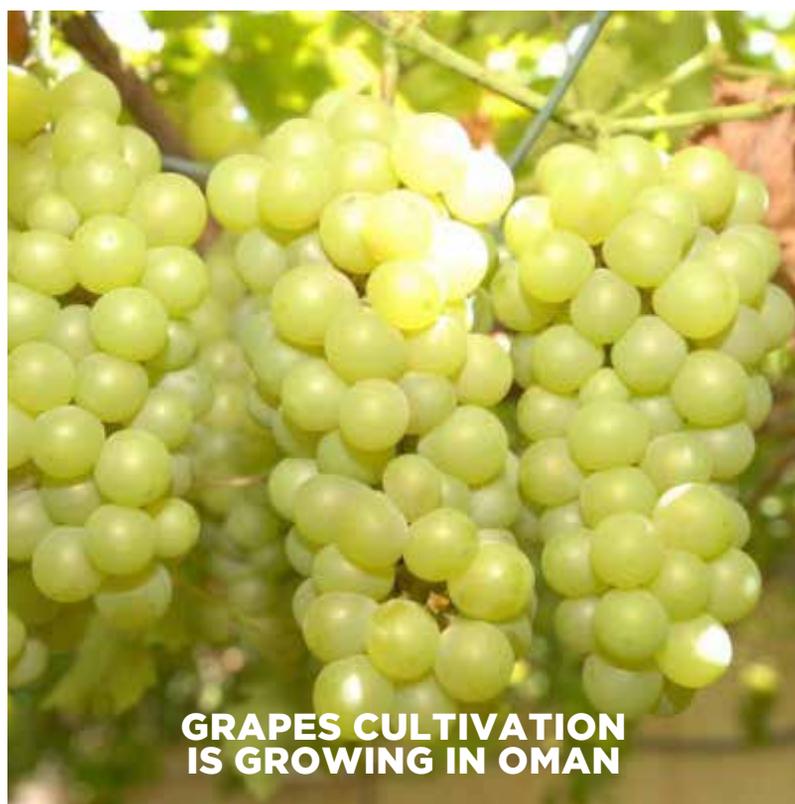
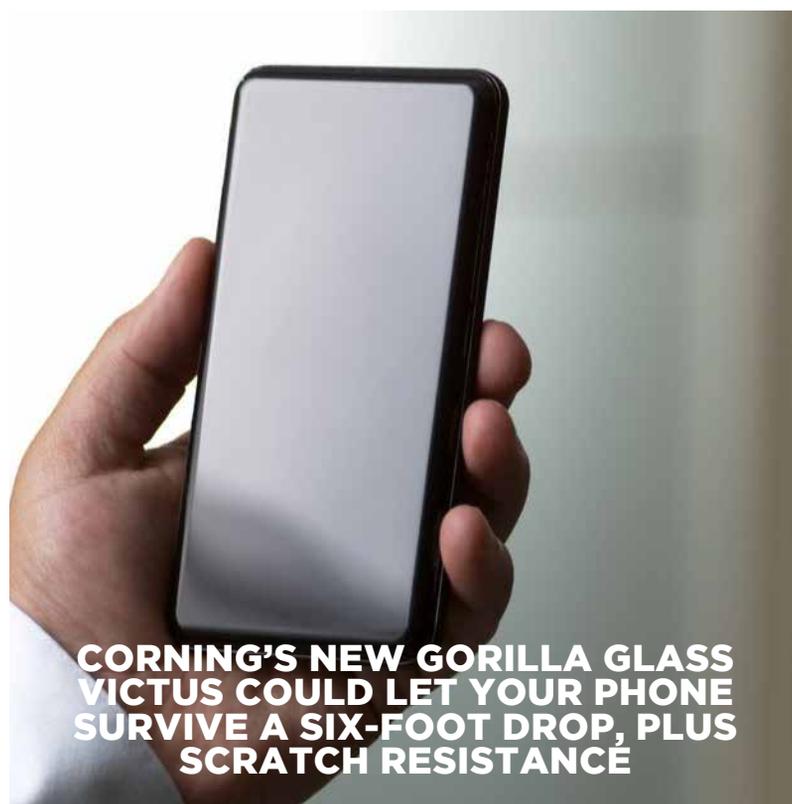




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THE EMIRATES MARS MISSION



19th July 2020, has etched in the history of UAE as well as the entire West Asian, Arab or Muslim majority countries as this was the historic day that marked The Emirates Mars Mission which launched the Hope (Arabic: مسبار الأمل, Al Amal) orbiter at 21:58:14 UTC.

