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Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri met Tareq Sulaiman Al-Roumi, Kuwaiti Minister of Oil (and chairman) and others at the ninth OPEC International Seminar in Vienna and discussed ways to further bolster existing association between the two countries. Kuwait is the is the sixth largest source of crude oil, fourth largest source of LPG and eighth largest hydrocarbon trade partner for India

UAE Golden visa: Rayad Group says sorry for wrong news

DUBAI: DUBAI-based private firm Rayad Group has issued an apology for the public confusion caused by recent reports and commentary, and we take full responsibility for ensuring future communications are clear, accurate and consistent with the UAE's stringent regulatory frameworks. We apologise unreservedly for the public confusion caused by recent reports and commentary, and we take full responsibility for ensuring future communications are clear, accurate and consistent with the UAE's stringent regulatory frameworks. We

UAE government has denied claims that it is offering golden visa for lifetime. The Dubai-based company Rayad at the centre of viral claims about "lifetime" UAE Golden Visas for a one-time fee has apologised and admitted responsibility for spreading mis-

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also wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge that certain public comments made by Rayad Group's managing director were misplaced and have contributed to the misinterpretation of our role and the nature of the initiative in question," the Rayad Group said in a statement.

US to impose \$250 visa integrity fee on tourists

WASHINGTON: A new US law signed by President Trump adds a steep surcharge to most non-immigrant visa categories, sparking concerns among Indian travellers and education providers.

Starting 2026, Indian tourists applying for visas to the US will see a significant increase in costs. Indian nationals planning to visit the US for tourism, study or work will soon face a sharp increase in visa-related costs. Under the newly signed One Big Beautiful Bill Act, a mandatory \$250 "Visa Integrity Fee" will be charged on most of the non-immigrant visa categories

starting next year.

According to a report, the law signed by Trump on July 4 applies to B-1/B-2 (tourist/business), F and M (student), H-1B (work), J (exchange), and other temporary visa categories. Only diplomatic visas (A and G classes) have been exempted from this.

The Visa Integrity Fee is like a security deposit and is non-waivable. It will reportedly be collected by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) at the time of issuing the visa.

If travellers comply with visa conditions, such as departing the US within five days of having a visa ex-

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Kerala nurse Nimisha Priya to be executed on July 16 in Yemen

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Kerala nurse Nimisha Priya, who has been convicted of the murder of Yemeni citizen Talal Abdo Mehdi, is set to be executed on July 16.



Nimisha Priya

Priya has been in a Yemeni prison for the last three years. According to the negotiator SJ Bhaskaran, the news of the execution came on Tuesday. He is set to leave for Yemen. Priya's husband, Tomy Thomas, and their daughter are expecting that they will be able to prevail upon the family of Mehdi to resolve the case by paying the blood money. Priya, originally from Kollengode

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Golden visa that never was!

At last, another fake news was denied officially. The UAE government has debunked rumours/published and telecast reports of a lifetime Golden Visa for select nationalities--- Indians and Bangladeshis. The source of this press release is still not traced.

On July 9, the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Ports Security (ICP) debunked rumours "circulating in some local and foreign media and websites about the UAE granting a lifetime Golden Visa for some nationalities." The ICP underscored "all UAE Golden Visa applications are managed exclusively through official government channels within the country and no internal or external advisory body is considered an approved party in the application process."

"The categories of golden residence, their conditions and controls are determined in accordance with the UAE laws, legislation and official ministerial decisions," ICP added, noting: "Those wishing to know the (requirements for UAE Golden Visa) can obtain them through the ICP website or smart application." The ICP said they have recently monitored press releases issued by a consulting office (abroad) indicating the possibility of submitting a request for a "lifetime UAE Golden Visa" that could be purchased for Dh1 lakh through a nomination process. Some reports also claimed that visa holders' servants can also relocate to Dubai!

