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GCC - Expatriates' Pre-Medical Check Up: Challenges Faced by Emigrants

By Adv. Shahnawas Katakath (Chairman, Pravasi Indian Legal Service Society—PILSS)

The existing system of Equal Distribution among GCC-approved panel doctors for expatriate pre-medical check-ups has led to numerous hardships for the emigrant population.

The system exhibits several flaws that hinder the smooth and comfortable execution of its objectives. It monopolises the process, causing significant distress for emigrants. Our forum

consistently receives numerous complaints from the expatriate population, highlighting differences and harassment they face regularly, as stated by this author.

Upon examination, it became evident that the process functioned smoothly when it was open among the approved panel doctors. The current monopolistic system, from a legal perspective, introduces various negative consequences.

The existing system monopolises with no alternative options for emigrants. Once an individual generates a medical check and registration appointment through the online system, they are restricted to consulting the same doctor. This limitation forces emigrants to endure potential harassment from the allocated doctor, who, without the fear of losing market share, may exhibit rude behaviour and provide

lower-quality infrastructure, products, and services.

From a legal and competitive standpoint, commission laws explicitly aim to prevent monopolistic behaviour, advocating for fair and legitimate policies and processes across all service verticals. The objective is to ensure that monopolies do not engage in practices that abuse their dominant market position. (Cont. on page-2)

Go First gets two bids

MUMBAI: India's Go First has received two financial bids as part of its bankruptcy process. Budget carrier SpiceJet's managing director Ajay Singh and Busy Bee Airways have jointly submitted a bid of Rs 16 billion (\$193.10 million) for the airline. "The plan includes additional fund infusion to restart the airline's operations," said a banker with a state-run bank that has exposure to Go First.

We will make India global export hub: Modi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday lauded his government's efforts in building the textile sector in India and vowed to transform the country into a "Global Export Hub".

While inaugurating the global textile event, "Bharat Tex 2024" at Delhi's Bharat Mandapam, Modi said: "We have a firm belief that we will transform In-

dia into a 'Global Export Hub'. In the last decade, we have added another new dimension to Vocal for Local. Today, public movements of Vocal for Local and Local to Global are going on in the entire country."

The prime minister said that textile sector is connected with four important pillars of a "developed India" – poor, youth, farmers and women.

"We have resolved to transform Bharat into a

"Viksit Rashtra" in the next 25 years. Four important pillars of Viksit Bharat are poor, youth, farmers and women. And notably, the textile sector of Bharat is connected with all these pillars," the Prime Minister said.

Modi claimed that the foreign investments in India's textile sector has doubled in the last 10 years and praised his government's consistent efforts in building the industry. "Today, the

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the textile sector has doubled from what it was before 2014," he said. "The positive impacts resulting from the efforts of a stable and visionary government on the textile sector can well be seen. In 2014, the valuation of the textile market of India was less than Rs 7-lakh-crore, today, it has crossed Rs 12 lakh-crore," the prime minister added.