Built by Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre, a United Arab Emirates Space Agency, as well as the University of Colorado Boulder, Arizona State University, and the University of California, Berkeley the probe aims to study daily and seasonal weather cycles, weather events in the lower atmosphere such as dust storms, and how the weather varies in different regions of Mars.

The mission was announced by Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the President of the United Arab Emirates, in July 2014. The Hope probe was launched from Japan by a Japanese H-IIA rocket build and operated by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI). Named as Amal, or Hope Probe UAE's first mission to Mars was launched from Japan's Tanegashima Space Center.

To accomplish the objectives of the Emirates Mars Mission, an agreement was signed between the United Arab Emirates Space Agency (UAESA) and the Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC), under a directive given by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. As per the agreement, the Emirates Mars Mission will be funded by the UAE Space Agency and it will also supervise the complete execution process for the Hope probe. The agreement outlines the financial and legal framework along with assigning a timeline for the entire project. Under the agreement, MBRSC has been commissioned for the design and manufacture of the Hope probe.

The Hope Probe reached its space orbit one hour after it took off from Japan's Tanegashima Space Center and currently drifting at 121,000km/h towards Mars.

"It's an honor to be part of the global efforts to explore deep space" tweeted the official Hope Mars Mission account after the launch. "The Hope Probe is the culmination of every single step that humans have taken throughout history to explore the unknown depths of space."

The mission is on its way and the Hope probe has captured the first image of its destination, which has been shared by His Highness (HH) Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, also the Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai on Twitter.

"We proudly announce the successful launch of the Hope probe. The ground control station in Dubai has received the first signal from the probe after its solar panels were successfully deployed to charge its batteries. Our 493 million km journey to the Red Planet starts here."

"We received the Hope probe's first sighting of its destination, Mars after the spacecraft traveled one million km into space. Beyond the sky is where our dreams start."

A team of Emirati engineers leads the mission in collaboration with foreign research institutions and is a contribution towards a knowledge-based economy in the UAE. The mission deputy project manager and science lead were Sarah Al Amiri and the project Manager was Omar Sharaf. They received a VIP welcome as they returned back home on an Etihad flight from Japan's Haneda International Airport.

The name Hope (Arabic: al-Amal) was chosen because "it sends a message of optimism to millions of



young Arabs", according to Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Ruler of the emirate of Dubai for whom the lead space center, the Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC), of the United Arab Emirates, is named. The resulting mission data will be shared freely with more than 200 institutions worldwide

The Hope Probe is the UAE's latest and most ambitious step in its burgeoning space sector. The UAE has launched satellites before - in 2009 and 2013 - but they were developed with

South Korean partners. The country founded its space agency in 2014 and has set ambitious targets including a colony on the Martian surface by 2117.

After a 200 day cruise to Mars, Hope will enter an elliptical, roughly 22000 x 44000 km orbit with a period of 55 hours and a 25 degree inclination. Hope is scheduled to reach Mars in February 2021. Two years of science operations are planned, beginning in May 2021, with a possibility of a two-year extension to do more science into 2025.

THE NEXT PHASE OF COMBATING COVID-19 CALLS FOR CONTINUED DETERMINATION



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, chaired a meeting of the Government Executive Committee, held remotely.

During the meeting, HRH the Crown Prince highlighted the Kingdom's commitment to ensuring the health and safety of the community, as evidenced by Team Bahrain's relentless efforts aimed at combating the spread of

COVID-19, and noted the importance of building on current successful mitigation efforts.

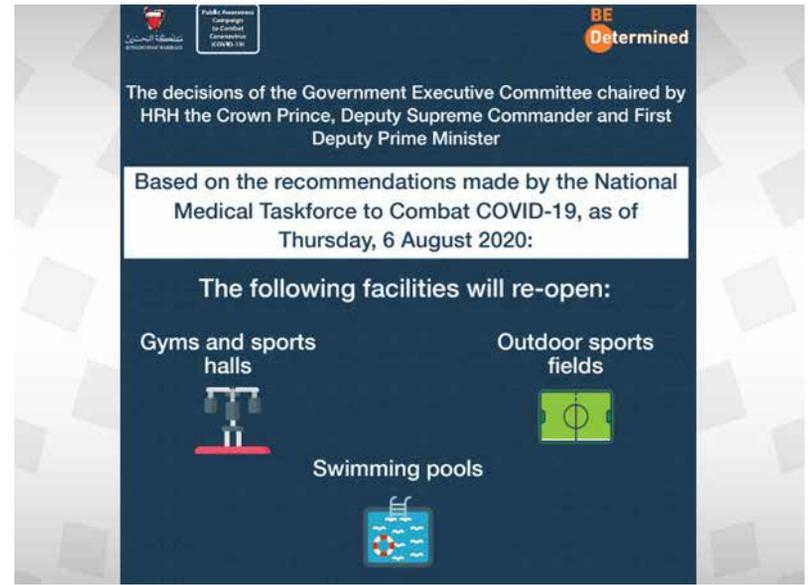
HRH the Crown Prince stressed that the next phase of national efforts calls for continued determination aimed at safeguarding the health of the community, and urged all to adhere to the precautionary measures introduced to defeat the virus.

