

# Efforts underway to make Kerman handicrafts flourish



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The city of Kerman is not only famous for its numerous historical monuments, but also for the variety of widely used handicrafts being produced in the region.

The officials of the province's handicrafts sector have focused on training activities during the last few years so that they can expand handicraft production to wider areas. They are trying to use the full capacities of the province to achieve these goals, IRNA reported.

The high price of handicrafts and the reduction of people's purchasing power have been one of the main concerns of those involved

in the sector in the province.

Many believe that adopting appropriate policies such as increasing handicrafts production and diversifying them will help solve the problem to a large extent.

Kazem Hosseinzadeh, deputy for Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicraft Organization of Kerman said that 7,655 people underwent training courses run by the organization in the past Iranian year (ended March 20, 2023), while the figure for the preceding year was 6,000.

He said that handicraft training courses are offered according to the special features of each region, adding kilim-weaving, *pateh-douzi* (a kind of embroidery in which

the textile is completely covered by colorful stitches), *monabat-kari* (wood-carving), engraving on copper, precious and semi-precious stones, *hasir-bafi* (mat-weaving) and *golabatoon-douzi* (a kind of embroidery) are among the main handicrafts of the province.

The official added that the ground has been prepared for handicraft artists to make brands and commercialize their products, adding that this would help the sector to flourish.

Referring to the stiff competition in the handicrafts market, he said that producers manufacturing quality artwork are more successful than others.

Currently, 70,000 people are active in the handicrafts sector of the

province, producing 100 types of artwork.

Sirjan has been designated by UNESCO as the World Craft City for Kilim Weaving, while the five cities of Kerman, Ravar, Shahrebabak, Qalehganj and Rayen have been registered as national craft cities.

Eight historical sites of Kerman Province have been inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List, which is the highest number among Iranian provinces.

Kerman is one of the seven largest cities in Iran. With its dry and desert climate, rich history, and hospitable and warm-hearted people, it is known as one of the most visited tourist destinations in Iran.



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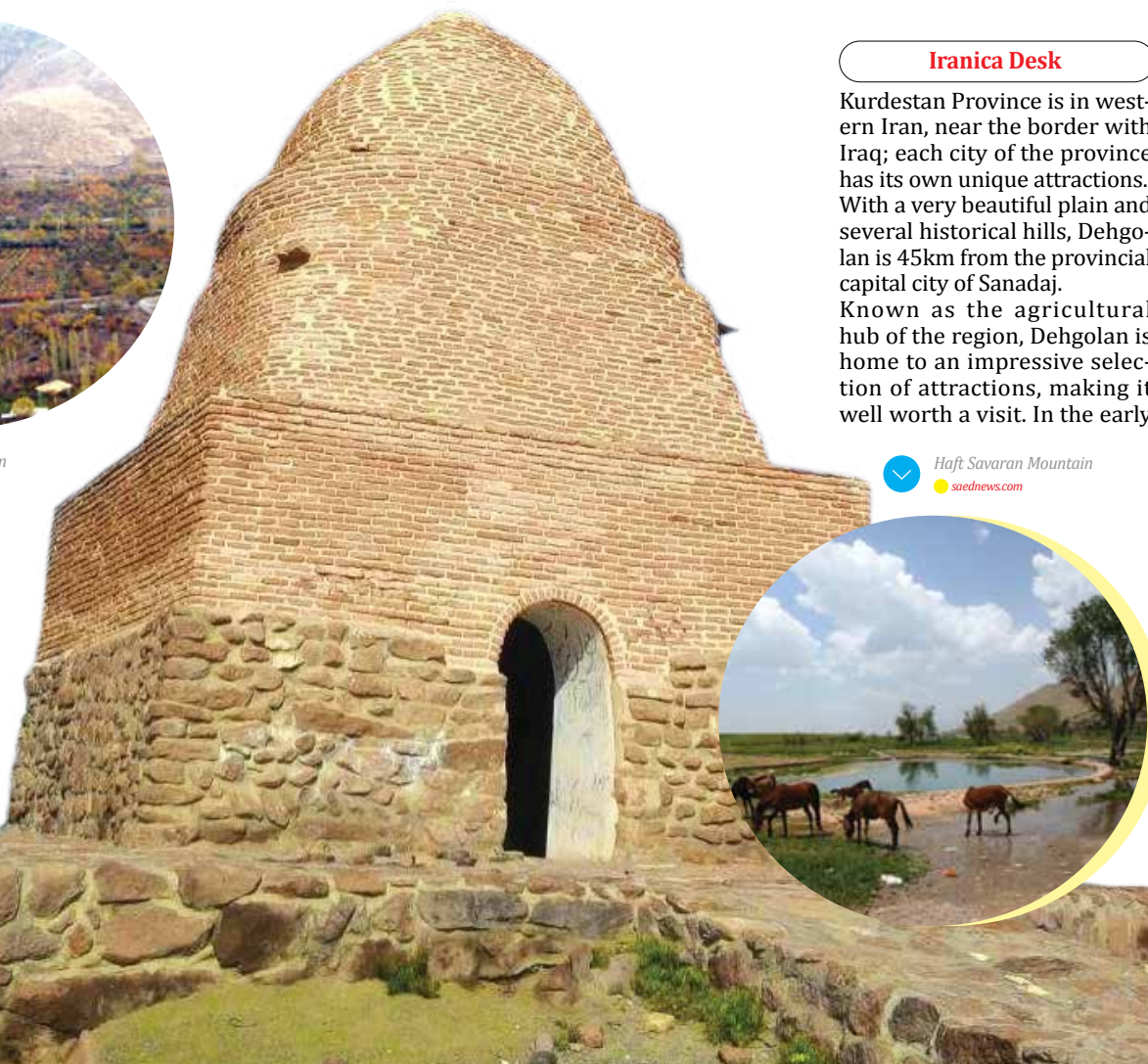


