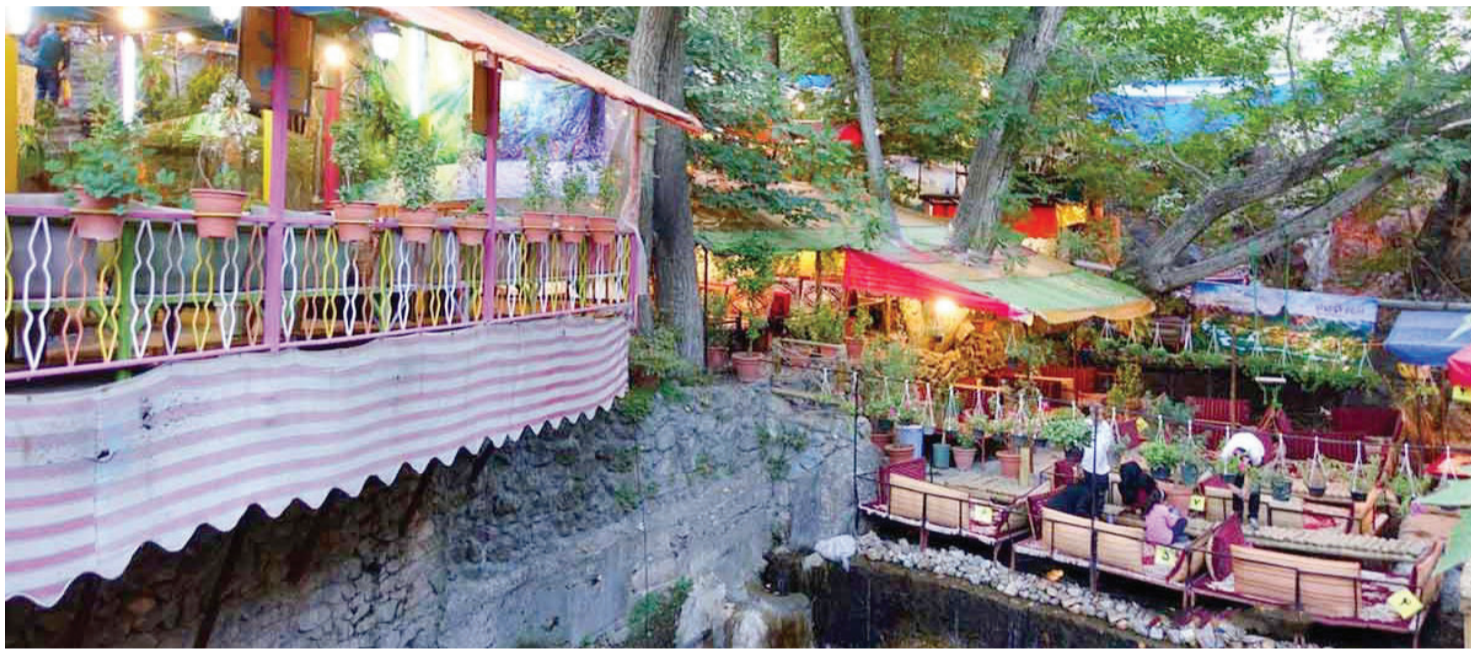


Iran's Nobakht picked for jury of Swiss festival

Elaheh Nobakht, the producer of the acclaimed Iranian documentary 'Beloved', was selected as a member of the jury of the 18th International Oriental Film Festival of Geneva, slated for June 12 to 18. Her feature documentary 'Dream's Gate' will be screened in Feature Film Section of the Swiss event. Last month, she was introduced in the Cannes Film Festival Market as one of the top 10 producers with a promising future in world cinema. Nobakht, who is also the CEO of ELI Image, an international production and distribution film company, has already been a member of the jury panel of various film festivals including the Religion Today Film Festival in Italian town of Trento.

Renovation project underway in Darband neighborhood of Tehran



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taken to preserve Darband, which is definitely one of the most beautiful tourism spots in Tehran. Fortunately, related authorities have made attempts to improve the services provided to the people in the area over the past years. They have built a parking lot and a police station in Darband, not only to better serve the people, but also to ensure the security of visitors.

Seyyed Mehdi Sabbaq, the mayor of Tehran's District 1, said a project has been launched to renovate the stone pavement of the neighborhood from Sarband Square, also known as Statue Square, to Koohpayeh Square.

He said the project aims at both beautifying the area and facilitating the movement of locals, shop owners and tourists.

Tehran's District 1, which lies in the northeast of

the city, is bounded by the Alborz Mountains in the north, Evin neighborhood in the west, the Shahid Chamran, Modarres and Sadr highways in the south, and Lavasanat County in the northeast.