Several Indian media organisations and a few UAE-based entities carried the press release in full faith, which the ICP said was published on Monday, July 7 "without the support of the law or referring to the competent authorities in the UAE". The ICP said they are "fully committed to providing a safe and clear environment for customers. (We are) working to enhance transparency and continuously update (our) services through official digital platforms only."

The ICP did not identify the source of the alleged unverified press release but noted "legal action will be taken against the entities that launched these rumours in an attempt to obtain money from those wishing to live and reside in the UAE by exploiting their dreams and ambitions in a decent life and a safe and stable living."

The ICP called on the public to always refer to official sources to ensure the validity of the required procedures, by going to the official website or calling the call center (600522222).

The fake press release had said: "Under the new nomination-based visa policy, Indians can now enjoy lifetime residency in the UAE by paying a fee of Dh 1 lakh (about Rs 23.30 lakh). India and Bangladesh have been selected for the first phase of testing this visa. Over 5,000 Indians are expected to apply for the Golden Visa in three months. After getting the Golden Visa, one can bring family members also to Dubai. Originally planned in 2019, the programme was basically tailored for high-net-worth individuals via real estate investment. The Golden Visa has now "expanded" to cover scientists, executives, frontline workers, schoolteachers, principals, university faculty, nurses with 15+ years of experience, YouTubers, podcasters and digital creators, accredited e-sports professionals above the age of 25 and luxury yacht owners and maritime executives".

UAE authorities say somebody to make a fast buck has done this to hoodwink gullible people. Fortunately, due to alertness of the UAE govt, that did not happen.

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"He who conquers himself is the mightiest warrior."

--- Confucius

New Zealand eases visa rules for Indians

WELLINGTON: In a relief for Indian students who are increasingly looking at New Zealand as one of their top higher education destinations, Immigration New Zealand (INZ) has removed a long-standing requirement that slowed down visa processing for thousands. From June 23, 2025, India had been added to the "List of Qualifications Exempt from Assessment" (LQEA), removing the need for most Indian degree holders to

undergo the costly and time-consuming International Qualification Assessment (IQA).

"The LQEA list is part of our commitment to create a more efficient and transparent system for skilled migrants," said INZ. The exemption is expected to speed up visa decisions for Indians applying under work, residence and post-study immigration routes.

"New Zealand's decision to add India to the List of Qualifications Ex-

empt from Assessment is a step toward streamlining the pathway for Indian students and skilled professionals. By removing the need for an additional qualification assessment, the process becomes faster, more affordable, and more student-friendly," Mayank Maheswari, co-founder and COO at University Living, a global student accommodation platform said. The IQA, used to match foreign degrees to New Zealand's academic framework, was previously mandatory for most skilled migrant applications. With India's inclusion in the LQEA: Most degrees from recognised Indian universities are now accepted without additional assessment.

US to impose \$250 visa integrity fee on tourists

(Cont. from page-1) For travellers using ESTA or EVUS, depending on their eligibility, there will be additional charges of \$13 or \$30, respectively. If travellers do not comply, the US government retains the fee.

Starting 2026, Indian tourists applying for visas to the US will see a significant increase in costs. While the standard visa application fee will remain unchanged at \$185, several new charges are being introduced.

The applicants will be required to pay a \$24 I-94 surcharge in addition to the \$250 visa integrity fee. The I-94 charge will be utilised to cover costs related to admission tracking at the border.

For travellers using ESTA or EVUS, depending on their eligibility, there will be additional charges of \$13 or \$30, respectively.

US remittance tax on money transfer by NRIs

WASHINGTON: NRIs in America will soon face increased costs for sending money to India. Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill, which has now become a law after being passed by both the House and the Senate and signed by the president, has introduced a new remittance tax.

US remittance tax refers to an "excise tax" on international money transfers made by non-US citizens

residing in the US including NRIs, green card holders, foreign students and other immigrants in America. The controversial remittance tax was first proposed at a rate of five per cent, then reduced to 3.5pc by the US House of Representatives and finally capped at one per cent by the US Senate.

