fathers each pass on half of their genes to their children, and although the other half of their genes are not passed on, they continue to influence the parents' traits and ultimately influence the traits in their children. For example, parents with a higher genetic propensity for learning may have a greater interest in activities such as reading that, in turn, nurture learning in their offspring. This concept — when parents' genes influence outcomes for their offspring by shaping the environment that they provide for them — is called genetic nurture. It describes how parents' genes indirectly their children's characteristics. For the current paper, researchers reviewed and analysed 12 studies in several countries and used a method called polygenic scoring to study the influence of millions of genetic variants on educational attainment in nearly 40,000 parent and child pairs. The researchers found that genetic nurture had about half as much impact on education success as genetic inheritance. Genetic nurture effects captured by polygenic scores in the studies explained at least 1.28 per cent of the variance in educational outcomes, while direct genetic effects explained at least 2.89 per cent of the variance in educational outcomes. The researchers said that the findings are underestimated given that polygenic scores only capture a fraction of heritability in educational outcomes; the actual genetic effects could be multiple times higher, but direct genetic effects would probably still be roughly double those of genetic nurture effects. Lead researcher Dr Jean-Baptiste Pingault (UCL Psychology & Language Sciences) said, "We discovered genetic nurture has a significant effect on a child's educational achievement. The effects were mainly down to their parents' education and how it influences the environment they provide.

We also found that fathers and mothers had similar genetic nurture effects, suggesting both parents are equally important in shaping and fostering an environment favourable for a child's learning." "This study illustrates how complex the relationship between genes and the environment is. Although our study uses genetic methods, it provides strong evidence that, as well as genetics, the environment really matters when we talk about education," Pingault added. "Two aspects are complementary here. First, some of it depends on the genetic lottery, so parents do not have complete control and not everything is down to what they do. That said, what parents do and their choices do seem to matter. Our findings show that socioeconomic status and parental education are probably key," Pingault continued. "It is really important to understand how educational attainment (years of education, highest degree obtained) and achievement (scores and grades achieved) are passed on through families, and how this knowledge could help us break cycles of disadvantage across generations," Pingault explained. The first author of the paper, Dr Biyao Wang (UCL Psychology & Language Sciences) said, "It is too early yet to say whether the most important is what happens within the family (such as parents reading to their children) or outside the family (such as parents choosing the best school and activities). Next, we hope to work out which pathways genetic nurture operates through, if it changes during different stages of development, and identify what aspects of the environment are most important. This will be key to designing new interventions to encourage and support all children to succeed." The study was conducted by researchers at UCL, King's College London, and the Universities of Leicester, Bristol, and Oslo, and was supported by the Nuffield Foundation, Wellcome, Economic, and Social Research Council, and the Medical Research Council. -ANI



FEATURE



GREEN GROUPS TARGET POISONINGS FROM RISING PESTICIDES SALES

More and more pesticides are being sprayed worldwide with deadly consequences for humans and nature, a report finds.

The rising use of pesticides is at the heart of environmental damage across the world, according to a new report from environmental groups in Germany.

"You encounter the issue everywhere when you deal with agriculture, health, species loss and water pollution," said agricultural engineer Susan Haffmans from Pesticide Action Network Germany, who played a leading role in developing the Pesticide Atlas report. "It is a major cross-cutting issue."

Together with the green-affiliated Heinrich Böll Foundation, the German branch of environmental group Friends of the Earth and the international monthly newspaper LE MONDE diplomatique, the report was presented and published Wednesday in Berlin. Its 50 pages outline harmful effects of the billion-dollar pesticide business.

"We encounter pesticides everywhere, even if we don't

live on the edge of the field," said Haffmans.

Farmers are often poisoned

According to a recent study published in the journal Public Health, 385 million people in agriculture fall ill with acute pesticide poisoning every year. After poisoning, farm workers and farmers report symptoms that range from feeling weak and having headaches to vomiting, diarrhea, skin rashes, nervous system disorders and fainting. In severe cases, the heart, lungs or kidneys fail. About 11,000 people in agriculture die from acute poisoning every year, according to the study, which did not count deaths by suicide related to pesticides.

