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Billionaire Bharti Mittal leaves UK, relocates to UAE

LONDON: Shravin Group Plc with a 24.5pc share, has left the UK and established residency in the UAE. The move comes amid growing discontent among ultra-wealthy individuals over Britain's increasingly stringent tax regime.



Shravin Bharti Mittal

Mittal's departure is part of a wider trend that sees younger billionaires following in the footsteps of older (Cont. on page-2)

Skilling essential to meet global workforce demands: Dr DM Mulay



Dr. D M Mulay, chief advisor to NSDC, inaugurating Seagull Institute of Management & Technology (SIMAT) at Kochi by lighting the traditional lamp. Others from left are: Mr VS Abdulkarim, CMD of Fly Creative and president of IPEPCIL, Dr Sadhana Shanker, Mrs. Geetha Sureshkumar, Dr Suresh Kumar and Dr N M Sharafudeen, Chairman of INMECC.

KOCHI: "Skill development and multi-skilling are no longer optional—they are essential to meet the demands of the rapidly evolving global job market," said Dr DM Mulay, Chief Advisor to the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). He was speaking after inaugurating Kerala's first AR/VR-powered 3D Educational Theatre at the Seagull Institute of Management & Technology (SIMAT) in Kochi.

Dr Mulay emphasised that the global economy is in urgent need of highly skilled professionals and it is the collective responsibility of every citizen to prepare the next generation to meet international workforce requirements. "Institu-

Dr Bastaki said the airline needs more people in key roles, such as pilots, cabin crew and engineers. "Etihad has been doing well in terms of strategy. We refreshed our 2030 strategy to ensure we catch up more (Cont. on page-2)

Etihad Airways to hire 1,500 employees

ABU DHABI: UAE's national airline Etihad Airways is set to hire another 1,500 employees by the end of 2025. This comes after the airline has already hired 1,685 people since the start of the year, according to Dr Nadia Bastaki, its Chief



HR Officer. Etihad currently has around 12,000 employees, and the senior leadership team anticipates that this number could double by 2030 as the airline expands its fleet.

Saudi launches global TOURISE platform ahead of Riyadh summit

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia has launched a global tourism platform named TOURISE, aimed at fostering collaboration between the public and private sectors to map out the future of tourism.

The announcement was made

ly by numerous international journalists, it was stated that TOURISE would represent a bold and innovative initiative designed for continuous, year-round impact. The platform was said to be structured around close collaboration and guided



Saudi Tourism Minister Ahmed Al-Khateeb launched the global TOURISE tourism platform.

by Saudi Minister of Tourism Ahmed Al-Khateeb, who also disclosed plans for the TOURISE Summit to take place in Riyadh from Nov 11 to 13, 2025. During a press briefing here, which was attended virtual-

by a high-profile global advisory board consisting of leading figures from the international tourism sector. Minister Al-Khateeb emphasised that TOURISE was not (Cont. on page-7)



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Skilling essential to meet global workforce demands: Dr DM Mulay

(Cont. from page-1) tions like SIMAT, which align educational vision with both national and global skilling targets, are exemplary models for India's future," he added.

Dr Sureshkumar Madhusudhanan, Chairman and Managing Director of Seagull International Group, highlighted that unless at least 50pc of India's working population is equipped with employable skills through structured government-supported initiatives, the nation's progress toward



DM Mulay, Chief Advisor to the National Skill Development Corporation, addressing the invitees at the inauguration of the AR/VR powered 3D educational programme.

becoming an economic superpower would be significantly delayed. "The world is no longer competing just on products

but on skills and talent. Skilling is not merely about employment — it is nation-building," he noted. Dr. Sureshkumar further reiterated SIMAT's mission: to be part of transforming India into the Skilling Capital of the World —

a global hub where talent is abundant, adaptable, ethical, and internationally competent.

Mr VS Abdulkareem, President of the Indian Personnel Export Promotion Council (IPEPCIL), stated: "It is heartening to see SIMAT emerge as a modern institution that brings technological innovation to the skilling ecosystem.

