

- License Holder
- ICPI CEO
- Managing Director
- Editor-in-chief
- Int'l & National Desk
- Economy Desk
- Sports Desk
- Iranica Desk
- Arts & Culture Desk
- Language Editor

Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA)
 Ali Motaghian
 Ali Kakadezfuli
 Mostafa Shirmohammadi
 Javad Mohammad Ali, Zohreh Qanadi,
 Amir Mollae Mozaffari
 Reza Abesh Ahmadlou, Sadeq Dehqan
 Amirhadi Arsalanpour
 Leila Imeni
 Hamideh Hosseini
 Mehdi Ebrahim

- Editorial Dept. Tel
- Address
- ICPI Publisher
- Advertising Dept. Tel/Email
- Website
- Email
- Printing House

+98 21 84711226
 208, Khorramshahr Ave., Tehran, Iran
 +98 21 88548892-5
 +98 21 88500601/irandaily@iranagahiha.com
 www.irandaily.ir/newspaper.irandaily.ir
 irandaily@icpi.ir
 Iran Cultural & Press Institute



Iran ranks 3rd in Int'l IQ Test 2024

According to the International IQ Test, updated on January 1, Iran ranked third worldwide, with an impressive average Intelligence Quotient (IQ) of 106.84. The International IQ Test, which drew participation from over 1.39 million individuals worldwide, places South Korea at the top with an average IQ of 107.54, followed closely by China at 106.99. Iran's placement among these leading nations underscores the high intellectual capacity of its population and reflects a broader trend of elevated IQ scores in many East Asian countries. The IQ measurement serves as an indicator of cognitive abilities, categorizing the majority of individuals within a standard range of 70 to 130. The results reveal that only 2 percent of the population scores below 70 or above 130, making Iran's average score noteworthy in a global context. Several factors contribute to Iran's commendable IQ score. The country's strong emphasis on education, particularly in basic sciences, coupled with a cultural focus on academic achievement and family support in nurturing intellectual talents, has played a pivotal role. Iranian families traditionally prioritize education, fostering environments where academic success is highly valued. Experts suggest that this achievement could serve as a catalyst for devising new strategies to leverage the nation's

intellectual resources for sustainable development. The potential for harnessing these talents could lead to significant advancements in various sectors, including technology, science, and the arts. The 2024 rankings reveal a geographical distribution of IQ scores that highlights the superiority of East Asia in terms of human development. Six Asian countries, including South Korea, China, Iran, Japan, Singapore, and Mongolia, feature in the top ten, reflecting their commitment to rigorous educational practices and the integration of innovative learning technologies. European nations like Austria, Canada, and Germany also appear in the top tier, showcasing effective research-based educational systems that promote creative learning. However, the absence of African and many Latin American countries from the upper rankings raises concerns regarding educational inequalities and disparities in access to resources. Iran's average IQ of 106.84 positions it as a leader in intellectual capacity within the region, and experts believe this recognition could inspire further investments in education and research. By capitalizing on its intellectual strengths, Iran has the potential to enhance its global competitiveness and drive innovation. While the IQ test provides insights



into cognitive abilities, it is crucial to remember that intelligence is multifaceted. Factors such as motivation, values, and personality traits also

play significant roles in an individual's overall capabilities. The International IQ Test, modeled on Raven's Matrices, offers a comprehensive and

fair assessment that transcends linguistic and cultural barriers, making it a reliable tool for measuring intelligence internationally.

Three Iranian movies to be screened at India's Third Eye Asian Film Festival



Arts & Culture Desk

The 21st edition of the Third Eye Asian Film Festival in Mumbai will showcase three films supported by the Farabi Cinema Foundation: 'Captain', 'Sima's Unfinished Narration', and 'Hook'. Three Iranian films 'Captain', 'Sima's Unfinished Narration', and 'Hook', all produced by Farabi Cinema Foundation will be showcased at the 21st edition of the Third Eye Asian Film Festival in Mumbai, running from January 10 to 16, IRNA reported. 'Captain', directed by Mohammad Hamzei and produced by Saber Emami, tells the story of an 11-year-old boy named Isa, whose unwavering belief in his future as a football star for the Ira-

nian national team remains unshaken despite his battle with cancer. The film portrays Isa's resilience as he undergoes treatment in the hospital's cancer ward, never losing sight of his dream. In 'Sima's Unfinished Narration', directed by Alireza Samadi and produced by Majid Reza Bala, the life of Dr. Arash Samin, a renowned sociology professor, takes an unexpected turn when a photo of him is published online, disrupting his peaceful existence with his doctor wife and daughter. 'Hook', directed by Ali Rigi and produced by Ali Ashtipour, follows the journey of two Baloch brothers, both athletes fueled by their passion for sports. The brothers strive to achieve their ambitious dreams, facing not only the challenges of competition but also societal and personal barriers. Their story is one of determination, as they push beyond their limits and support each other in their pursuit of excellence. The Farabi Cinema Foundation has a strong presence at this festival, with two of its films, 'Sea Boys' and 'Squad of Girls', screening at the 20th edition last year. 'Squad of Girls' was awarded a special festival trophy, highlighting the foundation's consistent success in promoting Iranian cinema on the international stage.

President hails advancements in vaccine production



Social Desk

President Masoud Pezeshkian highlighted Iran's significant strides in vaccine production, emphasizing the nation's capacity to meet both human and animal health needs. The president made the remarks on Sunday in a message he issued to a ceremony held in Tehran, which marked the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Razi Vaccine and Serum Research Institute, president.ir reported. Pezeshkian noted that Iran has successfully developed a variety of vaccines, including those specifically designed for livestock and poultry, as well as seven vaccines from the human vaccination portfolio. He proudly mentioned the country's groundbreaking achievement in creating the world's first inject-

able and inhalable COVID-19 vaccine. The president underscored the importance of domestic vaccine production in preventing foreign currency outflows, stating that it could enhance non-oil exports by providing biological products to neighboring countries. He expressed confidence that ongoing efforts and innovations in vaccine development will further bolster Iran's public health and economic resilience. The ceremony celebrated not only the historical achievements in vaccine research and production but also looked forward to the future potential of Iran's scientific endeavors in health care. Pezeshkian's remarks were delivered by Minister of Agriculture Gholamreza Nouri Ghezajeh, reflecting a unified commitment to advancing the nation's health initiatives.

One in four animal sale ads in Iran features endangered fauna, sparking biodiversity crisis

The head of Iran's Department of Environment, Shina Ansari, stated that 25 percent of the species advertised for sale in the country are endangered. In a recent news published by IRNA, Ansari wrote, "25 percent of the species advertised for sale are listed as prohibited in international trade under the Convention on International

Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)." Ansari highlighted that "advertising in cyberspace" has contributed to the promotion of animal trafficking, noting that "the smuggling of wildlife has become one of the greatest threats to the country's biodiversity." The environment chief further emphasized that the

sale of "all animal species in Iran is illegal," revealing that a range of animals, from lion cubs to pythons, Iranian squirrels, and various reptiles and birds, are being traded illegally in the country. She added that keeping Iranian squirrels as pets not only decreases the population of this species but also leads to the destruction of

the Zagros forests, as some individuals burn or cut down trees to capture these squirrels. According to Ansari, research from the Parliament Research Center indicates that factors such as "financial needs," "entertainment," "superstitious beliefs," and "ignorance" are the primary reasons behind wildlife trafficking in the country.

Last June, coinciding with "International Day for Biological Diversity," an environmental official announced that the "rate of biodiversity extinction" in the country has increased "hundreds of times" compared to the last two centuries, with some plant and animal species experiencing an extinction rate "thousands of times higher."