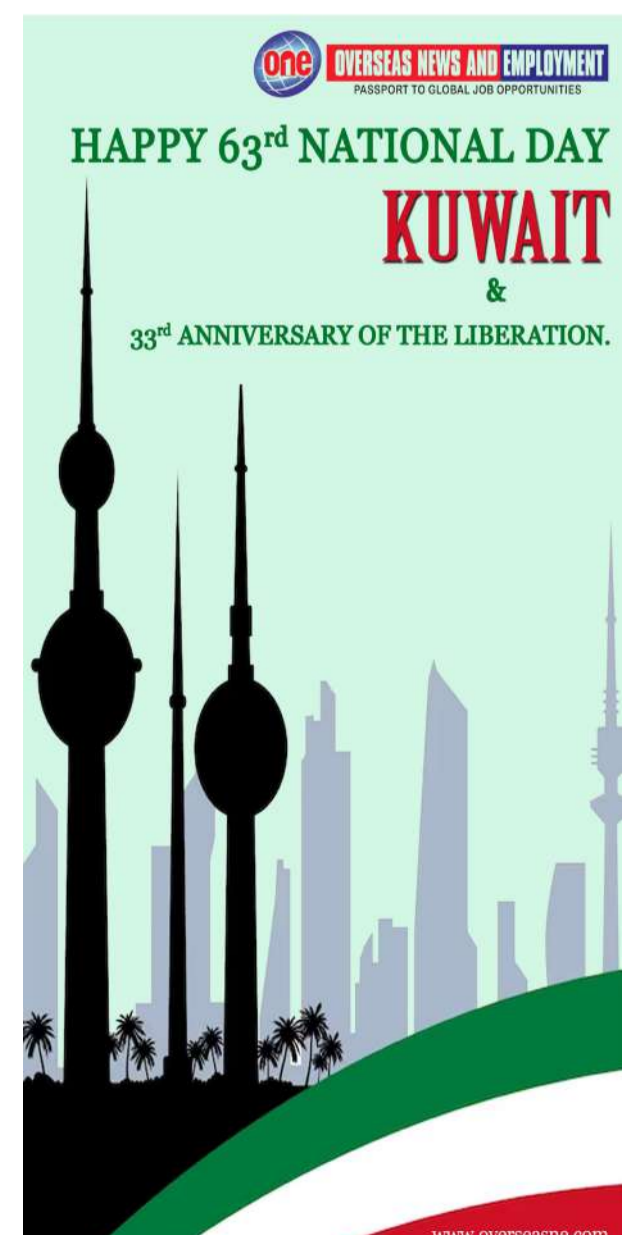
PM Modi further em-

phasised the role of Khadi in strengthening the textile sector and women workforce in the industry. "Out of every 10 garment makers, 7 are women and in handloom, it is even more. Apart from textile, Khadi has also given new strength to the women of our country," he said, adding Khadi has become a means of both "development and employment

Kuwait National Day celebrated

Kuwait's National Day (Feb 25) was celebrated in Kuwait as well by its embassies and consulates all over the world. This year marks the 63rd year of ascending to power by His Highness Sheikh Abdullah As Salim Al Sabah and 33rd anniversary of the Liberation of the State of Kuwait from Iraq.

His Highness Sheikh Abdualah was an exceptional leader and during his reign from 1950 to 1961, he achieved many great victories for the emirate, including securing Kuwait's independence from Britain and establishing parliament and constitution of Kuwait. To celebrate the special day, Kuwaiti residents congregate with friends and family, decorate their houses with colourful lights, flags and candles and eagerly await the spectacular fireworks display.



India gifts Arabian Peninsula documents to Oman Archives

NEW DELHI: As many as 70 original documents of high historic value pertaining to the southeastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula and extended areas of the Arabian Gulf dating from 1793 to 1953 were handed over by India to Oman. In addition, 523 pages of copies of similar historical records were also gifted to the National Records and Archives Authority (NRAA) of Oman, India's Ministry of Culture announced.

These originals and copies of immense worth relating to the history of the region were handed over to Dr Hamad Mohammed Al-Dhawani, Chairman of

the NRAA, by Arun Singhal, Director General of India's Archives.

A three-member delegation from India's Archives, which included Dr. Sanjay Garg, its Deputy Director and Sadaf Fatima, Archivist, in addition to Singhal, were in Oman for two days.

"The purpose of the visit was to explore areas of bilateral co-operation in the field of archives," the Indian ministry said. The original documents handed over to Dr Al-Dhawani included changes to the Omani Flag, which was completely red until 1868, through the present one, succession papers of Sayy-

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Don't miss Malaysia's Thaipusam feast

PENANG: Shouts of "Vetri Vel Muruganukku! Arohara!" fill the Nattukottai Chettiar's Thandayuthapani Temple in Penang, a few days prior to Thaipusam celebrations. Celebrated on the full moon day in the Tamil month of Thai (January / February), the festival commemorates goddess Parvati gifting her son lord Muruga a vel (spear) to vanquish the evil demon Tharakan. It is a celebration of good over evil, and has drawn people from across the globe to this small island.