Today, global employers are demanding talent that is certified, competent, and mobile. India must respond to this call with urgency and vision." He added that SIMAT's launch is aligned with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Skill India" and "Make

in India", and will contribute significantly to Viksit Bharat 2047.

The state-of-the-art 3D Educational Theatre at SIMAT is powered by Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) technologies, enabling students to understand and interact with complex technical concepts in immersive detail. This revolutionary facility is designed to enhance hands-on training, critical thinking, and industry readiness.

An initiative of the Seagull International Group SIMAT operates under the organisation's legacy. The institute is dedicated to providing industry-aligned education.

Etihad Airways to hire...

(Cont. from page-1) with markets, which areas will apply, what fleet types we want to invest in and how we expand our network," she said.

"Last year alone, we announced 16 new destinations. So, we are at 101 aircraft today. We have hired more than 4000 people in the last three years, over 4000 across the board," Dr Bastaki explained. We receive hundreds of thousands

of CVs per year.

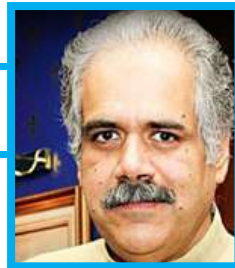
Etihad has been on a major hiring drive in the past three years, adding over 4,000 new staff members. Etihad wants to expand its services by 2030, aiming to have more planes and double the number of passengers it carries.

at the sidelines of the Khutwaty 2025 career fair that the airline is highly focused on recruiting local talent.

Rahul Bhatia : the high altitude flyer

Voice Of Influence

Rahul Bhatia



In a landscape where aviation titans often make noise, Rahul Bha-

tia, the low-profile co-founder and Managing Director of IndiGo, continues to chart a high-altitude course—quietly but decisively.

His recent public engagements have given rare insights into the mind that has helped transform a no-frills

carrier into one of the most formidable names in global aviation.

COST, THE TRUE COMPASS: In an era of price-sensitive flyers and razor-thin margins, Bhatia reasserts what he has always believed: cost leadership isn't just a transform a no-frills

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All-party MPs in Kuwait for diplomatic outreach

KUWAIT CITY: An all-party delegation from India, led by MP-Baijayant Jay Panda, comprising serving MPs, former minister and former foreign secretary of India, is in Kuwait visiting Kuwait from May 26 to 27 as part of a diplomatic outreach aimed at pro-

members of the delegation: Baijayant Jay Panda, MP, Lok Sabha; former member of Rajya Sabha, Dr Nishikant Dubey, MP and Chairman, Committee on Communications and Information Technology, Smt S PhangnonKonyak, MP (Rajya Sabha), first

tional Commission for Women, Asaduddin Owaisi, MP (LS), president of the All India Majlis-e-IttehadulMuslimeen, Sattan Singh Sandhu, MP (RS) founder chancellor, Chandigarh University, Ghulam Nabi Azad, former Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, former chief minister and ex-MP, Harsh Vardhan Shringla, former foreign secretary, former Ambassador to the US Bangladesh and Thailand.

During the course of their stay in Kuwait, the delegation will be interacting with senior dignitaries from Government of Kuwait, prominent members of civil society, influencers, think-tanks, media and a cross-section of Indian diaspora.



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The following are

woman to be elected as Member of Rajya Sabha from Nagaland, Smt Rekha Sharma, MP (RS), former National Chairperson of the Na-

Billionaire Bharti...

(Cont. from page-1) generations, relocating to more tax-friendly jurisdictions. According to a company document from the Bharti Mittal conglomerate—whose total fortune is valued at \$27.2 billion by the Bloomberg —Mittal had previously declared the UK as his residence.

Mittal has long been embedded in the UK's financial landscape. A graduate in Accounting & Finance from the University of Bath, he began his career as an analyst at JPMorgan Chase in London, later transitioning into private equity before joining the family business, Bharti Enterprises. The conglomerate, founded by his father Sunil Mittal, spans telecom, finance, real estate, and hospitality. He served as managing

director of Bharti Global until the family acquired their BT stake from Patrick Drahi. Following that acquisition and coinciding with his move to the UAE, Shravin's sister Eiesha Mittal (41) assumed his former position.

