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A shadow falls on the premises as they receive the world’s tallest broadcasting tower Tokyo Skytree, during a partial lunar eclipse in Tokyo on Friday. "Reuters"
Brindabai families of some of these Banyan families offer fascinating glimpses into the life of the Indian community along the ports of Oman for over 500 years. Gopalji Valji Jerajani started his business in Muscat and Matrika with the export of khipi (lace), cloth, local items and pearls (mostly) for which he set up a factory in the late 1860s. As he was in good standing and had good relations with the ruling family, he was allowed to build the Motishwar Mahadeva temple (also named in recognition of his trade in 'moti' or pearl). The temple was in 1904. The temple still exists today in Muscat. Gopalji then brought Chhotalal Jerajani, his son-in-Muscat considering that his business was growing. Vithaldas Jerajani, Gopalji Valji Jerajani’s brother’s son joined the Jerajani family business in Muscat and settled in Barka and helped in the family business. But later, following Mahatma Gandhi’s call to join the freedom movement, Vithaldas returned to India. He was associated with Mahatma Gandhi’s freedom struggle in India against the British government. Subsequently, he was wanted for political activism related to the freedom struggle. Later, he was asked by Mahatma Gandhi to help in the development of Khadi and village industries all over India which he continued until his death. Mahadev Chhotalal continued his business with Muscat. Chhotalal Jerajani’s son Narulal was born in Muscat in 1910. Narulal also joined the freedom movement of India. He, along with other members of Jerajani family joined the Salt Satyagraha movement of Gandhi and was jailed with other leaders. He was involved with Khadi and village industries activity. He set up the biggest Khadi store in India which was originally owned by a British company. This Khadi store is as a front yard of the house of Jethalal, the family which is functional even today.

Narulal passed away in 1994 following a stroke. His wife, Pushpa, had joined various voluntary activities of the Omani women association and helped Omani women learn crafts and painting. Interacting with women in Muscat, Pushpa contributed to the temple and deity seva making jewellery, bindles, rangoli and painting many murtis in the Khadi store temple, along with their daughter Sunita Hirdi Jethalal. Kenwal, daughter of Vithaldas and Pushpa, is presently a radiologist, trained in London and has her own clinic in Muscat.

THE JETHALAL NARANJEE GANDHI FAMILY

A young school boy named Jethalal, son of Narulal Gandhi, came home to a small village called Mundra in Kutch, Gujarat in India and was told by his mother that a country raft is leaving for Muscat and you should board it. With just a pair of clothes in a cotton bag, he left in 1910. Reaching Muscat after a long voyage, he was employed as a helper with the recommendation of Devji Damodar (later he married his daughter Sarabji) in a company registered at M/S Kamal Enterprise in Barka. Eventually, he called his villains widow sister Gordhla and brother Purshottam. From being a helper, he rose to work as revenue collecting representative in Customs Department at Port of Muscat and moved to the highest post in Customs whilst reporting directly to ESM Sultan Said bin Taimur. In 1947, some of his children had to be evacuated from Karachi during partition. Two of his daughters were married in Oman to community families residing in Muscat. In 1948, Jethalal resigned from the Customs Department and started a company in the name of M/S J N Gandhi & Co., which is functional even today. One of the elder twin brothers Virsinh (alias Babu) had, on request, worked as a senior accountant in Treasury in the era of late HM Sultan Qaboos bin Said but eventually resigned and joined the company. Yatin (also Navi) the other twin brother worked with his father and worked in Ratanji’s business and eventually retired to Muscat gaining global experience. Chandrasinh, having followed his father footsteps, started customs clearing work within the company setup. Ajminth joined the family business managing one of the two outlets in the old souq of Muscat. Puskarsinh gained a lot of experience with corporate local companies and served Hindu Mahajan and Indian School. The youngest of all, Bupendra, worked with recreational agencies and later worked with Ottoman Bank and later worked with the Indian Consulate until the early 1970s when Rait was introduced as the official currency. He then joined the customs clearing department. Surrounding a small community in Muscat, the family and house of Jethalal was also surrounded by various members of the Omani Royal family. The third generations of the family studied abroad in the late 1970s and came back to Oman to share and be part of the new growth. In 2004, the family of Jethalal, which was residing in Muscat at that time, was rewarded with Omani citizenship. While Virsinh, Yatin, Chandrasinh, Bupendra continued on, the members of the J N Gandhi family continues to contribute to the Omani society.

