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Fraudster held for sending over 80 people abroad on bogus passport/visa documents

MUMBAI: The Mum- Bhaskar members.

that a certain Roshan which also suspected his Panchal, a resident of and he approaches the

bai police crime branch a resident of Andheri et. has arrested a member of East, was apprehended a gang that has allegedly by the immigration de- of police, crime branch, from Indians and helps age and already granted sent around 80 individ- partment after he land- Lakhmi Gautam had also them travel to Canada, a visa to the country," uals to Canada, Turkey, ed at the international got information about Turkey, the Netherlands he said. "Panchal then the Netherlands and Po- airport from Bangkok. Dudhwadkar and the and Poland." land based on fabricat- A crime branch team im- gang. "When Dudhwaded passports and visas, mediately reached the kar was questioned by a the duo helped people in the name of the per-A search is on for other airport and Dudhwadkar team headed by inspectance travel to Europe and US. son to whom the visa is According to the po- eigners Regional Regis- them that he worked for rejected by the country ing the photograph of lice, they were informed tration Office (FRRO), Rajubhai alias Rajesh he wishes to travel to the person who had paid

Joint was detained at the For- tor Milind Kate, he told "Once a person's visa is already granted but us-

Dudhwadkar, involvement in the rack- Gujarat," said a police scamsters, they scout for officer. "Panchal takes information about peocommissioner Rs 30 lakh to Rs 50 lakh ple who are of the same

makes fake passports The officer said that and visas of the country

AkasaAir launches daily direct flights to Abu Dhabi from Bengaluru, Ahmedabad

BENGALURU: sa Air commenced daily direct flights connecting Abu Dhabi with Bengaluru and Ahmedabad under codeshare with Etihad Airways.

maiden flight from Bengaluru on Saturday departed Kempegowda International Airport at 10am. Similarly, the maiden flight from Ahmedabad departed Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport Ahmedabad at 10.45pm.



The new routes complement Akasa Air's daily service between Mumbai and Abu Dhabi,

which was inaugurated in July 2024. With this expansion, Akasa Air now operates 21 weekly flights connecting Abu Dhabi with three major Indian cities. This also marks the airline's first international route from Bengaluru while further (Cont. on page-2)

GST mop up at Rs 1.84-lakh-cr

NEW DELHI: Gross GST Net GST collections during collections rose by 9.1pc to Feb 2025 grew 8.1pc to about Rs 1.84-lakh-crore about Rs 1.63-lakh-crore. in Feb, boosted by domesrevival.

at Rs 43,704 crore, Integrated GST at Rs 90,870 cess of Rs 13,868 crore.

over the year-ago period. cies.

Gross and net GST revtic consumption and indi- enues in Feb 2024 were cating potential economic Rs 1.68-lakh-crore and Rs 1.50-lakh-crore, respec-As per the official data, tively. The gross GST colon a gross basis, mop up lections in Feb 2025, at Rs from Central GST stood at 1.84-lakh-crore are, howev-Rs 35,204 crore, State GST er, lower than Rs 1.96-lakhcrore collected in Jan 2025.

Tax partner Saurabh crore and compensation Agarwal said the robust GST collection figures indi-GST revenues from do- cate that the Indian economestic transactions jumped my is withstanding global 10.2pc to Rs 1.42-lakh- economic challenges. "The crore while that from im- consistent rise in domesports grew 5.4pc to Rs tic GST revenue compared 41,702 crore during Feb. with import-related collec-Total refunds issued during tions points to the effec-February were Rs 20,889 tive implementation of the crore, a 17.3pc increase Atma Nirbhar Bharat poli-

Qatar Airways launches 'off airport check-in' in Makkah for Haj, Umrah passengers

DOHA: Qatar Airways Ground Services (SGS), has introduced off-air- this service Makkah, providing Haj check-in perience.

tar Airways passengers nership with Saudi

enables port check-in service in passengers to complete formalities, and Umrah passengers receive their boarding with a "seamless and passes, and the baggage hassle-free" travel ex- to be collected from the city, ensuring a smooth Effective March 1, Qa- journey to the airport.

Conveniently located departing from Jeddah at the hotel entrance are able to take advan- from the ring road on tage of a new off-air- L2, this service streamport check-in service lines the check-in proat Makkah Clock Royal cess, reducing airport Tower, a Fairmont Ho- wait times and allowing tel.Launched in part-pilgrims to focus on

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Forex kitty up two-month high

MUMBAI: After fall- the foreign exchange re- to a two-month high, ing for months together, serves have climbed back adding \$4.76 billion to



\$640.47 billion as of Feb 21, according to weekly data released by RBI.