Darband is a ravine with water flowing through it and a whole ecosystem of restaurants and cafés surrounding the water. The weather at Darband is fresh and breezy. It is at the start of a hiking trail up to Mount Tochal. The popular symbol of Darband for locals is "Statue Square".

Starting from the square, there is a path that contains a variety of activities for visitors. Beside the square, there is a chairlift station. You can indeed have fun there. You can enjoy tea and have different kinds of snacks. It is a suitable place to feel away from the hustle and bustle of Tehran.

Iranica Desk

Undoubtedly, Darband neighborhood in Shemiranat County is among the most beautiful regions in

Tehran. A few travelers arriving in Tehran from other parts of the country, and even some of the city's residents miss the opportunity to visit the

amazing area and enjoy its wonderful weather. Be it winter or summer, hot or cold, this neighborhood welcomes a large number of guests

throughout the year, especially on weekends, IRNA wrote. Touring, hiking and having delicious food in its restaurants, and enjoying the taste of lavashak

(licorice) and pickles made from the crops of nearby gardens are memorable for many Iranians. Many believe that more efforts should be under-

Iranian universities rank fifth globally in impacting access to clean water: Report

Social Desk

The head of the Institute for Science Citation (ISC), Seyyed Ahmad Fazelzadeh, announced that Iranian universities have been ranked 17th globally in contributing to the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), according to the Times Institute's ranking system. In particular, Iran's efforts in promoting clean water access have earned the nation a 5th place ranking worldwide. The SDGs, established by the United Nations

in 2015, serve as a blueprint for achieving a more sustainable future for all by 2030. These goals encompass a wide range of issues, including poverty eradication, environmental protection, and the promotion of peace and prosperity, IRNA reported. Fazelzadeh emphasized the significance of the Times Institute's impact ranking, which evaluates universities based on their participation in realizing the SDGs. He noted that Iranian universities have made considerable progress since 2015, with their

best ranking being 15th place globally. In the latest ranking, Iran has published over 48,000 scientific documents related to the SDGs, securing the 17th position. Iranian universities have also achieved notable rankings in other SDG categories, including 13th in affordable and clean energy, 14th in eradicating hunger, 15th in sustainable cities and societies, and 15th in responsible consumption and production. Additionally, they ranked 18th in health and wellness and 19th in both climate change and gender equality. Fazelzadeh highlighted that the majority of Iran's scientific research has focused on health and well-being, while the least number of publications have been indexed in the area of peace, justice, and strong institutions. He called for increased investment and support for knowledge-based companies and related industries to apply these research findings. The ISC head also underscored the impor-

tance of monitoring scientific and technological advancements for policy-making and planning at the macro level, in line with sustainable development objectives. Water stress has become a pressing issue worldwide due to decades of water resource misuse, inefficient management, groundwater over-extraction, and freshwater pollution. Countries also face challenges related to degraded water ecosystems, climate change-induced water scarcity, insufficient investment in water and sanitation, and inadequate cooperation in transboundary waters. To achieve universal access to safe drinking water and sanitation by 2030, the current rate of progress must be quadrupled. Meeting these goals could save 829,000 lives annually from diseases directly linked to unsafe water, inadequate sanitation, and poor hygiene practices.

Iranian museum artifacts to be registered in Italy for first time



Arts & Culture Desk

In an unprecedented move, the fundamental project of registering museum artifacts from Iran's cultural heritage in Italy has commenced, facilitated by collaboration with the International Society for Mediterranean and Oriental Studies (ISMEO), announced the cultural attaché of Iran. Mohammad-Taqi Amini highlighted the 70-year history of cooperation between Iran and Italy in archaeology studies, where Iranian and Italian archaeologists have conducted numerous successful excavation and research missions at various archaeological sites across Iran, unveiling the nation's

ancient civilization to the world, IRNA reported. Amini emphasized the significant role of ancient Iranian civilization in shaping human history, noting that new discoveries not only astonish researchers but also challenge existing hypotheses. Shedding light on the extensive efforts and initiatives of the Iranian Embassy in Rome, he highlighted the profound historical ties between the great civilizations of ancient Iran and Rome. This groundbreaking endeavor, orchestrated by the Iranian Embassy, marks the first-ever collaboration with the reputable international organization ISMEO to catalogue these artifacts in Italy. The initiative holds

great promise for scholars, researchers, and archaeology students at the global level, providing invaluable assistance in their endeavors. Amini revealed that Italy safeguards thousands of Iranian museum artifacts from both pre-Islamic and post-Islamic periods. However, the listing process necessitates financial investment and field research. Notably, the former National Museum of Oriental Art alone has registered over 550 artifacts from the pre-Islamic era, and 700 artifacts from the post-Islamic era. This figure can be supplemented with additional artifacts found in other museums, including the Vatican Museum and private collections.