Agricultural workers and small farmers in the Global South are particularly affected by pesticide poisoning. According to the study, there are about 256 million acute pesticide poisonings in Asia, 116 million in Africa and about 12.3 million in Latin America. In Europe, the figure is far smaller at 1.6 million.

"We see that 44% of all workers worldwide suffer at least one poisoning per year," said Haff-

mans, "and in certain countries it is much more. In Burkina Faso, for example, 83% of farm workers get sick at least once from pesticides."

These are only the acute poisonings, she said, adding that the extent to which they occur is an indication of chronic long-term exposure, which is then in turn associated with completely different chronic diseases.

The Atlas highlights several reasons for the significantly higher number of poisonings in the Global South. First, a lot of dangerous pesticides are sprayed there, including some which are banned in Europe. In addition, many small farmers there do not wear protective clothing and are poorly informed about the dangers.

"In some cases, pesticides are simply filled into small plastic bags or bottles by traders, without labels, without safety instructions on how to use them and without warnings," said Haffmans. "Then there are always unintentional poisonings because the pesticide is used incorrectly or someone picks up the bottle thinking maybe there is a soda in it."

According to the Atlas, fewer than 30% of smallholder farmers

in Ghana wear gloves, goggles and mouth or nose protection when handling pesticides. In Ethiopia, only 7% of farmers are aware of the warning to wash hands after using pesticides.

Pesticides increase cancer risk

Pesticides can be spread by the wind hundreds of kilometers and are found in rivers and groundwater. They can kill insects, birds and aquatic animals, and their residue is often found in food.

The weed killer glyphosate, which is the most widely used pesticide, is among the most infamous. In 2015, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classified glyphosate as "probably carcinogenic". A 2019 scientific meta-study by the University of Washington also identified an increased risk of malignant lymph node tumors from glyphosate, known as non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Pesticides have also been linked to asthma, allergies, obesity and endocrine gland disorders, as well as miscarriages and deformities in particularly polluted regions.

"Studies also show a connection

with Parkinson's disease, Type II diabetes or certain types of cancer," said Haffmans.

Profits more important than health protection

The sale of pesticides is lucrative. The four largest producers — Syngenta, Bayer, BASF and Corteva — generated sales of €31 billion (\$35 billion) in 2020, according to the Atlas. In recent years, global pesticide sales have grown by an average of 4% annually.

As a rule, however, the companies do not pay for damage to health and the environment, unless they are taken to court. In the US, 125,000 people who had sprayed the pesticide Roundup with the active ingredient glyphosate and become seriously ill sued Bayer. The company has already paid some of the plaintiffs, and around €10 billion have been set aside in Bayer's balance sheet to compensate for the damages.

Despite these cases, Bayer and other companies continue to sell highly toxic pesticides, including those that are banned in the EU because they are dangerous. Currently, pesticide manufacturers are also seeking a new authori-

ization for glyphosate in the EU, although it is due to be banned in the bloc from 2024.

Movements for agricultural revolution

Environmental groups are pushing for a shift away from chemical pesticides. The 30 authors of the Atlas use articles to highlight policies that could lessen their impact.

"In the last two decades, Sri Lanka has demonstrably saved almost 10,000 lives by banning dangerous pesticides," said Haffmans. In India, "some regions there already farm completely or largely pesticide-free. This, in turn, encourages imitation in other regions."

According to a representative survey conducted in Germany for the Atlas, a majority of 16 to 29-year-olds want an agriculture that protects water, soil and insects, produces fairly without genetic engineering and pesticides, and uses natural pest control. The survey found 63% of respondents would like to see all pesticides banned by 2035, and farmers given support in switching to environmentally friendly production. 11% of respondents rejected this demand.

ROUND-UP

MHD ACERE ties up with UK’s Scorpion Automotive Limited

Under an MoU signed, MHD ACERE will be an exclusive distributor of Scorpion Automotive Fleet management solutions, vehicle security and telematics systems in Oman

MUSCAT: MHD ACERE, an integral vertical of the MHD Group, has tied up with Scorpion Automotive Limited, the UK’s leading manufacturer and supplier of GPS vehicle tracking, security and telematics systems.