‘A country raft is leaving for Muscat and you should board it’

The book Oman-India Ties Across Sea and Space takes its readers on a visual journey outlining the rich historical relationship between the two great civilisations of Oman and India which goes back more than 5,000 years. Published by the Observer in association Indian Embassy Muscat and written by Samuel Kutty (Senior Editor of The Observer) and Sandhya Rao Mehta (Associate Professor of SQU), the book is an attempt to document, archive and disseminate the relationship from its historical past to the present time where these relations have taken new wings. Extracts from the book will continue to appear on this space every Saturday.
Four Indian artists, all longtime residents in the Sultanate of Oman, have shown their love for the country in a special way, by drawing the portraits of His Majesty the Sultan to celebrate the 51st National Day.

Tarik and former ruler late Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik and former ruler late Sultan Qaboos bin Said, showcased their skills with portrait paintings of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik and His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said.

Artists Sheffy Tattarath, Raji Chandry, Dr Dalia Banu and Anjali Babu, who practise unique styles, have devoted their time to paint portraits and give their feet to the nation which they consider as second home.

Sheffy’s oil painting work on His Majesties in a single frame for The Walk-Milk, Mascat, won much appreciation. He was approached by Muna al Kindi from Al Ijliq for the work which he undertook through Golden Brush/Arkan Art. He has been working under Hamad Al Humei, a well-known architect and painter in the Sultanate of Oman.

An award-winning artist, Sheffy has experimented with various mediums, using six different photographs to create the image of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik for the work. For his Sultan Qaboos work he changed the colour tones from the photograph provided by the client. He follows those kinds of techniques when he paints great rulers since he has had no direct access to their photos.

Another noteworthy is his portrait of artist Anjali Babu. Chitrapat paper blocks which he did for His Majesty’s work. He loves to carry on this as he gets the feel of watercolour painting and the satisfaction of drawing simultaneously.

A self-taught artist passionate about fine art from an early childhood, Sheffy has judged many competitions in the Sultanate of Oman and conducts art classes both online and personal from his studio.

Reji Chandry, a self-taught artist who specialises in unique patterns of mud and izing art, has come out with the work of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik along with his sons, HH Sayyid Tayaan bin Haitham and HH Balkun bin Haitham Al Aslam. Asked by over 4,000 nails and a 5,000 metres of thread, silver and gold wires, the work measured 130 cm x 150 cm in size and was completed in about 3 months. “It was a challenging task to portray such powerful personalities which took a lot of hard work and patience to bring out the intricacies of the work. The artwork shows the continuation of the golden era of the Sultanate of Oman and is forward to a new era of prosperity!” says Dr Halfa.

Anjali Babu, a versatile artist, who has used oil on canvas as a medium to depict the portrait of His Majesty. She has used a hyper realistic method working out all the facial intricacies as well as personalized features with non-realism. Dr Hafsa Banu Abid, a well-known in the natural and cultural heritage of the Sultanate of Oman from where she finds inspiration for her art.

Sheffy’s oil and ink portrait of His Highness Sultan Qaboos bin Said

Dr Dalia Banu with her work

Raji Chandry with his work

Anjali Babu’s portrait of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik

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Three ways to train your mind to get what you desire

Your reality is created by your mind. You decide what you can and cannot have. You decide what you are worthy of and what you are not worthy of. Your mind is what you believe you actually have and that you desire.

Your mind is what you believe you can actually change your situation. Training your mind requires courage, discipline, curiosity, and grace. It requires you to keep coming back to and building on. There are 5 ways you can train your mind:

1. Every time a negative thought or question comes up, try to replace it. For example, instead of asking if you want to go or not go to an event, try focusing on asking how you want to feel when it does happen. By doing this you’re starting to accept the inevitability of it happening and are choosing to prepare for it.