The one per cent remittance tax will apply to money transfers made by immigrants including Indians in the US, after Dec 31, 2025. "For Indian students, H-1B visa holders and NRIs transferring funds, the change reduces the incidence of double withholding and excessive upfront tax collection, thereby enhancing transparency and trust in the system. Overall, this reform advances the objective of equitable taxation without undermining the government's ability to monitor offshore financial activity," says Sonam Chandwani, Managing Partner KS Legal & Associates.

Kerala nurse Nimisha Priya...

(Cont. from page-1) in Kerala's Palakkad district, moved to Yemen in 2008 to support her daily wage-earning parents. After working in various hospitals, she opened her own clinic. However, in 2017, a dispute with her Yemeni business partner, Mehdi, reportedly took a tragic turn. The family claim Priya injected Mehdi with sedatives to retrieve her confiscated passport. But unfortunately, an overdose led to his death.

Priya was arrested while attempting to leave

the country and was convicted of murder in 2018.

In 2020, a trial court in Sanaa sentenced her to death. The verdict was upheld by Yemen's Supreme Judicial Council in Nove 2023, but it left open the possibility of avoiding execution through the payment of blood money.

The case has drawn widespread attention and raised concerns over the fate of Indian nationals abroad as the family and supporters continue their efforts to save Priya from the death penalty.

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Sabih Khan Indian origin Apple's COO

NEW YORK: In a major leadership transition at Apple, CEO Tim Cook has appointed Indian-origin executive Sabih Khan as the company's new Chief Operating Officer (COO), following the planned retirement of longtime operations chief Jeff Williams.

Khan, a 30-year Apple veteran, has played a key role in building and managing the company's global supply chain. Born in Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad and raised partly in Singapore, Khan's rise to Apple's No. 2 position marks a historic moment for Indian-origin talent in the global tech industry. Under Sabih Khan's leadership, Apple is expected to further strengthen its

supply chain resilience and sustainability initiatives, especially amid on-going global challenges such as semiconductor shortages and geopolitical tensions. Here's everything you need to know about Apple's new operations head.

Sabih Khan was born in 1966 in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh, before moving with his family to Singapore during his school years. He later relocated to the United States, where he earned dual bachelor's degrees in economics and mechanical engineering from Tufts University, followed by a master's in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



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GULF FAQs

Key things to check in your employment contract after receiving job offer

Received a tempting job offer that's hard to resist?

Before rushing to sign on the dotted lines, take your time to carefully review the details of the employment contract.

Employment contracts in the UAE vary based on the nature of the work and the agreed terms between the employer and employee. These contracts may specify full-time or part-time roles, with arrangements such as temporary, flexible, remote work or job sharing.

Once the contract is signed, any changes to the offer letter terms require the employee's consent and must comply with legal regulations. A thorough check can save you from potential issues down the line.

When you are offered a job in the Emirates, the process includes receiving a formal job offer, signing a contract, and getting your work permit and residency visa. The job offer details the role and includes an annexe summarising important parts of UAE labour law. Both you and your employer will need to sign these documents to move forward.

Once you and your employer have signed the offer letter, it legally becomes your contract. Under labour rules introduced in 2016, employers cannot change the terms of the offer letter unless you agree to the changes; they are within the law, and your rights are still protected.

Before you sign, the employer is responsible for making sure you have read and understood the offer letter. If it is proved that you did not



go through the annexes properly before signing, the employer could face a fine of Dh20,000 for providing incorrect details to the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization (Mohre).

For workers already in the UAE, you will need to sign the offer letter before your employer can get preliminary approval for your employment from Mohre. Once the offer letter is signed, a copy is submitted to Mohre and kept in their system. Your work permit will be issued based on the details in this offer letter.

JOB TITLE AND DESCRIPTION: An employment contract in the UAE is an agreement between you and your employer. It outlines your job responsibilities and management structure in exchange for the agreed salary or benefits provided by the employer.