The Penang State Hindu Endowments Board says that close to one million people attended the Thaipusam celebrations on this year. Men from the Chettinad region are referred to as "Chettiar" and the women "aachi"; it is a term of endearment, to address elder men or women of the community. They were prepping for the "pusa saapadu" (the feast that takes place on Thaipusam day). The chopped vegetables were then sent to the wood fired kitchen in the temple, cooked into a delicious meal, and served

India to record GDP growth of 6.5pc

MUMBAI: India is likely to see the GDP growth by 6.5pc in 2024-25, said India Ratings and Research on Thursday, representing a decline from the statistics ministry's first advance estimate of 7.3pc for the current Financial Year. As per the India Ratings report, Rs 3.53-lakh crore was raised in 2022-23 to finance a total of 982 large projects of over Rs 1,000 crore. This is significantly higher than the Rs 1.98-lakh crore raised to finance 791 such projects in 2021-22.

It further expected the private final consumption expenditure to grow by 6.1pc in 2024-25, up from 4.4pc cent in 2023-24. However, India Ratings' economists caution that

the current consumption trend, which is skewed in favour of goods and services purchased largely by those in the upper income bracket, is not sustainable. For sustained growth in consumption, demand for goods and services consumed by households belonging to the lower income bracket also has to pick up, India Ratings said in its outlook for next year, they added.

In terms of inflation, India Ratings' forecast is broadly in line with that of the Reserve Bank of India, with CPI seen at five per cent in the first quarter of 2024-25 before easing to 4.1pc in July-Sept. Meanwhile for 2024-25 as a whole, India Ratings' forecast for

headline retail inflation is 4.8pc, 30 basis points higher than the Indian central bank's projection of 4.5pc. "RBI's guidance with respect to retail inflation and its trajectory during the four quarters of 2024-25 suggests that retail inflation will be higher than the target four per cent. Therefore...RBI will remain cautious and watchful and is unlikely to change either the stance or the policy rate any time soon," India Ratings said.

"If monsoon remains normal in 2024 and there are no adverse weather or geopolitical events, then the RBI may resort to monetary easing in the second half of 2024-25," it added.

Fines up to SR50,000, jail for Haj offenders

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia has warned visitors and residents against participating in the upcoming Haj season 2024 without obtaining necessary permits.

To ensure the smooth operation of this system and to mitigate potential violations, stringent penalties have been introduced.

Collaborating with the General Directorate of Passports, Saudi authorities have established severe consequences for individuals found to be violating Haj regulations. The Ministry of Haj

and Umrah stressed that performing Haj without obtaining necessary permits is illegal and attracts a fine of SR50,000.

Additionally, individuals caught transporting pilgrims without proper permits will also be slapped with a fine of up to SR 50,000. Expatriates found guilty of such violations will be jailed for six months, followed by deportation from Saudi Arabia. They will be prohibited from reentering the country for 10 years. Additionally, those violating regulations will face public discreditation through media channels.

FOREX RATES		
As on 27th Feb, 2024 (In rupees)		
Currency	Buying	Selling
US Dollar	83.75	82.71
Euro	90.71	89.51
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Japanese Yen	0.59	0.53
Canadian Dollar	62.37	61.17
Singapore Dollar	62.67	61.47
Swedish krona	9.02	7.23
UAE Dirham	23.17	22.42
Swiss Franc	95.19	93.39
British Pound	106.02	104.82
New Zealand Dollar	52.15	50.15
Thai Baht	2.42	2.21
Hong Kong Dollar	11.56	10.2
Saudi Arabian Riyal	22.82	21.87
Bahraini Dinar	225.94	211.94
Chinese Yuan	12.42	10.62
Danish Krone	12.54	11.54
Kuwaiti Dinar	275.85	259.85
Malaysian Ringgit	18.37	17.02
Omani Rial	221.4	209.4
Qatari Riyal	23.78	21.28
South African Rand	4.79	3.79

Saudi records 156pc surge in tourists

DUBAI: Saudi Arabia topped the UN Tourism's ranking for the growth of international tourist arrivals in 2023, recording a significant 56pc increase from 2019, leading all major destinations according to the latest World Tourism Barometer report.