Under an MOU recently signed by Amin Tahon, General Manager – CECV, MHD ACERE and Mark Downing, MD – Scorpion Auto-

motive Limited, MHD ACERE will be an exclusive distributor of Scorpion Automotive Fleet management solutions, vehicle security and telematics systems in Oman.

MHD ACERE has always tied up with the best global brands to bring exceptional products and services to its customers in the country.

Mohsin Hani Al Bahrani – CEO of MHD ACERE comments: “At



MHD, our constant endeavour is to offer the best global solutions to people of Oman. We are confident that our partnership with Scorpion Automotive Limited UK will provide our customers with outstanding quality and customer

service. We will offer Scorpion’s Fleet Management solutions with innovative GPS vehicle tracking, security and telematics system to provide our customers with the peace of mind that comes from knowing their fleet’s security is in

the very best hands”.

From its inception in 1973, Scorpion remains at the forefront of vehicle electronics and security technologies. Their large range of insurance approved security and GPS tracking systems provide businesses and members of the public with the ultimate vehicle protection and peace of mind. Scorpion also offers vehicle manufacturers an end-to-end bespoke design and manufacturing service. Through this service, they have a growing reputation for global excellence in OE line fit security and telematics systems, electronic devices and vehicle LED and Bulb Failure Monitoring technologies in applications where LED light clusters are used. Scorpion is ISO9001 and IATF16949 accredited and holder of the prestigious PACCAR 10PPM Quality Award.

In the last three years, Scorpion has won the Insider Made in the UK Automotive Award 2018, ITN Best Vehicle Security & Telematics Supplier Award 2018, BIBA International Trade Award 2017, NAA Company of the Year Award and NAA Manufacturing Excellence Award.

The origin of Mohsin Haider Darwish dates back to over half a century. The family proprietary business was converted to its present form of a corporate entity in 1987. Since then, the group has grown to be one of the largest and most successful privately-owned business houses in the Gulf region. Over the years, the conglomeration has expanded to include products and services spread over automotive, construction vehicles, construction equipment, tyres & batteries, safety & medical equipment.

PRESTIGIOUS ACCOLADES

Sohar International recognised at Finacle Innovation Awards 2021

MUSCAT: Driven by its digital transformation strategy, Sohar International has earned commendable recognition for its stance on innovation and its journey towards digitalisation, ensuring that it continues to play a vital role in economic development whilst supporting customers and the community at large.

As a testament to its dedication and commitment towards this journey, Sohar International recently earned two prestigious accolades at the Infosys Finacle Client Innovation Awards 2021. Ensuring an uninterrupted, convenient and safe banking experience throughout the pandemic, the bank emerged a winner in the “COVID Response Innovation” category while bagging the runner-up award in the “Process Innovation” category.

“Customer-centricity has always been the vital pillar that governs our innovative processes as we focus on providing our clients with an unparalleled banking experience. These accolades are a testament to our hard work,



dedication and commitment, as well as a reflection of the successful growth strategy set in place for the organisation. At Sohar International, we continue to set new standards by focusing on devising pioneering solutions that maximize the use of technology while maintaining the highest levels of customer service excellence,” said Ahmed Al Musalmi, Chief Executive Officer of Sohar International.



“While innovation gives us a competitive edge in the industry, we also recognise the importance of such implementations and how they positively impact customers, shareholders and the economic development of the country. We appreciate the organizers of the Infosys Finacle Client Innovation Awards for offering a platform for financial institutions to shine in their areas of expertise and learn

from other industry leaders.”

Keeping pace with a dynamic market, Sohar International has also demonstrated flexibility in adapting to the changing demands of the industry. With a keen focus on devising pioneering solutions that enhance the banking experience and reduce the complexity of processes for customers, Sohar International’s VAT Implementation Project received much appreciation in the Process Innovation category. The comprehensive project, which was delivered in a short time and made the most of Finacle capabilities, ensured a seamless transition to incorporate all VAT requirements as per the newly introduced VAT policies of the country.