2. Spend time being curious about your desires without judging them. For example, if you want to be making more money, allow that desire to surface without any judgement. If you are judging yourself for wanting more money than you will, whether you realise it or not, keep standing in your own way. In order for something to be, you must neutralise it.

3. Let all the reasons why you are not worthy of what you desire go away. You understand your own knowledge and experiences so often. This is an exercise that will help you develop a sense of confidence. Confidence is a skill we develop through practice. You don’t just magically become confident. You practice showing up as a confident person, and your confidence will grow.

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India to scrap controversial farm laws, protesters rejoice

India has decided to scrap three contentious agricultural laws introduced in September last year — three laws that have been a major bone of contention among farmers and have led to months of protests across the country.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday announced the decision to scrap the three agricultural laws.

In a surprise announcement on Friday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he would scrap the agricultural laws that farmers have been protesting against for more than a year, sparking celebrations for what farmers called a historic victory.

Modi's decision is a significant shift from his government's stance of not making any changes to the laws.

Following the announcement, farmers celebrated by waving saffron flags, singing slogans and chanting slogans like "hail the farmer" and "long live Guru Nanak Dev".

Farmers, who have been protesting for months, said the decision was a win for them and a victory for the Indian farmer.

The government had said the laws were aimed at deregulating the sector, allowing farmers to sell produce to wherever they want, and increasing competition.

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Biden’s bid to expand childcare could hit roadblock in Republican states

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Marsh, the world’s largest insurance broker, said last month that the number of ransomware cases it has handled doubled in 2021. The rise in ransomware attacks has been guided by the approach taken by market leaders, such as InsureX and RIVIA Re, to increase premiums for policyholders to pay half of the ransom cost.

Ransomware attacks, which have underpinned a deluge of cyber claims over the past two years, are expected to increase this year, among other factors.

“Ransomware is the business of the moment,” said W. Scott Sayce, global head of cyber at Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty, in a statement. “Faced with increased demand, insurers are changing their insured appetite in response to marketplace conditions in order to ensure they can continue to provide cover to their customers while providing an adequate return on investment.”

Although insurers are finalising their renewed terms and conditions, some are restricting their appetite for ransomware risk.

Suspected ransomware payments totalled $590 million were made in the first six months of this year, compared with $416 million for the whole of 2020, US cyber insurers’ profits shrank by 73 per cent in Britain as a result of ransomware attacks.

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International customers have been paying an extraordinary amount,” David Deidone, head of enterprises at broker Superscript, said. “And some technology clients who had previously bought $150 million of proportional indemnity and cyber cover for $250,000. Now the client could only get $55 million for $750 million of cover and the price was $640,000 pounds.”

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But the increase in ransomware attacks and the growing sophistication of attacks have made insurers wary.

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“Insurers are changing their appetite, limits, coverage and pricing,” Caspar Stops, head of cyber at insurance firm Optica, said. “Limits have hiked — where people were offering 10 million pounds ($13.5 million) previously, nearly everyone has hiked to be closer to the Lloyd’s of London market, which around a fifth of the global cyber market. Lloyd’s has said that it will only make claims under its standard cyber policies. Lloyd’s has said that it will only make claims under its standard cyber policies.

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US insurers who issued $590 million of cyber insurance policies last year have seen their largest cyber payments in their history.

The premium for cyber cover had risen by 50 per cent after the global cyber supply chain unit said on Saturday its share of cover as losses mount.

LONDON: Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA) is the latest Spanish bank to suffer from a ransomware attack, which it believes has targeted its European operations.

The bank said in a statement that it has been the victim of a ransomware attack, which began on Sunday, and that it has suspended all internet banking services in Spain.

The attack is believed to have been carried out by a group of hackers using the ransomware strain REvil, which has been responsible for a number of high-profile attacks in recent months.

BBVA’s decision comes as a growing number of banks and financial institutions around the world have been hit by ransomware attacks in recent years.