The Kingdom also demonstrated a robust tourism recovery, with international tourist ar-

rivals soaring by 156 per cent in 2023 when compared to 2019 figures.

This exceptional performance positions Saudi Arabia at the forefront of the Middle East's tourism recovery, making it the only region worldwide to exceed pre-pandemic visitor numbers, with a recovery rate of 122 per cent in international tourist arrivals in 2023 compared to 2019.

The surge in tourism

has been evident across Saudi Arabia's diverse destinations, attracting a substantial increase in both domestic and international visitors in 2023.

Moreover, the Kingdom achieved a new high in international tourism revenue, with spending exceeding SR100 billion in the first three quarters of 2023, as reported by the Saudi Central Bank (SAMA) in its balance of payments.

GCC - Expatriates'...

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tion, thereby avoiding negative impacts and fostering a more legal and level playing field for both business and consumer services.

The "Pravasi Cell" forum urges the headquarters of the Expatriate Medical Check to review the process and consider opening it up among the approved panel doctors of GCC. This change is essential for the convenience of the mass movement of emigrants to GCC, as emphasised by this author.

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Flydubai posts record profit

DUBAI: Flydubai said it is "well positioned" to navigate the challenges of high fuel prices and supply-chain disruption after annual profit surged to its highest-ever levels in 2023 on a record number of passengers amid booming demand for air travel. The sister airline of Emirates posted a record profit of Dh2.1 billion (\$572 million), an jump of 75pc from the previous year, as revenue increased by nearly a quarter, flydubai said in a statement.

Flydubai's total annual revenue in 2023 rose 23pc year-on-year to Dh11.2 billion. The airline carried 13.8 million passengers from Dubai last year, an annual increase of 31pc and set a record that exceeded its pre-pandemic level of 11 million. "Building on the momentum from our previous strong performance, we continued to grow, surpassing all pre-pandemic levels to achieve the most profitable year in the history of the airline," said Ghaith Al Ghaith, flydubai's chief executive.

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Fines up to Dh20,000 for UAE visa violations

ABU DHABI: The Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Ports Security (ICP) has classified a group of administrative violations related to the Emirates ID card, residency services and foreigners' affairs. Depending on the type of violation, fines range from Dh20 to Dh20,000, ICP said. Elaborating on the violations stated on the ICP website, a source from ICP said the fine for issuing visas or entry permits to an establishment that does not conduct any activity is Dh20,000. UAE residents can now modify residence visa details online and get a new Emirates ID. ICP

has identified 14 types of violations that apply to Emirates ID, residency services, and foreigners' affairs. These include:
 • Obstructing the work of ICP employees
 • Failure to co-operate with them
 • Customer's failure to pay for ICP services rendered
 Dh500 fine for six types of violations:
 • An establishment submitting details to the ICP passport officer of a person who is not a legitimate representative of the establishment.
 • Submitting transactions via e-dirham which do not belong to the establishment representative works for.
 • Expiry of the representative's card.

• Not showing the representative's card while submitting transactions.
 • Violating the work system in the service centres.
 • Non-compliance with the pledge submitted by persons to the ICP.
Other fines:
 • If a person provides incorrect data, a fine of Dh3,000 may be imposed.
 • Dh100 fine for inaccurately printing application of users
 • Dh20 fine per day (with a maximum of Dh1,000) for failure to renew the Emirates ID card within 30 days from the date of its expiration.
Exemptions:
 The ICP states on its

website and social media channels that there are three categories that are exempt from late fines related to the Emirates ID card:
 1. An individual who left the UAE and spent more than three months outside the country and the validity of his or her card expired after the date of their departure from the country.
 2. An individual whose identity card has expired after being deported by a court order, an administrative decision or a judicial ruling or whose passport is seized pending cases, provided that this is proven by a letter or a receipt issued by the competent authorities that deport-

ed him or suspended the pending cases.
 3. An individual who has not been issued an identity card for the period before obtaining the nationality of the UAE and before obtaining the family book.
 ICP said it completed 5,121,014 transactions to issue and renew a residence permit between Jan and Oct 2023. This figure is based on the latest available statistics for the use of electronic government services for 2023. The Authority explained that the transactions included the issuance of 1,607,151 new residence permits, and 3,513,863 transactions for renewing a residence permit during the same period of last year 2023.