The two awards further attest to Sohar International’s relentless focus on innovation as it seeks to continuously create operating efficiencies across all its processes, catalyse digital transformation by embracing emerging technologies and introduce services that offer greater value for customers, employees, investors and the community.

SPORTS SMARTWATCH



Huawei Watch GT Runner: Latest watch built for sports launched in Oman

MUSCAT: Huawei Consumer Business Group (BG) announced its first sportswatch, the Huawei Watch GT Runner.

The latest smartwatch is not only the wearer’s smart assistant but also their personal training coach. Through recording environmental and health data, the Huawei Watch GT Runner can formulate scientific and effective training plans, providing users with a comprehensive and professional fitness experience.

The Huawei Watch GT Runner is compatible with Huawei devices as well as other Android and iOS devices. The Huawei Watch GT Runner will be available in Oman on 20 January for OMR134.9, with a Huawei FreeLace earphones gift valued at OMR 29.9 on Huawei’s official website and select retailers.

The Huawei GT Runner is a professional runner watch that was built for sports. It features the new Huawei TruSeen™ 5.0+ heart rate monitoring technology[1], bringing a newly upgraded heart rate module, 8 PDs in a circular arrangement, enhanced dynamic heart rate monitoring, more signal input, and an overall improved heart rate monitoring accuracy.

In the development process of the new Huawei TruSeen 5.0+, Huawei is dedicated to offering a more accurate heart rate monitoring experience. Thanks to the new PPG 5.0 module, the accuracy of heart rate monitoring is greatly improved compared to the previous generation. The deviation of 10 bpm in most scenarios

can reach more than 97%, which is as accurate as a heart rate belt. The Huawei TruSeen™ 5.0+’s powerful anti-interference and noise reduction design can better cope with the motion noise caused by irregular movement and improves the accuracy of heart rate measurement when working out, including during HIIT, yoga, aerobics, skipping rope, etc.

Huawei Watch GT Runner has great performance in a small watch body and features five major satellite systems: GPS + Beidou + GLONASS + Galileo + QZSS. In addition, it also has a built-in Dual-Band Five-System GNSS positioning chip with a suspended hidden antenna that hides the positioning antenna in the lugs made of polymer fibre material. This reduces the interference of positioning signals caused by metal material. The innovative design improves the performance of the GPS antenna by 135% compared with the traditional design, which solves the pain points of balancing positioning accuracy and compact design, and further realises marathon track-level precise positioning without trajectory drift.

Huawei Watch GT Runner focuses on the runners’ circle and gains insight into the in-depth running data. While ensuring the watch body is light and wear-restoring, it also gives the watch an artistic design. Drawing inspiration from the supercar’s air intake grille, Huawei Watch GT Runner delivers a stylish design that represents speed and passion.

UNRIVALLED RACING HERITAGE

Maserati to make its debut in ABB FIA Formula E World Championship in 2023

MODENA: Maserati announces the first step in its motorsport strategy and will make its debut in the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship in 2023.

With motorsport in its genes and rooted in the spirit of pure competition, Maserati is the first Italian brand to compete in Formula E. The return to the track renews the racing spirit in Maserati’s DNA.

The combination of Maserati’s unrivalled racing heritage - a brand intrinsically linked with high performance, and its innovative attitude towards electrification - aligns perfectly with the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship, the world’s first all-electric road-racing motorsport series.

Maserati’s commitment to electric mobility is powered by a lightning surge of new energy, now accelerating to run at top speed with Folgore, the full electric range. All-new Maserati models will also be available in 100% electric solu-



tions including Maserati Grecale, Maserati GranTurismo and GranCabrio and the Maserati MC20 super sports car.

The ABB FIA Formula E World Championship provides Maserati with a perfect platform to showcase the unprecedented brand racing heritage and Folgore in an environment where high performance and innovation powerfully co-exist.