Mittal's exit underscores how Britain's tax reforms are prompting an exodus of high-net-worth individuals. In March 2024, the Conservative government sharply curtailed the favorable tax treatment of "non-domiciled" residents' foreign income, slashing the qualifying period from 15 years to just a few. The situation worsened in July when the newly elected Labour government eliminated inheritance tax exemptions for foreign assets held by non-doms.

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Job fair in Delhi

NEW DELHI: With an objective to provide better employment opportunities to the youth, the Delhi government is set to organise a mega job fair in July.

Chaired by Delhi's Minister of Labour (Employment) Kapil Mishra, the meeting saw the officials of the Directorate of Employment formulate a strategy to connect the youth of Delhi with job opportunities and to establish co-ordination among various departments and industrial organisations.

Mishra said a provision for the job fair has been made in the 2025-26 budget under which a common platform will be created where job-seeking youth and recruiting institutions can directly interact.

During the meeting, it was decided that information letters or emails will be sent to FICCI, DICCI (Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry), CII, PHD Chamber of Commerce, the Department of Training and Technical Education, the Department of Higher Education, Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU), the Vocational Branch of the Education Department, colleges/institutions under GGSIPU, as well as potential job-providing institutions such as hotels and hospitals, for the collection of data related to both employers and job-seeking youth.