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GULF FAQs

Am I entitled for three years leave allowance?

I have been working with a private company for four years at a basic salary of Dh7,000 a month. Six months ago, my employer asked me to amend my employment contract so that my work is commission-based. A month ago, I resigned from my job. How are end-of-service benefits calculated? Is it according to the previous basic salary of Dh7,000? According to the Labour Law, am I entitled to receive an annual leave allowance for a period of three years?

Your end-of-service rights including the annual leave salary shall be calculated with the same method as calculating the wages of workers on piecework basis, not according to the previous basic salary of Dh7,000, which was amended by the new contract. As per Article 23 of the law (The daily wage of workers who receive their wages on piecework basis shall be calculated according to the average amount the worker received for the actual working days during six months preceding the request or claim regarding any issue related to the wage).

Article 51 of the law regarding end-of-service benefits for full-time workers states that the end of service benefits shall be calculated according to the last basic wage the worker was entitled to, with respect to those who receive their wages on a monthly, weekly or daily basis and according to the average daily wage stipulated in the provisions hereof for those who receive their wages on a piecework basis. Regarding the annual leave salary and as per Article 29 of the law, you shall be entitled to a wage for the accrued leave days if you quit work before using them, regardless of the leave duration, with respect to the period for which you did not obtain your leave. You shall also be entitled to receive leave wage for parts of the year in proportion to the period you spent in work.

Maternity leave

I have been working in a private company for two years. In the side contract that I signed with the company, it is stated that I am not entitled to maternity leave. I am about to give birth, so I applied for maternity leave, but the company allowed me leave for only a month and without any entitlements. My question is: What is the position of the law on this behaviour and on my signing of the side contract stating that I am not entitled to maternity leave? If I am entitled to maternity leave, what benefits must be paid

Cheque bounce

Two months ago, I submitted my resignation from work and received my end-of-service benefits through a cheque. The cheque was returned by the bank due to the account being closed. My question is: What is the appropriate measure to take against the employer to claim my rights? Do I have the legal right to file a new complaint before the Ministry of Labour?

As a general rule, the cheque that bounces without being cashed from the drawee bank is considered an executive document pursuant to Article 667 of the Commercial Transactions Law no. 50 of 2022, which states that ("The cheque on which the drawee states that it has no or insufficient balance shall be an executive instrument. The bearer of cheque may request the execution thereof, in whole or in part, by force. The provisions, procedures and rules set out in the Civil Procedures Law shall apply to the application for execution and contention therein.")

The Authority for the Unification of Federal and Local Judicial Principles decided on 21/12/2023 by majority rule, in Request No. (1) of 2023 submitted by the Attorney General of the Federation, to unify the legal principle, considering that the phrase "closing the account" is equivalent to the phrases "has no or insufficient balance" stipulated in Article 667 of the Federal Decree Law no. 50 of 2022 regarding the issuance of the Commercial Transactions Law. As a result, you have the right to file a direct execution case in front of the court to recover the amount of the cheque. With regard to filing a new complaint, if you have signed a previous settlement before the Labour Office that resulted in the cheque you currently have, this means that you have signed a clause in the settlement stating that you have waived your rights, which means that you are not entitled to file a new complaint before the Labour Office.

to me and how long is the maternity leave?

The clause you signed regarding the discharge of your maternity right is considered null and void because each provision contradicting the provisions of the labor law, as per its Article 65 clause 3, even if it was existing prior to its enforcement, shall be deemed null and void, unless it is more beneficial to the worker. Each discharge, reconciliation or waiver of the rights arising for the worker hereunder shall be null and void if it violates its provisions.

Indians top users of Muscat airport

MUSCAT: The number of passengers passing through the airports of Oman (arrivals, departures and transit) exceeded 1.41 million in January 2024, according to the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI).

The number of arrivals through the airports of Oman increased by 18pc while the number of departures increased by 25pc compared with the same month of the previous year,

Indian nationals topped the list of passengers using the Muscat International Airport (1.69 lakh), followed by Pakistan nationals (48,000), and Bangladesh nationals (41,200).