Maserati will debut on the grid from Season 9 with the new Gen3, the fastest, lightest, most powerful Formula E racing car ever. The Gen3 is the world’s most efficient racing car featuring a series of industry-leading design, production and technological innovations.

Since its inception, Formula E’s dramatic racing on the streets of the world’s most iconic cities including New York, Monaco,

Berlin, Mexico City, London and Rome has led to electric cars being exported around the world today going further on every charge through increases in energy efficiency, enhancements in battery range and advances in powertrain development.

Davide Grasso, Maserati CEO, commented: “We are very proud to be back where we belong as protagonists in the world of racing. We are powered by passion and innovative by nature. We have a long history of world-class excellence in competition and we are ready to drive performance in the future.” Grasso continued: “In the race for more performance, luxury, and innovation, Folgore is irresistible and it is the purest expression of Maserati. That’s why we decided to go back to racing in the FIA Formula E World Championship, meeting our customers in the city centres of the world, taking the Trident forward into the future”.

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ROUND-UP

SURVEY

BankDhofar: One of the most trusted brands in Sultanate

MUSCAT: Providing a convenient banking experience has always been the top priority for BankDhofar since its inception, putting technology and innovation at the core of its strategy to improve the experience of its customers.

This has made BankDhofar one of the most trusted brands among the banking sector in the Sultanate for the second year in a row, according to a survey conducted by OER magazine.

Round the clock convenient banking experience

BankDhofar customers may conduct their transactions at ease and around the clock through the highly-secured and user-friendly digital banking channels. BankDhofar's, award-winning, Mobile Banking App offers a wide range of services. The services include; instant transfer to any bank in the Sultanate, cardless cash, mobile top-up for all telecom providers in the Sultanate, increasing daily withdrawal limit to OMR 5,000, Instant International money transfer, among other services.

Through Internet Banking, BankDhofar provides several features for retail and corporate customers. Additionally, BankDhofar customers may access the financial services through a wide network of ATMs and CDMs around the Sultanate. The Bank launched



Cardless ATM Banking Services using mobile. The first of its kind service in the world enables customers to conduct ATM transactions easily only by using their mobile numbers. Additionally, with the user-friendly IVR system, BankDhofar customers can enrol and avail themselves of their banking services very easily and in a fast-paced manner.

Along with the services provided over BankDhofar's digital channels, BankDhofar customers may conduct their payment transactions conveniently through BankDhofar cards with the 'Tap & Go' feature. This feature allows customers to pay on the go for shopping, travelling, or for any payments. The cards are highly secured and come with an RFID protection card and cover. BankDhofar credit cardholders may benefit from the Rewards Program and enjoy holidays, travel, shopping,

and a better lifestyle for free. Every time they use BankDhofar's credit cards, they earn points that may be redeemed at various shopping outlets, restaurants, cafes, health clubs and spas.

24/7 customer engagement hub

BankDhofar believes that customers are the core of its success and operational growth. Thus, the Bank constantly endeavours to promote positive communication and retain a sustainable relationship with its customers.

Through its Customer Engagement Hub, BankDhofar provides significant benefits to customers by offering services around the clock, including holidays, and handles high call volumes.

BankDhofar's Customer Engagement Hub is designed with state-of-the-art facilities, and comprehensive functions including

Self-Services such as Interactive Voice Response (IVR), Interactive Voice Notification (IVN) Call Centre agents, among other functions to build meaningful communication with the customers.

Revamped branches providing the best customer experience

With its prime locations, BankDhofar exerts its efforts to enhance the overall customer experience and journey by revamping several branches across the Sultanate. The top-notch revamped branches are designed to provide a convenient banking experience to the customers, reflecting the traditional Omani culture of hospitality. Placing customer experience as the heart of the design the BankDhofar branches afford customers privacy, hospitality and a personalised experience.

The bank has also introduced

Drive-Thru Banking Services with the aim of providing state of the art services that ensure the utmost convenient banking experience. The first of its kind service in the Sultanate enables customers to conduct transitions without stepping out of their car, including; cash deposit and withdrawal, cheque deposit, instant debit card issuance, bank transfers, and request for account statements. The service is now available in the Al Seeb Town branch and is planned to expand across other branches.