The accretion was primarily due to the valuation gains of other key major currencies which were falling against the rupee. Since the last week of Sept last year when it peaked at close \$705 billion, (Cont. on page-2)

Jeddah airport opens 70 e-gates to speed up travel for 1.75 lakh passengers daily

RIYADH: passing through King Abdulaziz International are designed to enhance Airport in Jeddah can airport efficiency, imnow enjoy a faster, more prove security screeninitiative aimed at mod- to move through the airernising Saudi Arabia's port daily. aviation sector.

step toward automating streamlined, check-in and departure experience.

Travellers procedures.

The AI-powered e-gates efficient journey thanks ings and reduce passento the introduction of ger wait times, allowing 70 advanced e-gates, an up to 1.75 lakh travelers

Strategically posi-Deputy Emir of the tioned across Terminal-1 Mecca Region Prince and the Executive Office Saud bin Mishaal inaugu-facilities, each e-gate rated the system, mark- can handle 2,500 passening another significant gers per day, offering a paperless



ric verification and facial recognition technology, the system allows travellers to pass through se-

Equipped with biomet- curity checkpoints without the need for manual document checks. nificantly speeding up travelers and tourists. the process.

This move follows the successful implementation of e-gates at King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh and Neom Bay Airport, making Jeddah the third major Saudi airport to adopt this technology.

King Abdulaziz International Airport welcomed 49.1 million passengers in 2024 across 2.78 lakh flights, serving as a major entry point for pilgrims, business

Mumbai airport parking goes cashless

Mumbai's **MUMBAI**: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) has made parking at its Multi-Level Car Parking (MLCP) almost entirely cashless to reduce congestion and speed up entry and exit. Passengers must now use FASTag, UPI, debit or credit cards, with cash payments restricted to designated kiosks.

The transition aims to provide a seamless experience, with all customer lanes equipped with FASTag-enabled counters. This allows automated payments, eliminating the need for manual receipts or card swipes. Currently, 66pc of users



declining.

through digital innovation. "CSMIA's shift to a digital payment system

rely on FASTag, while at the MLCP reflects its opt for UPI commitment to offering or card payments. Only modern, efficient parkfive per cent pre-book ing experience," he addparking slots, and cash ed. With 85pc of pastransactions are steadily sengers already using digital payment meth-An airport spokesper- ods, the airport is workson said the move aligns ing with stakeholders to with the airport's focus phase out cash entirely. on efficiency, transpar- While digital payments ency and sustainability promise a quicker and

Fraudster held...

(Cont. from page-1) them."

The officer added that using the fake visa and passport, the client was asked to approach Dudhwadkar in Mumbai. "Thereafter it is Dudhwadkar who ensures that the people with fake documents board their flights without any problems," he said. "During his interrogation, Dudhwadkar told us that he got only Rs 50,000 per assignment and even a ticket to some foreign countries like Bangkok to enable him to be at the airport to help the client clear all airport checks."

While the search is on for Panchal, the police said they suspected the role of several more peo-

airport. "Without help from the authorities it is impossible to board a flight for a foreign country on fake documents," said a police officer.

ple in the racket, includ-

ing staff posted at the

Forex kitty up two-month high

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the forex reserves have been falling as RBI has been selling dollars to prop the rupee which between the first week of Oct and till Feb 28, has lost close to four per cent after touching 87.95 on Feb 10—its lowest on record.

RBI has sold nearly \$90 billion in the past five months alone. Meanwhile, the rupee lost 28 paise to close at 87.495 against the dollar which gained after Donald Trump said higher imports tariffs against China, Mexico and Canada will be effective March 2. This had the domestic equites markets plunging by 19 pc.

The rupee lost one per cent in Feb, and had slipped to an all-time low of 87.95 during the month. This growth was mainly driven by foreign currency assets that increased to \$543.84 billion, up by \$4.2 billion. RBI gold reserves, however, showed no significant growth.

Qatar Airways launches

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their spiritual journey with ease and comfort.

Qatar Airways' Group CEO Badr Mohammed al-Meer said: "At Qatar Airways, we recognise the profound significance of Haj and Umrah and remain committed to enhancing the travel experience for our passengers.

"By introducing the off-airport check-in service in Makkah, in partnership with Saudi Ground Services, we are ensuring that pilgrims can begin their journey with convenience and peace of mind. This initiative reflects our dedication to delivering world-class services tai-

lored to the needs of our passengers, reaffirming our commitment to seamless and innovative travel solutions."