The number of international flights arriving and departing through various airports of Oman is 8,541. The number of domestic and international air traffic through Muscat Interna-

tional airport increased by 16pc to 8,756, compared with 7,550 flights during the same month of the previous year. The total number of passengers was also recorded. Domestic and international flights (arrivals, departures, and flight transfers) increased by 22.7pc to 1.29pc.

The number of international flights through Muscat International airport increased to 8,090 or 16.5pc, in Jan, including 4,044 arrivals and 4,046 departures. The number of passengers through the airport also rose to 1.2 million, compared with 961,300 passengers in Jan 2023. The number of domestic flights through Muscat International airport was 666, an increase of 9.5pc including 332 arrivals and 334 departures. The number of domestic flight passengers through Muscat International Airport was more than 89,700.

Air Express offers lower fares for flyers without check-in baggage

MUMBAI: Passengers travelling between the UAE and India can benefit from even lower airfares as budget carrier Air India Express announced Xpress Lite fares for passengers who want to travel without check-in baggage.

A subsidiary of Air India and a part of the Tata group, the carrier said Xpress Check-In enables flyers to avoid queues at counters and baggage belts and comes with a complimentary +3 kg cabin baggage allowance in addition to significantly discounted pre-booked prices for +15 kg and +20 kg check-in baggage allowances. This ensures maximum flexibility and convenience for guests booking on Xpress Lite fares.

This new package is applicable on India-UAE routes also. Operating over 340 flights daily, it connects 31 domestic and 14 international airports. The budget carrier operates 195 flights between India and UAE a week, including 80 to Dubai, 77 to Sharjah, 31 to Abu Dhabi, five to Ras Al Khaimah and two to Al Ain. Across the Gulf region, it operates 308 flights a week.

In an interview, Alok Singh, managing director, Air India Express, said the carrier was looking to increase capacity to the Gulf region including the UAE, as well as provide better connectivity to Gulf travellers in different Tier 2 and 3 cities across India.

In addition to the standard cabin baggage allowance of 7kgs, Air India Express said passengers travelling on Xpress Lite fares can pre-book an additional 3kg cabin baggage complimentary during booking or subsequently in the "Manage" or "Check-in" sections of the airline website or mobile app.

Chinese firm hacks Indian immigration data

NEW DELHI: India is one of the targets of China's intelligence and cyber surveillance and Beijing's hackers appeared to have successfully breached 95.2 gigabytes of immigration data from the Indian government, an investigation by The Washington Post has revealed.

The Post said that a trove of leaked documents from a "Chinese state-linked hacking group shows that Beijing's intelligence and

military groups are carrying out large-scale, systematic cyber intrusions against foreign governments, companies and infrastructure — exploiting what the hackers claim are vulnerabilities in software systems from companies including Microsoft, Apple and Google".

"The cache — containing more than 570 files, images and chat logs — offers an unprecedented look inside the operations of one of the firms that Chinese

It said the files — posted to GitHub last week and deemed credible by cybersecurity experts, although the source remains unknown — detail contracts to extract foreign data over eight years and describe targets within at least 20 foreign governments and territories including India, Hong Kong, Thailand, South Korea, the UK, Taiwan and Malaysia.

The documents come from iSoon, also known as Auxun, a Chinese firm headquartered in Shang-

hai that sells third-party hacking and data-gathering services to Chinese government bureaus, security groups and state-owned enterprises.

"One spreadsheet listed 80 overseas targets that iSoon hackers appeared to have successfully breached. The haul included 95.2 gigabytes of immigration data from India and a 3 terabyte collection of call logs from South Korea's LG U Plus telecom provider," the Post reported.

The group also targeted other telecommunications firms in Hong Kong, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal and Taiwan. US intelligence officials see China as the greatest long-term threat to American security and have raised alarm about its targeted hacking campaigns. New Delhi has also taken coercive action, especially since the Galwan incident in June 2020, against Chinese mobile applications, citing possible surveillance by Beijing

These Haj jobs up for grabs

RIYADH: The Saudi Ministry of Haj and Umrah said a number of seasonal Haj jobs are available for work in the holy cities of Mecca and Medina as well as in the port city of Jeddah.