To enhance customers' banking experience, BankDhofar branches at Muscat International Airport, Muscat Grand Mall, Mall of Muscat, Falaj Al Qabail, Sur- City Centre, and Salalah Gardens Mall serve the customers for extended working hours till 9 pm.

Employees' talent development for best customer experience

BankDhofar strongly believes in continuous training and talent development of its staff to best serve the customers. Thus, the Bank provides various training and development courses through its Performance Academy. Equipped with state-of-art facilities, Performance Academy includes classrooms where training sessions are conducted, a library full of resources, and Computer labs. Additionally, intending to equip its

employees with the required skills to best serve the customers, the academy includes a mock branch where employees are trained and they go through real experience. BankDhofar, through the academy, aims to make training available to all its employees through its branch network across Oman. Certified online learning and development courses will be available for the staff of BankDhofar across different regions.

BankDhofar is considered one of the best banks in the region, with a strong presence in Corporate Banking, Retail Banking, Treasury, and Project Finance. The Bank caters to customers' needs and requirements and sets the standard for the best customer experience within the banking industry in the Sultanate through innovative products and creative solutions.

Following best international banking practices, provision of outstanding customer experience, in addition to its commitment to community development and contribution to the growth of the national economy, has placed BankDhofar at the top of the list of best banks in the region.

BankDhofar has a reputation of commitment, foresight and solid growth. The bank has maintained a high level of Omatisation ratio and strives to offer Omani nationals sound career and development opportunities.

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the Bi-Function Projection Headlamps, LED Daytime Running Lights, 20" Alloy Wheels, LED Rear Combination Lamps and more. Arming you with the advantage of having a great start to your days is the Remote Engine Start. During the summers when the heat could be discomforting, the Remote window control feature can be a much-needed advantage. Faster cooling, happier journeys.

The interior of the Telluride is as interesting as the exterior. The Telluride has a very spacious cabin that has enough room to welcome occupants right up to the third row along with their well-packed belongings. That is a definite luxury. Passengers can revel in the comfort of being surrounded with well-thought appointments that include a USB charging port in every row, Leather Seats, Ventilated Front Seats, Power Driver Seat, Power Passenger Seat, Walk-in Button, Rear Side Manual Curtain, Smart Tailgate, Roof Mounted Rear AC Control, Diffusing Roof AC Vents, Dual Independent Full Auto A/C, Audio Remote Control, Sunroof, 10.25-inch colour LCD with Smart Navigation, Rear Seat Driver Talk Mode, Rear Seat Quiet Mode, and much more.

GLOBAL BUSINESS OUTLOOK AWARD

Bank Nizwa recognised as Best Wholesale Banking Service Provider

MUSCAT: As the Sultanate's first Islamic bank, Bank Nizwa has played a pivotal role in creating a strong Islamic finance ecosystem in the country. Its wholesale banking group, in particular, has achieved significant milestones in the past years and has been a vital contributor to the bank's success.

Recognising the bank's initiatives and the role its wholesale banking group has played in effectively contributing to the economic growth in the Sultanate, the Global Business Outlook (GBO) awarded Bank Nizwa the coveted title of the Best Wholesale Banking Service Provider – Oman 2021. The winners of the annual awards were announced on GBO's official website.

On receiving the award, R. Narasimhan, GM Wholesale at Bank Nizwa said, "The Global Business Outlook Awards seeks to recognise and reward excellence in businesses around the world and we are extremely honoured to have received this prestigious award. Over the years, Bank Nizwa has established its leading position in the wholesale banking segment with a strong suite of innovative products, a wide range of world-class services and a keen emphasis on customer satisfaction. At the same time, we have



been at the forefront of encouraging individuals to opt for Islamic finance products while organising several seminars to promote its development by offering tailor-made solutions to SMEs. The bank's notable increase in its SME customer base and business volume is a testament to the trust placed in the bank's services.