Passengers using the off-airport check-in service will benefit from an expedited departure process, with baggage securely transported to the airport and minimal waiting times at checkin counters.

This initiative is part of Qatar Airways' ongoing efforts to enhance its services for Haj and Umrah travellers, offering a superior level of convenience and comfort from the moment their journey begins.

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national from Ahmedabad.

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for cash must now make

payments at central ki-

with Etihad Airways, convenience. which strengthens our This partnership unlocks from Bengaluru porting tourism, trade from Ahmedabad." and cultural exchange

strengthening its inter- between the two counconnectivity tries. With the choice to access an array of glob-Neelu Khatri co-found- al destinations under er and SVP International a single, seamless itinat Akasa Air, said: "We erary, our passengers are thrilled to launch will benefit from both this new internation- airlines shared commital route operated with ment to service excela codeshare agreement lence, accessibility and

The launch of this serpresence in UAE, one of vice also marks the comthe most crucial interna- mencement of Akasa's tional aviation corridors. international operations new travel possibilities further expands our infor our customers, sup-ternational connectivity

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Currency	Buying	Selling
US Dollar	87.75	86.89
British Pound	110.71	109.46
Euro	91.82	90.16
Japanese Yen	0.59	0.58
Swiss Franc (CHF)	97.75	95.9
Canadian Dollar	61.02	59.84
Australian Dollar	54.82	53.8
Norwegian Krone	7.85	7.7
Swedish Krona	8.22	8.06
New Zealand Dollar	49.34	48.49
Hong Kong Dollar	11.33	11.12
Kuwaiti Dinar	285.92	277.74
Singapore Dollar	65.34	64.07
Saudi Arabian Riyal	23.52	23.07
United Arab Emirates	24	23.54

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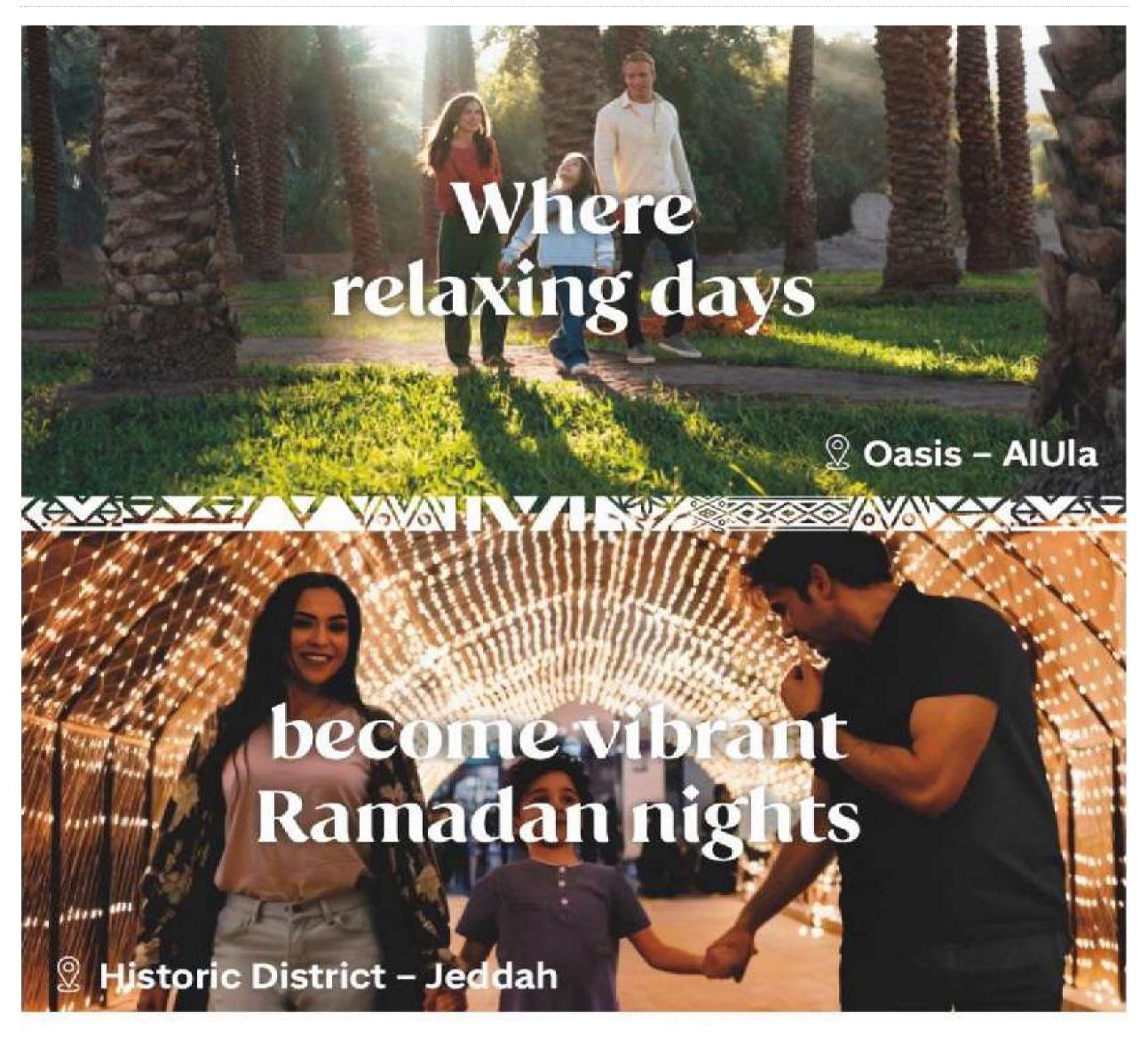