The job titles are: Haj controller, customer service, mechanical technician, driver and engineer, according to the ministry. Those interested in the vacancies are invited to apply via the link: hajcareers,haj.gov.sa. Saudi Arabia unveils conditions for prospective domestic Haj pilgrims.

Earlier this week, Saudi Arabia opened e-registration for its citizens and foreign Muslims residing in the kingdom who wish to perform Haj this year. The ministry launched four Haj packages with their prices ranging from SR4,099 to SR13,265 depending on accommodation level. The ministry also said prices of these packages can be paid in three instalments.

In the first, 20pc of the overall cost is to be paid until the first of the Islamic lunar month of Ramadan corresponding to March 11, the second in-

stalment stands at 40pc with the deadline being the 20th of Ramadan expected on March 31 and the third has to be paid by the 20th of the following Islamic month of Shawwal corresponding to April 29.

Some 1.8 million pilgrims from around the world last year performed Haj in and around Mecca, marking the return of their numbers to pre-pandemic levels.

Saudi Arabia has embarked on early preparations for this year's Haj under a new strategy for overseas pilgrims.

Does Iqama expiry warrant arrest in Saudi?

RIYADH: Holding an expired Iqama or residency permit in Saudi Arabia is not a reason for arrest, a Saudi lawyer has contended. "A policeman is not authorised to arrest a foreign resident because of the Iqama expiry," lawyer Zyad Al Shalan said.

He explained that failure to renew the Iqama in due time is automatically punishable by a fine, unless there is another reason than the document expiry for arresting the

holder. A fine of SR500 is slapped on the expatriate who fails to obtain the resident ID in a maximum of 90 days after entering the kingdom. The Saudi General Directorate of Passports has said that a medical test is among the requirements for a foreigner to be issued a resident ID via the government platform Absher or Mueqem portal for his/her employer after also paying the related fees. Expatriates in the kingdom can get three-month residency permits with a renewal option for the same period, and they can save a digital copy of the iqama on their smartphones under a system launched in 2021.

Kerala healthcare workers' migration to MENA continues unabated

KOCHI: Kerala leads India's healthcare talent migration to the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, especially to the UAE which witnessed a 3.3-fold increase in demand in 2023. Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh emerged as the leading states contributing to the migration of healthcare workers, including nurses, doctors and laboratory technicians, to MENA countries, according to data by blue-collar worker platform Huntr.

Migration of healthcare workers from Kerala, in particular, witnessed a notable increase

in migration to the UAE, with a 3.3-fold rise in 2023, the report stated. The report is based on data on Huntr platform and employer organisations in the Middle East from 2022 and 2023.

It further noted that the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Qatar are the most preferred destinations for Indian healthcare professionals seeking job opportunities.

These countries offer attractive incentives, including extended residency visas, financial benefits and state-of-the-art healthcare infrastructure, the report added. "The rapid globalisation has opened doors

for extensive global mobility, and this report is a testament to the crucial role that India plays in meeting MENA countries' rising healthcare talent demands. The surge in migration from states like Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh reflects a significant shift in the region's healthcare landscape. With Huntr's innovative solutions and stakeholder collaboration, we're poised to drive further growth and development in the MENA healthcare sector," Huntr CEO Samuel Joy said.

The report further revealed that employers

in MENA countries seek candidates with specific skills and qualifications, including experience in regional sales, distributor management, and project management. Additionally, there is also a high demand for healthcare professionals with qualifications ranging from diplomas to higher degrees in nursing and medicine. The healthcare workers migrating from India to the MENA region are predominantly within the early 30s age group, with a noticeable increase in the number of male nurses joining the workforce segment that is traditionally dominated by women, the report added.

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Mary Joseph (85)

Mother of Joy Joseph
 (Overseas News and Employment)
 Passed away peacefully on Saturday.
 Funeral held on Sunday in Kerala.
 Grieving Joy Joseph, family and staff of
 Overseas News and Employment
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