

## Tehran's parks set to embrace inclusion for disabled



### Social Desk

A total of 114 parks will be adapted for the use of disabled people by mid-March 2024, as announced by Tehran's deputy mayor.

"The Organization of Parks and Green Spaces in Tehran has been tasked with increasing its efforts to accommodate disabled individuals and enable them to utilize the city's green and recreational areas," said Hossein Nazari, according to ILNA.

The comprehensive plan involves the adaptation of 114 parks from March 21, 2023, to March 20, 2024. Nazari further elaborated on the progress made in previous years, stating that in 2015-16, 22 parks were adapted, followed by 22 more in 2016-17, 22 in 2017-18, 39 in 2018-19, and a total of 22 in both 2019-20 and 2020-21. In 2021-22, an additional 58 parks were adapted, bringing the total to 185 parks in Tehran that have been made accessible for disabled people.

The deputy mayor emphasized the importance of completing the remaining parks by the end of the year, aiming to improve a total of 114 parks. Nazari highlighted the features of the project, which include equipping the parks with facilities like sports sets for the disabled, creating ramps, landscaping, adapting drinking fountains, toilets, and benches to meet the needs of disabled individuals.

The city official concluded by stating that this optimization of parks aligns with Tehran Municipality's commitment to providing a suitable platform and environment for disabled individuals to enjoy the city's green and recreational spaces.

It goes without saying that a truly inclusive society would remain an unrealized dream without incorporating the needs of disabled individuals into city facilities. By ensuring that these spaces are accessible to all, regardless of physical or cognitive abilities, we create an environment that promotes equal opportunities and participation.

When disabled individuals can seamlessly access public spaces, parks, buildings, and transportation systems, it not only enhances their quality of life but also empowers them to engage fully in social, cultural, and economic activities. Inclusion in city facilities not only benefits the disabled community but also enriches the entire community by nurturing diversity, breaking down barriers, and promoting a sense of belonging for all residents.

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# Recovery of more than 16k children with cancer: *Charity CEO*

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More than 16,000 children under the support of Mahak have successfully recovered from cancer over the years, announced the CEO of Mahak Charity, which supports children with cancer.

"This achievement would not have been possible without the support of philanthropists, dedicated volunteers, and the efforts of Mahak employees, who embody the values of this organization," said Arash Ahmadian, according to IRNA.

He added that Mahak, a charitable organization supporting children with cancer, has been providing assistance to the children of Iran for over three decades. Their motivation stems from a deep commitment to serving fellow human beings and relying on the humanitarian assistance of benefactors. Mahak has been steadfast in its support for cancer treatment.

Ahmadian emphasized that the organization's primary concern is to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of its activities. He stated that the benchmark of their success lies in the trust of the helpers in our country, and the true measure of their effectiveness is reflected in the number of children who have recovered with the help of this charity.



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Ahmadian further announced that Mahak's mission is to support children under the age of 18 with cancer and their families across the country, regardless of the circumstances. "Although children's cancer is a chronic disease, it should not mark the end of their childhood. It takes at least 2.5 years to guide each child with cancer towards a healthy destination," he said, adding,

"Mahak strives to ensure that no family is left alone in their child's treatment, providing comprehensive and integrated support throughout the treatment process, reaching every corner of Iran with the participation and companionship of the family." Ahmadian went on to mention that on December 7, the birthdate of the first child to recover under Mahak's care is celebrated as 'Day of the Recovered' within the organization. Currently, more

than 13,000 children are undergoing treatment in 13 hospitals in Tehran and 28 hospitals in other provinces of the country. "Mahak hopes that all these children will regain good health with the positive intentions of its supporters," Ahmadian said. The annual campaign celebrating those who have recovered brings hope to children with cancer and their families, encouraging them to continue their treatment journey with renewed determination.

The CEO of Mahak concluded by expressing gratitude to the organization's supporters. "Mahak Charity strives to utilize the knowledge of researchers and specialists to improve its services for children with cancer throughout Iran," he said, and stated that with early cancer diagnosis and the support of philanthropists across the nation, Mahak aims to bring happiness and brighter days to the lives of these children.

## Online access system for Iranians abroad unveiled



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The unveiling ceremony for the online access system, allowing Iranians abroad to access judicial electronic services, took place in the presence of the Vice-President of the Judiciary for International Affairs and Secretary General of the I.R of Iran's High Council for Human Rights. During the ceremony,

Kazem Gharibabadi expressed his gratitude to the head of the Statistics and Technology Center of the Judiciary and his colleagues. He emphasized that the focus of providing services to Iranians abroad is on the judicial services, acknowledging the diverse challenges faced by Iranians living outside their home country, some of which fall

within the jurisdiction of the judiciary system. Gharibabadi expressed his hope that the comprehensive bill for the protection of Iranians abroad would be passed in parliament, leading to the resolution of issues faced by Iranian nationals residing abroad. Access to the Sana system, a crucial foundation for benefiting from judicial services, has been a con-

cern, and efforts are being made to provide the same services electronically for Iranians abroad. The launch of the online system and the use of home-grown social messengers like have helped overcome the obstacle of mobile numbers for Iranians residing abroad. Gharibabadi highlighted that the system offers a range of services for Iranians abroad. The next step involves the development of electronic service proceedings based on the Sana system, which would expedite these services. "Collaboration with the Center for Statistics and Technologies of the Judiciary is underway to create a system and encourage judicial units to utilize this capacity," he said. Furthermore, a list is being compiled in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice to form

judicial working groups aimed at resolving issues faced by Iranians abroad. These issues include the provision of online judicial electronic services in the Sana system and the pursuit of violated rights of Iranians residing abroad. Gharibabadi emphasized the responsibility of supporting Iranians abroad, regardless of their location, religion, or rituals. He also emphasized the importance of access to the Same system, which facilitates communication with governance and governing institutions. Iranians residing abroad should have access to these facilities through the Sana system, enabling them to register requests and request meetings with high-ranking judicial officials. Additionally, efforts are being made to provide advice and necessary training to Iranians traveling abroad, particularly in

countries such as Turkey and Iraq, where some Iranians face challenges and legal issues. Facilitating investments by Iranians abroad is another area of consideration. Another significant issue within the jurisdiction is the situation of Iranians imprisoned abroad. To address this, a four-way memorandum is intended to be signed between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Prisons Organization, the Prisoners' Cooperative Foundation, and the International Vice-President of the Judiciary. "The objective is to solve problems and provide support to Iranians in prisons abroad, especially those who are the heads of families or lack support. The well-being of Iranians abroad and the support of their families are among the priorities to be addressed," Gharibabadi said.