Ensure that your job title and description align with what was promised during the recruitment process. This impacts your role's scope, career progression and visa classification. This contract is based on the job offer letter that both you and your employer sign. The employer must submit the signed contract to

the Mohre within 14 days of your arrival in the UAE (using an employment entry permit) or after your visa status changes if you are already in the country and eligible to transfer.

SALARY AND BENEFITS:

The contract should specify the agreed upon basic salary, allowances (e.g., housing, transportation) and any additional benefits like bonuses or commissions. It is important to find out whether salary

employee works for more than one employer, he/she may not be required to work more than the hours agreed upon in the employment contract, unless the worker agrees to do so in writing.

If the worker requests to perform work remotely, and it is granted, the employer must stipulate specific working hours.

OVERTIME WORK: Employees can be asked to work overtime, provid-



payments are specified as monthly or otherwise.

Confirm your working hours comply with UAE labour law. According to the law, the normal working hours for the private sector is eight hours per day or 48 hours per week. This may be increased or decreased for certain economic sectors or certain categories of workers. Home to office commutes are not included in the working hours, except for "certain categories of workers". If an

ed the number of extra hours do not exceed two in a day.

If an employee is required to work beyond the normal hours, the pay for the extra time is hourly wage (basic) plus 25pc of that amount. This could increase to 50pc if overtime is done between 10pm and 4am. This rule does not apply to employees who work in shifts.

LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS: Review annual leave entitlements, sick leave, maternity/paternity leave,

and provisions for public holidays. Employees are entitled to a fully paid annual leave of:

30 days, if they have completed one year of service and

Two days per month, if they have completed six months of service, but not one year.

Check your eligibility for gratuity payments, which are based on your length of service and whether the contract includes provisions for additional retirement or pension schemes.

Ensure the notice period for termination aligns with the law (usually 30 to 90 days) and is fair for both parties.

Understand the duration and conditions of the probation period. UAE law limits it to six months, after which either party must provide a valid reason for termination. When you complete the probation period and continue in service, the probation will be calculated as part of your service.

If you are moving to the UAE for a new job, make sure the contract outlines relocation assistance, flight allowances, or repatriation benefits upon termination. Since January 2016, Mohre allows a third language to be included in job offers, employment contracts, and annexes, alongside Arabic and English. Workers can choose from these nine additional languages: Bengali, Chinese, Dari, Hindi, Malayalam, Nepalese, Sinhalese, Tamil and Urdu. This applies to workers coming from outside and those residing in the UAE that are seeking a new job, or moving from one company to another.

Ventive Hospitality, Marriott sign up for seven new hotels

MUMBAI: Ventive Hospitality and Marriott International have signed management contracts to expand their partnership for seven new hotels comprising 1,548 rooms. While six of the upper upscale and upscale hotels are located across Varanasi, Navi Mumbai, Pune and Mundra, the collaboration also announced an ultra-luxury Ritz-Carlton Reserve hotel in Sri Lanka.

Pune-based luxury hotel owner, developer and asset manager Ventive Hospitality, which has 11 operational hospitality assets with 2,036 rooms across India and Maldives, signed a contract with US-based hotel operator Marriott International on Tuesday for seven luxury, upper-upscale and upscale hotels. While both the companies have been partners for six hotels across the country,



Ventive Hospitality and Marriott International signed agreement to expand partnership with seven new hotel projects across India and Sri Lanka.

the new contract will take the partnership up to 13 hotels.

Ventive Hospitality and Marriott International expand partnership with seven new hotel projects across India and Sri Lanka. Three of these hotels are being developed by Ventive Hospitality and its subsidiaries. This includes a 73 villa Ritz-Carlton Reserve at Pottuvil near Yala

East National Park in Sri Lanka, 161-room Varanasi Marriott and a 200-room Courtyard by Marriott on the leasehold land in Gujarat's Mundra.

The remaining four ho-

tels will be developed by the promoter group companies on right of first offer or alternate structure basis for Ventive Hospitality and will be transferred to the company.

