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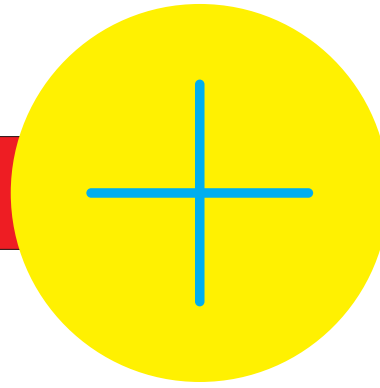
Fathers have been older than mothers for 250,000 years: *Study*



SCIENCE ALERT – Scientists have discovered a new way to identify the average ages when men and women reproduced throughout human evolutionary history. By studying DNA mutations in modern humans, they discovered a window that let them peek 250,000 years back in time.

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Nakhjir Cave in Markazi Province, attractive to tourists



Chaal-Nakhjir, which dates back to the Third Geologic Period, is the most beautiful and stunning cave in the Middle East. Some creatures living in the cave, such as blind-fish, have no eyes. You will be amazed by experiencing the silence of the cave, a silence full of unspoken things.

The height of this cave, which was accidentally detected, reaches over 20 meters in some places. The age of the old cave is estimated to be about 70 million years. It is a living cave, which means if a part of it is destroyed, it will evolve again after several years.

Over millions of years, the fault movement has caused the creation of corridors and some fabulous ponds in Nakhjir Cave. Moreover, the cave has been formed as a result of tectonic factors and chemical reactions. Decorative stones of various shapes, such as eagles, turtles, deer, humans, pigeons, and giant crystal sculptures, mostly of lime, have been created in the cave.

The reflection of light through the prism of crystals and calcite stones, beside variable hangings from the ceiling and spongy crystalline covering of the walls and flooring, create an exotic sight and ranks this cave among the most beautiful and outstanding caves in the world.



The cave was registered on Iran's National Heritage List in 2001. Certain characteristics such as passages, lakes, pools and columns have presented a special beauty to the cave. The length of the cave is estimated at about eight to 12 kilometers, only 1.2 kilometers of which is open to the

public.

The most beautiful feature in Nakhjir Cave is the possibility of sailing in it, and the most interesting thing about it is that its temperature is warm in the winter and cool in the summer. There are also several small ponds of water in different sections of the cave that add to its beauty.

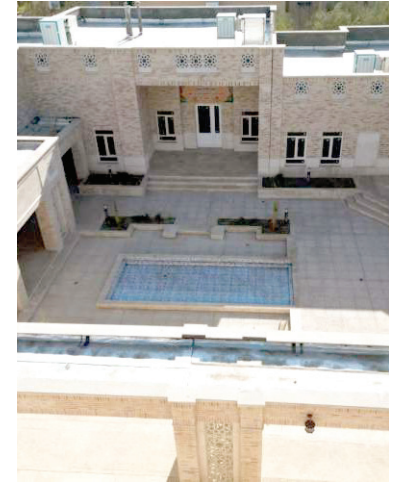
Chaal-Nakhjir Cave, also known as Nakhjir Cave, is one of the amazing attractions of Markazi Province, which is located between Naraq and Delijan on the hillside of Takht Kuh.

Due to the cave's location in the mountain range, it is easy to access. After visiting Kashan, an ancient city in the

central province of Isfahan, you can reach the cave by traveling approximately 70 kilometers to the west, iranparadise.com reported.

It is interesting to know that chaal means a pit, and nakhjir means a hunting ground. Caves are strange and mysterious places with unique beauties. Nakhjir Cave or

Vahshi Bafqi cultural center reopens in Yazd after nine-year hiatus



ILNA – The cultural complex of Vahshi Bafqi in Bafq, Yazd Province, central Iran, was inaugurated after a nine-year hiatus.

The cultural complex opened on January 12 on the second day of the trip of President Ebrahim Raeisi to the province.

