

Insurance for tourist guides

At the 15th gathering of Iranian tourist guides, Mohsen Hajisaeid, vice president of the Iran Federation of Tourist Guide Associations, shed light on several beneficial measures undertaken by the government of president Raisi. He noted that providing insurance to thousands of tourist guides, deploying guides during Nowruz celebrations, facilitating the participation of tourist guides in international events, and placing tourism guidance signs in tourist hotspots were among the key initiatives of Iran's Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Tourism, and Handicrafts. He also commended the ministry's efforts in resuscitating tourism post-pandemic, waiving visas for 33 countries, and pushing for the implementation of two-day weekend holidays.

Mehdi Ghasemian, secretary of the Iran Tourist Guide Association, announced the resumption of tour guide insurance in July 2023. He went on to say that "by linking the tourist guide card to the banking system and setting up direct deposits into this account, it has become possible to put in place a requirement for foreign tourists to purchase tickets through tourist guide cards at major sites like Persepolis, thus making use of the capacity of local guides."

Construction of coastal towns

Mehrdad Bazrpash, Iran's minister of Roads and Urban Development, also recently said, on the sidelines of the signing of the contract to equip and operate the container terminals of Chabahar Port with the Republic of India: "Turning Iran into a tourism hub is one of the government's goals. By designating several coastal towns — seven of which have been prioritized while work on three towns is already underway — we are moving in that direction." Saeid Ghafouri, the head of the New Towns Development Company, recently announced preparations are underway for the construction of seven towns. He stated, "The new towns of Tis; Makran Central; a new town in Jask city; the towns of Persian Gulf, Beris, Kooshk, and Shahrak-e Aftab form a collection of settlements that, while offering diverse economic and social roles and functions, aim to introduce new patterns of urban planning and architecture. These patterns are designed to be appropriate to local and climatic conditions while also taking into account regional and international capabilities."



Heavy machinery work to open the Ashuradeh Canal in 2023, allowing water to flow from the Caspian Sea into the drying Gorgan Bay.



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