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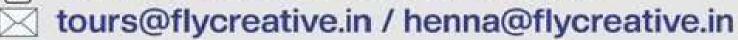




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Can children stay to finish academic year after parent's visa gets cancelled?

that I will be let go as Aliens states: part of the company's My children study in a school here. How long do I have to exit the country after my visa is cancelled? Is there a way I can keep my children in the country legally for a few more months just so they can complete their academic year? What are my options?

In the UAE, Article 11 of the Federal Decree-Law No. (29) of 2021 Regarding Entry and Residence of Aliens outlines the consequences for individuals whose visit visas or residency visas have been canin the UAE.

I have been informed Entry and Residence of day in which he resides vidual's shall also ex- ceed the validity term

illegally in the state as pire, regardless of when of the residence of the "Any alien whose visa of the date of the expiry such visas were issued. Guarantor/Head of the restructuring process. or residence permit has of these periods, and the This is in accordance family."

been cancelled or whose value of this fine shall with Article 54 (3) of

Furthermore, it should be noted that in the UAE once a residency visa is cancelled, an individual may be allowed to stay until the grace period mentioned in his or her visa cancellation document. This document is normally issued by the General Directorate of Residency & Foreigners Affairs (GDRFA) Dubai.

Prior to the cancellation of your UAE residency visa by your employer, you are required to cancel the UAE residency visa of your family members who are under your sponsorship. Your wife may sponsor the visa of your children as long as she is not on your visa and has a separate visa from her em-Alternatively, cancelled or expired, is permissible — or if he by him/her will be valid Residence Permit shall you may put your chilthey will be subject to did not leave the state for the same duration as be granted for the same dren's residency visa on an administrative fine within the periods de- the sponsor's residence period of residence as hold, seek new employfor each day they stay termined by the Execu- visa. Once the sponsor's the Guarantor/Head of ment, and then again tive Regulations of this UAE residency visa ex- the family, and in all sponsor your children's Article 11 of the Fed- Decree-Law, an admin- pires, the UAE resi- cases, the validity term visa. For further aderal Decree-Law No. istrative fine shall be dency visas of family of residence for family vise, you may contact



celled or expired without residence has expired be determined by a de-Cabinet Resolution No. renewal. It states that if with the expiration of cision of the council of (65) of 2022 Issuing the an individual continues the period of the visa ministers." to reside in the country or residence permit, and illegally after his/her does not initiate renewal ily member(s) UAE restion Law. residency visa has been — in cases in which this idency visa sponsored (29) of 2021 Regarding imposed on him for each members' of such indi-members shall not ex-GDRFA.

Executive Regulations "An individual's fam- of the UAE Immigra-

"The Family Members ployer.

New UAE family law to bolster rights of mothers, children in custody cases

The UAE government cent years. has set out significant es.

The updated Personthe needs of citizens and residents.

with progressive chang- daughters. es made to the nation's

reforms to its family legislation was being in- offers additional sup- qi Advocates and Legal to decide at a critical laws to strengthen the troduced to bolster so- port for non-Muslim Consultancy. rights of Muslim moth-cial cohesion and family mothers married or preers and offer greater stability and aimed to viously married to Mus- GUARDIANSHIP: protection to children in address "emerging is- lim men regarding cus- which a mother is grant- their autonomy." divorce and custody cas- sues" that impact soci- tody provisions. ety.