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BBVA said it has taken steps to contain the attack, including isolating the affected systems and implementing a recovery plan.

The bank did not provide further details about the extent of the attack or when it expects to resume full services.

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Global companies set to deliver record dividends this year

London: Global corporate dividends are set to reach a record high this year, as a rebound in business activity and a rise in consumer demand boomed profits for most sectors which were hit by the pandemic last year.

According to a Reuters analysis of Refinitiv data for 3,504 global companies with market capitalizations of $1 billion, their total payouts to shareholders are estimated to be $1.7 trillion in 2021.

Dividends damped last year against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic and as regulatory constraints and government pressures to restrict payments weighed.

“The robust growth in dividend payouts by global companies reflects the sharp rebound in earnings post the pandemic-driven weakness. Dividend payments are normalising alongside economic stability and corporate confidence,” said Geoffry Daley, senior portfolio manager at BNP Paribas Asset Management.

“Capital markets are abundant and corporate balance sheets are healthy further bolstering the ability of firms to return capital to shareholders,” he added.

The data showed European companies’ payouts in 2021 are estimated at $2.54 trillion – a 25 per cent rise over last year. US dividends are expected to grow by $562.2 billion, an 8-6 per cent increase.

Firms led the dividend payments, boosted by a surge in profitability this year, according to the data.

The financial sector is also expected to deliver higher dividends, as global central banks have maintained easy monetary policies.

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Musab al Hadi and Waleed al Kindi (OM) qualify for Gold fleet in a first for Sultanate of Oman at a 49er World Championship.

The pair have been sailing 49er for almost a decade, and became quite emotional upon realising their effort had secured them this milestone.

The achievement was even sweeter to occur on Oman National Day, a celebration of the founding of modern Oman on the Sultan’s birthday. Considering it was Sultan Qaboos that drove the formation of Oman Sail, an effort to rekindle the Omani spirit of seamanship, it was as if the Sultan was looking down from overhead in the final race of qualifying.

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Al Hadi and Al Kindi were aiming at Tokyo qualification, but only managed a third place finish at the Asian qualifier in 2021.

At the front of the 49er fleet, Bart Labriex with Lars van de Werken (NED) had a solid day of all top fives to move into the lead. They are chased by a pair of German boats.

American’s Ian Barrows and Hans Henken managed to wind the final two races of yellow fleet to move up the standings nicely.

Day 4 marks the beginning of gold fleet, where the top 25 49er teams will race off for the championship. Gold fleet racing is likely to make a big impact on the overall results due to the larger number of boats in the fleet, and the higher quality. Join us to watch live as the championship unfolds.

**MISSION IMPOSSIBLE FOR FX FLEET**

Three different race 49erFX teams take wins on day three, but nobody can grab control of the regatta.

Overall leader Helene Naess and Marie Ronningen (NOR) expressed frustration at how they struggled to hold lanes during the races, despite sailing well enough to move into the lead.

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“We won a race today,” commented Antonia Lewin-Lafrance (CAN), “but don’t ask about the rest of the day.”

They scored a 12, 8 to finish out, maintaining a sixth overall after their third place finish at the 2021 European Championship.

“We had a hard time today, we practised a lot in the light winds but not so much when the breeze is up and it showed today,” commented Elise de Ruyter (NED) who three top tens and moved down to second overall.

If that is how the race winners are talking about the day, you can imagine how those at the back are feeling. It was the kind of racing where every position was hard fought, every position loss hard felt. Despite being the windiest day of the regatta so far, there was a swell and chop that added further complication.

At the half way point of the regatta four teams are within four points at the top, and anyone in the top nine could realistically dream of winning.

**YOUNG ITALIANS RIDING HIGH IN THE WAVES**

Gianluigi Ugolini and Maria Giubelei of Italy closed in on the Nacra 17 podium after the Italian team posted the best scores of the day, the young crew negotiating the first ocean swell of the regatta with great downwind technique.

Results of 3,3,1 move them into fourth, just one point behind fellow Italians Vittorio Bissaro and Maelle Frascari.

