

Sefideh Waterfall in Yazd Province attracts ecotourists and geologists



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The central province of Yazd, with a significant number of historical, cultural and natural sites, hosts a large number of Iranian and foreign travelers every year. The province is home to a number of famous deserts; however, the vision

of a waterfall in a desert setting is really something to see. Nodoushan is a city located in a mountainous

region of the province

where many people live on farms and have fruit gardens Sefideh Waterfall of Nodoushan, located two

kilometers from No-

doushan-Meybod road, is among the most beautiful waterfalls in the country, chtn.ir reported. The uniquely beautiful waterfall is surrounded by salt lamps, boiling springs and amazing landscapes.

The white color of its water is due to the presence of lime salts and that is why it is called Sefideh Waterfall. 'Sefid' means 'white' in Persian.

This waterfall freezes strangely during the cold days of the year and creates a very stunning view. There are several small waterfalls in the vicinity of this natural attraction and on the water flow path from the heights to the plains.

This waterfall irrigates the pastures of the region, the economy of which is highly dependent on livestock breeding.

he Moreover, due to its ed. unique geological feaul tures, the waterfall ated tracts a significant number of geologists to the area, which is known as a geotourism site.

A great number of tourists travelling to the mountainous area are ecotourists who are interested in hiking and rock climbing.

Sefideh Waterfall was inscribed on Iran's National Heritage List in 2007. Various species of animals including leopards, rams, sheep and goats, birds such as partridges, eagles, chats and reptiles such as agama, geckos and Schokari sand racer live around the waterfall. The spring season, when the waterfall is roaring thunderously, is the best time to travel to Nodoushan.

However, those interested in snow and ice can visit the region in the winter.

Iran attending India's New Delhi World Book Fair

Iranian publishers are attending the 31st New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF), which opened on Saturday, after a two-year hiatus.

This is the eighth time Iran is attending the book fair, IRNA wrote.

The Iranian delegation will also have joint meetings with Indian publishers, Federation of Indian Publishers, Sahitya Akademi, which is India's National Academy of Letters.

The event will be underway until March 7.

French culture, literature, heritage, and cuisine will be celebrated at the 31st edition of the book fair, as France has been invited as the guest of honor to one of the most significant literary events, which opened in the presence of 2022 Nobel Laureate for Literature, Annie Ernaux, according to thehindu. com. Organized by the National Book Trust (NBT) in collaboration with the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) at Pragati Maidan, the festival's theme is Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (elixir of energy of independence). To commemorate 75 years of India's independence, 75 writers — who were selected following a competition and mentored by established authors un-



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der the Prime Minister's YUVA (Young Upcoming Versatile Author) scheme — will launch their books at the nineday-long fair. Two iconic books, the original copy of graphic novels. Their pavilion has been designed by French graphic novelist Simon Lamouret to resemble a French bookstore with a café inside. Even as technology drives our reading



the Constitution of India and a semiburnt diary of Bhagat Singh, are being showcased at the venue. Visitors will be treated to book discussions, special talks, workshops, seminars, meetthe-author sessions, theatre, and performances by army and police bands along with other cultural programs. France will be represented by the biggest delegation of house heads from 12 publishing houses and 16 authors across literary genres, including fiction, non-fiction, children's books and habit nowadays, the number of people who read printed books has not diminished. "Books are fundamental and will always be an integral part of our lives," said NBT director Yuvraj Malik. He added, the million-plus visitors at the NDWBF in the past years are testimony to that. With Indian publishing poised for accelerated growth, the idea is to offer a nurturing business environment to the exhibitors, said NBT Chairman Gopal

Iran's Asiatic cheetah Pirouz in unstable health condition



Iranian Asiatic cheetah cub Pirouz is reportedly transferred to a veterinary hospital because of health complications. An official with Iran's Department of the Environment, Gholamreza Ebdali, said that Pirouz had a problem with his digestive system on Thursday and was unable to defecate, but soon afterward, he returned to Pardisan Park, where he lives in Tehran, in good health, ISNA reported. However, he is once again in a bad condition and is transferred to the hospital, he said. Pirouz has had digestive problems and kidney failure since birth, "but he put up with it," said the official.

"Now, his situation is a bit difficult, we have to wait and see what the results will be." The cheetah was born in captivity in the Khar Turan protected reserve in central Iranian province of Semnan in April 2022, raising hope among environmentalists and nature lovers that the new birth could contribute to efforts toward enabling the endangered species to live on. Pirouz was born along with two other cheetah cubs on May 11, but he was the only one to make it.