The federal law cov- custody until their sons children ers Emiratis and ex- reached the age of 11 or

legal framework in sup-directive implemented claim custody over her both parents and chil-ples. port of non-Muslims for non-Muslim moth-children over the age of dren are better protect-

il court system in Dec Hais, gal consultant at Dr El Hais. Authorities said the 2022. The new law also Awatif Mohammad Sho-

CUSTODY RIGHTS portunity to retain cus- of their children - re- ical illnesses or mental al Status Law, which FOR MOTHERS: Under tody of their children mains with the mother and physical conditions. will come into effect in the law, the custody age beyond the age of five in unless the court decides. In such instances, cus-April, supports a broad- has been extended to 18 a key change to pre-exer push to modernise for boys and girls, for isting legislation. Legal the country's legal sys- fathers and mothers in- consultant Dr Hassan El DREN'S CHOICES: Chil- rules otherwise. tem and keep pace with volved in custody cases. Hais said the new family dren will also have the Previously, mothers law offers greater pro-right to choose which RIGHTS: The new law could only be granted tection to parents and parent they live with introduces equal travel

non-Muslim, she would their best interest. This update mirrors a not have the right to brought into force in re- ers in the country's civ- five," said Dr Hassan El ed under the law," said el alone with their child.

ed power over decisions otherwise.

"By allowing children age, the law not only EDUCATIONAL prioritises their well-bein ing but also respects

There are exceptions It allows them the op- related to the schooling for children with crittody remains with the RESPECTING CHIL- mother unless the court

UNIFIED TRAVEL when they reach the rights for both mothers "Under the old law, in age of 15, provided the and fathers, seeking to patriates and is in line 13 in the case of their case the mother was a court determines it is in address what is often a source of contention "This ensures that between estranged cou-

"Either parent can trav-

KUWAIT NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATED IN MUMBAI



Diplomats of the GCC countries and Maharashtra Chief Protocol Officer-Manisha Patankar Mhaiskar with HH Emad Abdulaziz Al Kharaz at the reception.



Maharashtra Chief Protocol Officer Manisha Patankar Mhaiskar with HH Emad Abdulaziz Al Kharaz at the reception.



celebrate the 64th National Day and the 34th Anniversary L of the Liberation of the State of Kuwait, the Consul General of Kuwait His Excellency Emad Abdulaziz Al Kharaz hosted a reception for special invitees in Mumbai on Feb 24 at Trident Hotel. His Excellency recalled the age-old relationship between Kuwait and India and the flourishing trade ties between the two nations.



Dignitaries at the function.



IPEPCIL president and CMD of FlyCreative VS Abdulkareem greeting the Consul-General of Kuwait in Mumbai HH Emad-Abdulaziz Al Kharaz at the reception.



Indo Arab Society President Dr Mohamed Ali Patankar, Vice President Shri V.S. Abdulkareem, Secretery General Shri Abdul Majid Shaikh and the Jt. Secratery Shri Nabi Athar with His Excellency Emad Abdulaziz Al Kharaz

Passport rules amended

DELHI: NEW The government, through a gazette notification, has amended the Passport Rules, 1980, to be known as Passports (Amendment) Rules, 2025, in respect of documents to be presented as proof of birth while applying for a passport.



As per the amended by the municipal corpo- the Municipal Corporules, those applicants ration, matriculation or ration or any other auborn before Oct 1, 2023, school leaving certifi- thority, empowered unwill have to attach any cate, PAN card, service der the Registration of one of the documents as record or pension pay Births and Deaths Act, proof of date of birth ---- order (in case of govern- 1969 (18 of 1969), will birth certificate issued ment servants, driving be required.

licence, voter ID card or insurance policy bond bearing date of birth issued by either LIC or any other public company).

In respect of persons born on or after Oct 1, 2023, however, only the copy of birth certificate issued by the Registrar of Births and Deaths or

Doctors, skilled specialists in high demand in UAE

DUBAI: mand for specialised with an annual growth healthcare professionals in the UAE is growing, fuelled by advancements in medical technology, rise in the need for specialised care and the country's ambition to become a healthcare hub.

According to Alpen Capital's latest GCC Healthcare Indusis projected to reach in demand.

The de- \$159 billion by 2029, rate of 7.8pc. The UAE, with its expanding population and healthcare infrastructure, is at the forefront of this trend.

Mujtaba Dr Ali Khan, CEO of Burjeel Medical City and chief clinical innovation officer at Burjeel Holdtry report, healthcare ings, shared insights spending in the region into the positions most