Waves through the regatta it remains tight at the top, and like in the 49er Worlds, top four places are separating the top four crews.
Chasing 154 for victory, Rahul (65) and Rohit (55) plundered the New Zealand bowlers to all parts of the ground in a 117-run opening wicket partnership that paved the way for India’s victory.

Rahul, Rohitclinch T20I series for India

He scored at better than a run a ball in 220 balls with three huge sixes. After starting slowly and was on 30 off 31 balls against the West Indies in Johannesburg in 2014/15. It remains the fastest hundred in one-day international cricket.

He evened the nickname “Mr 360” for his ability to play shots to all parts of the ground, an ability never better illustrated than when he scored a century off 31 balls against the West Indies in Johannesburg in 2014/15. It remains the fastest hundred in one-day internationals.
Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) drives against Cleveland Cavaliers forward Dean Wade (32) and forward Isaac Okoro (35) in the second quarter at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse.

LOS ANGELES: Stephen Curry scored 20 of his 40 points in the fourth quarter on Thursday as the NBA-leading Golden State Warriors rallied from a 13-point third-period deficit to beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 104-89.

The Warriors came back from an 11-point deficit to beat the Cavaliers for the fourth time this season.

No other player in the league has had at least nine from behind the arc in a game losing streak, without star big man Joel Embiid as well as Matteo Guendouzi expired for Jokic to stop him.

Malone eventually left the court to drown from the players. But Danner scored just 17 points in the third period and trailed by 18 entering the fourth on the way to a 108-99 defeat.

Toni Kroos led the Nervwits 22 points and Seth Curry added 20.

Jokic hit Doncic with 30 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

Heat Burn Wizards

In Miami, the Heat knocked Washington out of the top spot in the East, beating the Wizards 112-97 to join the Nets atop the conference at 12-5 — half a game in front of the Wizards and the Chicago Bulls.

Heat forward Jimmy Butler scored 32 points and Bam Adebayo, back from a two-game absence with a sore knee, added 20 points with nine rebounds.

Bradley Beal scored 30 points to lead the Wizards, who will try to turn the tables as they face the热热 in Washington on Saturday. — AFP

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**TURIN, Italy:** Alexander Zverev set up a clash with Novak Djokovic in the last four of the ATP Finals in Turin after a straight sets victory over Hubert Hurkacz on Thursday, while Daniil Medvedev squared just local hero Jannik Sinner 6-0, 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (7-4) to set up a clash with Novak Djokovic at the weekend.

Zverev’s victory meant that Thursday evening’s match between Medvedev and Sinner was a dead rubber, with the Italian alternate denied a chance to make it out of the Red Group before he took to the Pala Alpitour court.

Medvedev’s victory had added to the drama of the day as the Italian’s win in a hard-fought four-set thriller meant that both were still in contention for a place in the semi-finals... I’m happy to be through in straight sets, said Alexander Zverev, who had claimed game five in the third set, but against Sinner unforced errors from Sinner.

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**Pakistan overcome batting woes to beat Bangladesh**

Pakistan recovered from a batting wobble to beat Bangladesh by four wickets in the first Twenty20 international of their three-match series in Dhaka on Friday.

The tourists needed Bangladesh to a modest 127-7 in the hosts won the toss and elected to bat but the visitors, at 34 for seven, were under pressure as the hosts won the toss and elected to bat but the visitors were 34 for seven as the hosts won.

Bangladesh slumped to 24-4 in the chase as the hosts won the toss and elected to bat but the visitors were 34 for seven as the hosts won.

CRICKET

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**Scoreboard**

**Bangladesh** 89-7 (20 overs) 

**Fast bowler Hasan Ali picked up 3-22 and right arm medium pace Mohammad Wasim Jr 2-24 for the visitors as Afif Hossain top-scored with 36 off 34 balls for Bangladesh**

**Pakistan**

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-15, 3-84, 4-94, 5-97, 6-97, 7-110

Extras (LB-2, W-5) 7

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Extras 18

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