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# Dehgolan, an agricultural hub with significant tourism attractions



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Kurdistan Province is in western Iran, near the border with Iraq; each city of the province has its own unique attractions. With a very beautiful plain and several historical hills, Dehgolan is 45km from the provincial capital city of Sanadaj.

Known as the agricultural hub of the region, Dehgolan is home to an impressive selection of attractions, making it well worth a visit. In the early

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days of spring, its green plains, blooming trees and snow-covered mountains dazzle the eyes. The city has 116 historical sites, 62 of which have been registered on Iran's National Heritage List, according to IRNA.

## Sheyda Mountain

Sheyda Mountain, with an elevation of 2,232 meters, is a popular resort among locals and tourists. There is a tomb on the peak of the mountain which, according to the some sources, belongs to Amanullah Khan, an old governor of Kurdistan Province. The locals believe there are turquoise stones in the holes of the building's bricks which shine at night.

Known as a sacred place among the locals, the monument hosts many ceremonies throughout the year. It was registered on Iran's National Heritage List in 2002.

There is a rock on the mountain, with hieroglyphic script. It also has a fire temple that has been destroyed but its rocks and ashes remain.

## Sheytan Bazaar

Sheytan Bazaar is a region that lies two kilometers from Sheyda Mountain. The natural

climate, such as wind and rain, has caused the limestone rocks of the region to be shaped into various strange figures including humans and animals.

## Haft Savaran Mountain

Haft Savaran Mountain, located near Mobarakabad village, is among the must-see places of Dehgolan.

It is said that in ancient times seven horsemen, who escaped from their enemy, took refuge and stayed there for a while. They were also buried there.

## Telvar village

On the bank of a river with the same name, Telvar village is 10 minutes from Dehgolan.

It is an historical village in the northern part of Dehgolan, with an ancient hill which was registered on Iran's Natural Heritage List in 2004.

## Machekeh-ye Olya

Machekeh-ye Olya is a small and beautiful village, with a population of 300. Most of its inhabitants are engaged in livestock breeding and farming. It has several historical heritage sites including an old tomb and ancient hill.