The inauguration was part of the second round of provincial trip of the president aiming to finish incomplete cultural projects.

Iran's Culture and Islamic Guidance Minister Mohammad-Mehdi Esmaeili attended the opening ceremony.

The complex includes a multipurpose theater, gallery and exhibition hall, men's and women's make-up rooms, four classrooms and training workshops, and management room to name a few.

It is designed by adapting traditional Iranian and Islamic architecture in the form of a garden with a central courtyard, a pond, a clerestory and a portico.

Iran's vocalist Hosseinpour awarded in U.S.



IRNA – Iranian vocalist Ramin Hosseinpour received the Best Male Vocalist Award of the LA Music Video Awards, for his video art titled 'Sculpture'.

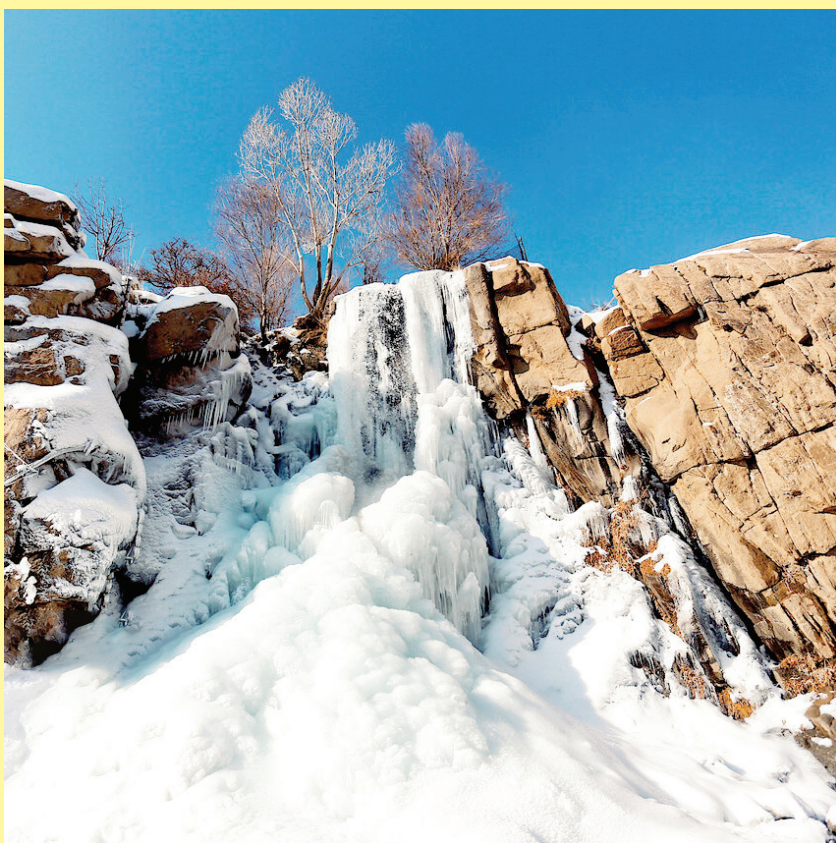
Written, directed, produced, and composed by

Hosseinpour, the artwork has already been awarded at the Prague Music Video Awards, Europe Music Awards, Music Video Awards, Art Blocks International Film Festival, Bare Bones International Film & Music Festival, and

Boden International Film Festival.

Hosseinpour has graduated in the fields of architecture, music and cinema; he is also known as a designer, instructor, poet, composer, and musician. In 2015, by combining

art, architecture, music and cinema, he produced two works titled, 'Trophy' and 'Enthusiasm'. In the field of cinema and as a conceptual artist, he was honored in Euro Art House Cinema Day magazine.



Ganjnameh Waterfall freezes as extreme cold weather hit Iran's western city of Hamedan on January 13, 2023. It is one of the most beautiful tourist attractions in Hamedan Province.

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