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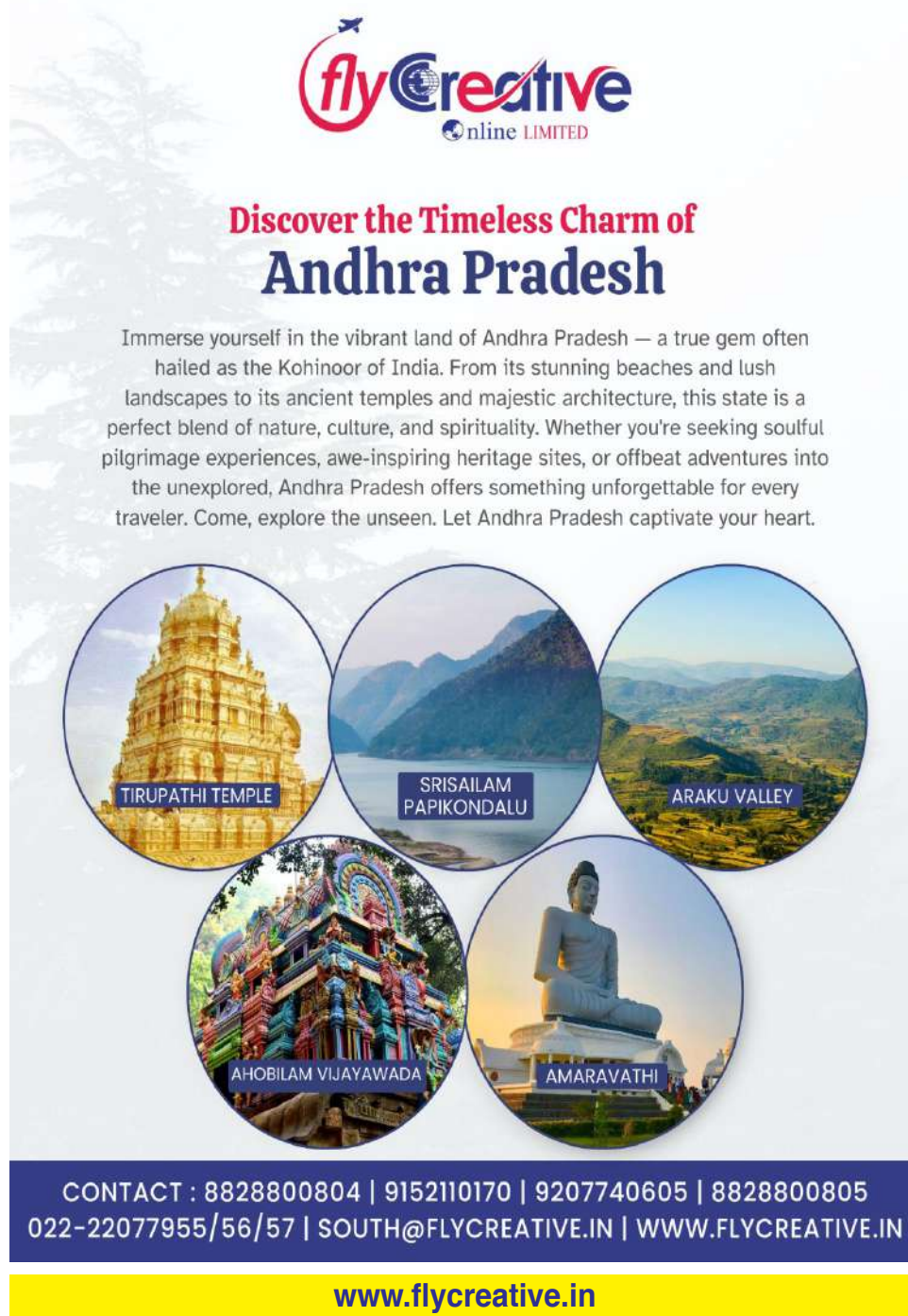
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British Pound	114.74	116.33
Euro	96.08	98.13
Japanese Yen	0.59	0.60
Swiss Franc (CHF)	102.55	104.76
Canadian Dollar	61.39	62.77
Australian Dollar	54.92	56.11
Norwegian Krone	8.29	8.54
Swedish Krona	8.81	9.07
New Zealand Dollar	50.62	51.72
Hong Kong Dollar	10.64	10.97
Kuwaiti Dinar	284.7545	263.7425
Singapore Dollar	65.63	67.12
Saudi Arabian Riyal	22.24	22.94
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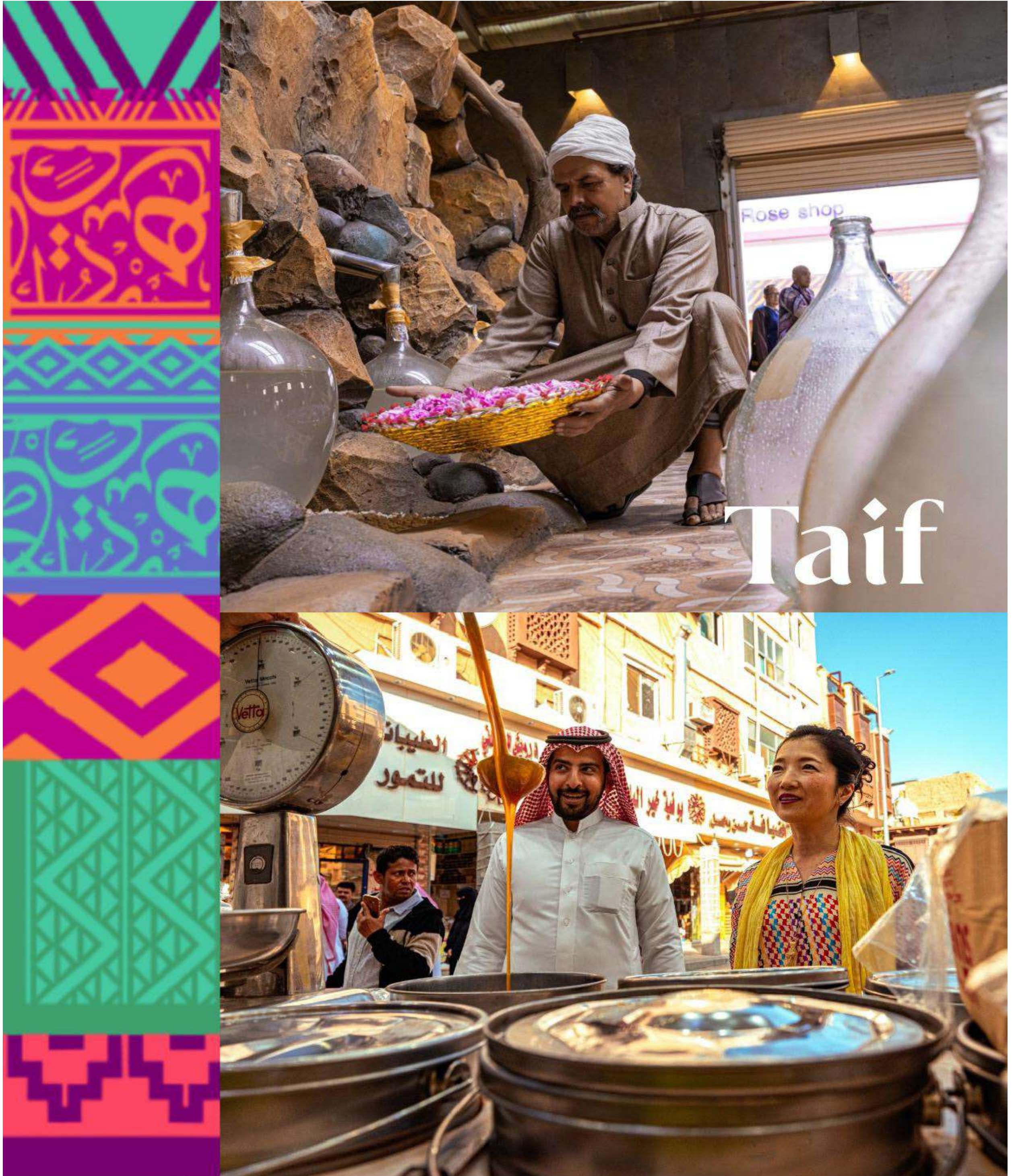
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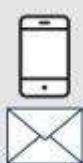