Ventive Hospitality's chairman and executive director Atul Chordia revealed that while Varanasi and Pune projects have already started, the group has completed design work for all the projects.

"We are expecting to complete all the projects in the next four to five years. Every year we will deliver 200 to 300 rooms. On an average we are expecting a capital expenditure of 2.5cr and earn 35

lakh EBITDA per room," he said.

Rajeev Menon, president of Marriott International for Asia Pacific, said, "Marriott has always viewed India as one of its strategic locations. Soon, India will be the third largest country for us, out of the 144 operational countries. The seven new projects will be more than just keys and every one of them will be a gem of a hotel. This partnership expansion also includes projects where we missed brand representation like Mundra as well as Varanasi, where the government of India is also focusing on."

NRI family killed in US mishap

ALABAMA: Four members of a family- a couple and their two children - from Hyderabad died in a car crash in Greene County, Alabama, in the US.

A truck speeding in the wrong direction hit their car when the family was returning to Dallas after visiting one of their relatives in Atlanta, a relative told a TV channel. "The family- my brother's daughter, son-in-law and grand children were living in Dallas for the last three years," he said.

As per media reports, the victims were identified as B Srivenkat, his wife Tejaswini and their two children.

uliate the labour market and support both employers and workers. The package of waivers covers fines and financial obligations totaling more than OMR 60 million. Key exemptions include the cancellation of fines for expired labour cards inactive for over seven years, the waiver of financial obligations related to repatriation tickets for the year 2017 and ear-

OTTAWA: Canada has increased the wage thresholds for the Temporary Foreign Worker Programme used to hire foreign workers in the country. The wage limits for companies and foreign nationals applying via the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP) have been raised by the Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) effective June 27. The wage being offered for the position will deter-

mine if employers need to apply for a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) under the stream for high-wage positions or the stream for low-wage positions.

The applicable wage threshold under the TFWP has been raised by ESDC for almost every province in Canada as of June 27. On or after June 27, 2025, this new wage level will apply to all LMIA applications. If you are offering a wage to a temporary foreign worker (TFW) that's: At or above the provincial or territorial wage threshold, you must apply under

the stream for high-wage positions and meet the program requirements of this stream.

Below the provincial or territorial wage threshold, you must apply under the stream for low-wage positions, and meet the program requirements of this stream. The Temporary Foreign Worker (TFW) Program allows Canadian employers to hire foreign workers for temporary jobs when qualified Canadians are unavailable. However, the Canadian government claims it has been misused to bypass hiring talented Canadians.

Oman's visa renewal grace period without fines ends on July 31

MUSCAT: The ministry of labour has issued a reminder to all individuals, employers, and workers that the grace period for rectifying legal employment status, including visa (labour card) renewals without incurring fines, will officially end on July 31, 2025.

This initiative, first announced in Jan, is part of a broader campaign by the ministry to help reg-

ulate the labour market and support both employers and workers.

The package of waivers covers fines and financial obligations totaling more than OMR 60 million. Key exemptions include the cancellation of fines for expired labour cards inactive for over seven years, the waiver of financial obligations related to repatriation tickets for the year 2017 and ear-

lier, and the removal of obligations against liquidated companies where workers have been repatriated or transferred.

The six-month grace period, which began on Feb 1, 2025, has allowed individuals to renew labour cards, cancel work abandonment reports, transfer worker services and settle repatriation ticket costs without facing penalties.

Aviation contributes \$53bn to India's GDP

NEW DELHI: India's aviation industry generates \$53.6 billion in total contribution to the country's GDP. It supports 7.7 million jobs across the broader economy, according to recent industry data.

The sector directly employs 369,700 people in aviation operations, with additional employ-

ment benefits generated through supply chain activities, employee spending, and tourism-related services.

International air traffic accounted for 21pc of total origin-destination departures from India in 2023, representing 33.9 million passenger departures.