Narasimhan added: "To enable us to better serve our wholesale banking customers, our well-diversified portfolio has been segmented into government and

national importance. Considering SMEs as the engines of economic growth, Bank Nizwa has been committed to promoting its development by offering tailor-made solutions to SMEs. The bank's notable increase in its SME customer base and business volume is a testament to the trust placed in the bank's services.

Narasimhan added: "To enable us to better serve our wholesale banking customers, our well-diversified portfolio has been segmented into government and

public sector entities, financial institutions and private-sector clients. The Wholesale Banking group at Bank Nizwa is working on a Universal Banking model approach which consists of 10 vertical business units. Our main objective is to provide a 360-degree solution to our clients, offering them unparalleled services and contribute to the development of each sector while simultaneously also helping the bank achieve steady growth."

Adhering to industry best practices, observing utmost transparency in all its proceedings and demonstrating the highest levels of operational efficiency, Bank Nizwa's wholesale banking unit, in the last five years, has achieved an average growth of 36% in both assets and liabilities. Its portfolio has grown exponentially from \$650 million in 2015 to \$4.25 Billion by the end of November 2021.

The Bank has a diversified its corporate finance portfolio in 23 major industry segments across Oman, covering clientele require-

ments in both tier 1 and tier 2 cities. The bank undertook a new approach by providing financing to green projects, PPP model, major logistics conglomerate, core industries like steel, cement as well as manufacturing of chemicals, components to PDO, construction and contracting companies as well as the first dry port of the Sultanate.

Bank Nizwa is committed to offering a comprehensive array of Shariah-compliant financing solutions to cater to the varying needs of its multi-industry client portfolio. The bank offers a wide range of products & services including but not limited to working capital finance, import and export finance, long-term finance, documentary credit requirements, treasury services, Investment Advisory and project-based financing for its clients.

In line with the bank's strategy to achieve sustainable growth while contributing to the socio-economic goals of the nation, Bank Nizwa's wholesale banking group is well aligned with the Sultanate's Vision 2040 and will remain invested in providing its clients' innovative Shariah-compliant products and services that are growth-oriented, convenient and reliable.

MEGA CULTURAL CARNIVAL

ISTF 2021: Indian School Darsait all set to host cultural extravaganza

MUSCAT: Indian School Talent Fest 2021, the mega cultural carnival and talent quest, organised under the aegis of Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman is all set to be conducted on a virtual platform by Indian School Darsait (ISD) in the mid of January 2022.

The inauguration ceremony scheduled on January 14 will witness luminaries addressing the students on all aspects of art and literature.

The annual event ISTF provides a platform to the students of Indian schools in Oman to unleash their creative potential and hone their innate talent and skill. With 37 cultural items categorised into eight major events and students from 21 Indian Schools across the country participating, the event boasts of a whopping number of entries.

In addition, the event displays the performances of the talented SEN students and other unique talents. Despite the pandemic restriction, students have gone the extra mile to thrive and to suc-

ceed against all odds.

The euphoria that is felt in every school for ISTF 2021 is a clear indication that the students are here to prove their mettle, come what may.

All the participants will be duly credited and the best performances will be streamed online through various social media platforms. The Indian diaspora is excited to welcome ISTF, a cultural extravaganza, a one-of-a-kind Talent Fest in Oman.

Shamah Shamsuddin, Chairperson, Core Committee – ISTF 2021 said, 'the preparations and arrangements are in full swing to make this event a memorable one for all'.

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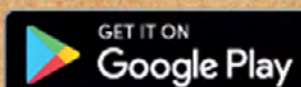
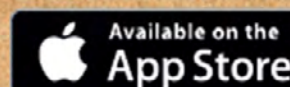
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الزبادي اليوناني
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بيض أبيض أو بني ٦ x

Antiseptic & Disinfectant
Scouring cream & Powder
Baby Wipes
Hair Cream

المطهر و المعقم
كريم أو بودرة التنظيف
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Salad Dressings
Table Salt
Noodles cup
Large Tablets chocolate
Olives by KG

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