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GULF FAQs

What are legal rights when spouse abandons marital home?

I am a Muslim man married to a Muslim woman and we have two children, a four-year-old boy and a five-year-old girl. Three months ago, my wife left the marital home without explanation and left our children in my care. I made several attempts to reconcile and bring her back, but she refused. My questions are: What legal action can I take under Sharia law in this situation? Am I obligated to continue paying her alimony under these circumstances? Do I have grounds to file a case to revoke her custody rights due to her



abandonment?

In response to your inquiries, the following legal points should be considered: Legal Action: You may file a case before the competent court requesting that your wife return to the marital

home. This is typically referred to as a “return to obedience” case. Alimony Obligation: Based on Article 103 of Federal Decree-Law No. (41) of 2024 on the Issuance of the Personal Status Law, a wife forfeits her right

to alimony if she leaves the marital home without a legitimate reason and refuses to return. The law clearly states that a wife’s right to alimony is extinguished if she denies herself to her husband, refuses to move into or reside in the marital home, or refuses to travel with him, without a valid excuse.

CUSTODY CONSIDERATIONS:

The mere act of leaving the marital home is not, by itself, sufficient grounds for revoking a mother’s custody. As per Article 120 of the same law, a mother’s right to custody remains intact even if she leaves the

home due to a dispute or other reasons—unless the court determines that it is in the best interest of the children to transfer custody. You may pursue legal action to request your wife’s return and may be entitled to withhold alimony if she left without justification. However, the matter of custody will ultimately depend on the court’s assessment of the children’s best interests. It is advisable to consult with a family law attorney to guide you through the legal process and ensure your rights and those of your children are protected.

Can expats hire more than one housemaid?

I am an NRI resident and recently brought my parents here in Dubai from India on a residence visa because there is no one to look after them in our home country. I already have a housemaid under my sponsorship. Am I allowed to hire two more maids and what are the requirements?

The provisions of Federal Decree Law No. 9 of 2022 Concerning Domestic Workers and its subsequent ministerial resolutions are silent related to the number of domestic workers that an individual may sponsor in the UAE. A recognised maid recruitment agency in the UAE may not recruit a domestic worker in the UAE without obtaining a work permit from the Ministry of Human Resources & Emiratization (MoHRE). This is in accordance with Article 4(1) of the Federal Decree Law No. 9 of 2022 Concerning Domestic Workers which states: “Domestic workers may not be hired or temporarily employed without a licence from the ministry, in accordance with the provisions of the Implementing Regulation

of this Decree Law and the decisions of the Ministry relating thereto.”

It is mandatory for an employer or a recruitment agency of a domestic worker to have an employment contract signed with a domestic worker and registered with the MoHRE. This is in accordance with Article-6 and Article-7 of the UAE Domestic Workers Law. An employer/sponsor of a domestic worker needs to follow the guidelines and provisions of UAE Domestic Workers Law while employing a domestic worker at his or her residence. It may include but is not limited to providing the domestic worker with the facilities to perform her duties, allot appropriate accommodation, provision of food and means, clothing if required to perform the duties, timely payment of remuneration, incur costs related to health insurance, be respectful to the domestic worker and the domestic worker should be allowed to retain her official documents. This is in accordance with Article 11 of the UAE Domestic Workers Law

which states about the obligations of the employer/sponsor towards a domestic worker.

Moreover, Article-7 of the Cabinet Resolution No. 106 of 2022 Pertaining to the Executive Regulations of Feder-

ally holiday to a domestic worker.

Based on the aforementioned provisions, you may consider sponsoring a domestic worker if you fulfil the relevant requirements as required by MoHRE and other au-

thorities. Therefore, you may contact the MoHRE for further clarification on this matter. However, you may also consider hiring a domestic help/maid in the UAE through the recognised domestic recruitment agencies in the UAE as mentioned in Article-4 and Article -5 of the UAE Domestic Workers Law. UAE’s Domestic Workers Law is silent regarding the num-



ber of domestic workers that an individual may engage/sponsor. However, in practice, approvals for hiring additional domestic workers may depend on your personal circumstances, including financial capacity and

the specific needs of your household. Furthermore, you may have an option of hiring through a recognised domestic recruitment agency.

For further clarification on this matter, you may contact the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs - Dubai or the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Port Security.

Saudi launches global TOURISE platform ahead of Riyadh summit

(Cont. from page-1) an ordinary initiative but rather a dynamic and defining project that sought to deliver tangible, lasting solutions to the challenges faced by the tourism industry. He described it as a meeting point where “the innovation of the future would meet the experience of the past” and where capital investment would align with creative talent. This, he said, would foster a powerful new partnership between the public and private sectors.

The advisory board associated with TOURISE was said to include some of the most influential leaders within the global tourism community. Their involvement was expected to steer the platform towards meaningful outcomes that could influence tourism development worldwide.

The November summit would also feature the inaugural TOURISE Awards, designed to recognise excellence and

innovation within the sector. Minister Al-Khatteeb invited all those who valued tourism and believed in its transformative power to join the initiative and contribute towards changing hearts and minds through travel. Julia Simpson, the President and CEO of the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), spoke in support of TOURISE during the announcement, characterising it as a critical and perfectly timed partner for the industry. She conveyed optimism that the platform would help unify global efforts to rejuvenate and advance travel and tourism in the post-pandemic world.

The launch of TOURISE was viewed as a strategic step by Saudi Arabia to position itself as a leader in the global tourism recovery and growth effort. The initiative was anticipated to facilitate new collaborations, enhance investment opportunities and help overcome ongoing

industry challenges such as sustainability, innovation and market diversification.

By bringing together government agencies and private enterprises under a unified platform, TOURISE was expected to accelerate the development of tourism infrastructure and experiences not only within Saudi Arabia but across the region and beyond. The platform could serve as a blueprint for other countries aiming to modernise their tourism sectors and improve resilience against future disruptions.

The timing of the TOURISE Summit in Riyadh was seen as significant, coming at a time when the global travel industry was still recovering from the setbacks caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The summit’s focus on practical and visible solutions sug-

gested that Saudi Arabia intended to lead by example in adopting forward-looking strategies and best practices.

EFFECTS ON GLOBAL TRAVELLERS: For travellers worldwide, the development of TOURISE promised enhanced tourism experiences and greater access to innovative travel products. As destinations adapt and upgrade through initiatives like TOURISE, travellers could expect improvements in service quality, infrastructure, and diversified offerings that cater to evolving preferences and demands.

Saudi Arabia’s ambitions to integrate cutting-edge innovation with cultural heritage through this platform might also attract new visitor segments, including those interested in immersive cultural tourism, sustainable travel

and luxury experiences. The global advisory board’s involvement suggested that travel trends and insights from across the world would help shape the platform’s direction, potentially leading to more traveller-centric policies and programmes.

KEY POINTS SUMMARIZED: Saudi Arabia launched TOURISE, a global tourism platform to promote public-private partnerships and define future industry roadmaps. TOURISE Summit is scheduled for Nov 11-13, 2025, in Riyadh.

The platform aims for continuous impact with a high-profile global advisory board. The initiative focuses on innovation, capital, creativity and practical solutions for tourism challenges. WTTC supports TOURISE as a critical global tourism partner.

Rahul Bhatia : the high...

(Cont. from page-2) business tactic—it’s a market maker. “If you have cost leadership and can keep reducing costs, you can stimulate demand,” he remarked in a recent interview. It’s a philosophy that has helped IndiGo build not just scale, but also resilience across market cycles.

UNSHAKEN COMMITMENT

Speculation around a recent stake sale by InterGlobe Enterprises drew whispers about Bhatia’s long-term vision. His response was sharp and unequivocal: “InterGlobe and I are here to stay.” The funds raised were, he clarified, meant purely for general corporate use. In an industry known for churn, his stability sends a powerful signal of long-term strategic commit-

ment.

BEYOND THE SKIES: While the airline continues to scale new heights, Bhatia is also expanding his footprint on the ground—literally. In partnership with Accor, InterGlobe Hotels is fast becoming a hospitality disruptor. The alliance hints at a broader strategy: to build a seamless ecosystem that touches every point of the traveller’s journey.

GUARDING CORPORATE INTEGRITY

Bhatia was quick to draw a clear line between his personal ventures and public responsibility. He clarified that the listed entity IndiGo has no operational link with his hospitality foray—a move that underscores both corporate governance and strategic transparency.

NEW DELHI: India has become the fourth largest economy in the world, overtaking Japan, NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam has said.

Briefing reporters after the 10th Governing Council meeting of Niti Aayog, Subrahmanyam said overall geopolitical and economic environment is favourable to India. “We are the fourth largest economy as I speak. We are a \$4 trillion economy as I speak,” he said.

Citing IMF data, Subrahmanyam said India today is larger than Japan. “It is only US, China, Germany, which are larger than India and if we stick to what is being planned and what is being thought through, in three years, we will be the third largest economy,” Subrahmanyam claimed.

Responding to a question on US President Trump’s recent statement that he expects Apple iPhones that will be sold in the US to be manufactured in America and not India, or anyplace else, Subrahmanyam said:

In Odisha, female employees to get 180 days maternity leave

BHUBANESWAR : The state government has rationalised the maternity leave rules by removing ambiguity regarding the circumstances under which female government employees can take 180 days leave for up to two surviving children.

As per the proposal approved by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, a female government employee can take 180 days of maternity leave three months prior to the expected delivery date and

“What the tariff will be, is uncertain. Given the dynamics, we will be cheap place to manufacture.” He also said that a second round of asset monetisation pipeline is being prepared and it will be announced in August.

up to six months after childbirth. This apart, if a government employee is not in service at the time of childbirth, she can take maternity leave after joining service but only until the child is six months old, which means the leave duration may be less than 180 days in such cases. In cases of miscarriage or death of a newborn within 28 days of birth, or stillbirth after 28 weeks or more of the pregnancy, her maternity leave will continue up to 42 days.