Following a report on the latest global developments and measures

aimed at mitigating the spread of the virus, presented by the National Medical Task Force to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19), headed by the Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health, HE Lieutenant-General Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa,

the following was decided:

As of 06 August 2020, gyms and sports halls, outdoor sports fields, and swimming pools, will re-open. The health procedures to be followed in these facilities will be announced at a later stage, along with any other related requirements.



SOUTHERN GOVERNORATE GRANTED 2,000 MEDICAL MASKS



In the presence of Southern Governor, His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Southern Governorate received 2,000 medical

masks donated by the Bahrain Society for Women Development and the Good Imprint Association.
Bahrain Society for Women

Development board chairperson, Shaikha Lubna bint Abdulla Al Khalifa, Good Imprint Association President, Khadija Al-Sayed, and

several Southern Governorate's officials attended the event aimed at enhancing efforts to combat the novel coronavirus.

HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali stressed the role played by the Southern Governorate to coordinate with security authorities and various NGOs to raise awareness and adopt initiatives aimed at strengthening precautionary measures to limit the spread of the pandemic.

HH the Governor lauded the initiative that reflects the ongoing cooperation with the Bahrain Society for Women Development, noting that the medical masks were hand-made by productive families across the Southern Governorate.

Shaikha Lubna bint Abdulla Al Khalifa lauded the Southern Governorate's role in highlighting and embracing purposeful social initiatives and programmes.

PR THIS WEEK

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Batelco has announced the recruitment of 19 Bahraini graduates who were enrolled in the Company's 'Preparing Future Leaders' training programme.

The objective of the programme is to prepare graduates by immersing them in the Telecommunications sector, where they are provided with a practical training experience, allowing them to develop basic business skills such as communication, planning and teamwork. The programme also encompasses the technical skills required by the various departments at Batelco, as well as leadership skills – all of which contribute towards creating future leaders.

During the 12 months programme, the graduates took part in theoretical and academic training, offered in cooperation with prestigious and well-established educational institutions such as INSEAD and Columbia Business School, in addition to practical training across different departments within

Batelco. Furthermore, the Graduates were also involved in leadership development programmes. What distinguishes this training programme from others is that the graduates are required to perform real work tasks under the supervision of experienced professionals from Batelco, until the graduate is fully capable of independently fulfilling all the responsibilities related to the job role.

Batelco is one of the oldest national companies, as well as the leading telecommunications company in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and since its establishment, the Company has been continuously committed to supporting the training and development of local students to prepare them as specialists in communications technology. This is based on its sense of patriotism and national responsibility towards young Bahrainis who have recently graduated and are about to embark on their career journey.



FIRST HOTEL IN BAHRAIN TO RECEIVE THE BUREAU VERITAS & ALL SAFE CERTIFICATIONS

As the world starts to open its doors again, Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq Thalassa Sea & Spa stands well prepared to safely welcome its guests by implementing the ALL Safe Program, which was developed alongside hygiene solutions specialist Bureau Veritas, a world leader in testing, inspections and certification, that covers all touch points when it comes to providing hotel guests and team members with a safe and enjoyable experience. Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq Thalassa Sea & Spa has successfully completed all requirements under this innovative program resulting in it being officially certified, reassuring guests it has implemented the highest cleanliness and safety standards. The latest of these safety measures includes the introduction of the 'ALL Safe Officer' program. This unique initiative introduces a new role within the hotel, focusing on appointing one officer responsible for ensuring the implementation of all sanitary

procedures and addressing any inquiries from hotel guests. "The safety and wellbeing of our guests and team members has always been, and remains, our priority. Receiving the ALL Safe certification while we have also been implementing local regulations is a statement to the efforts our teams are making every day to achieve this," says Mr. Mehdi Hanayen, General Manager at Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq Thalassa Sea & Spa.

Accor's new ALL Safe program is dynamic in the sense that it evolves according to any shifts in consumer behaviors and expectation. This has paved the way for the introduction of new safety measures, focusing on protecting our guests and team members at Sofitel Bahrain.

Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq Thalassa Sea & Spa is also working closely with local authorities to ensure the strictest compliance with policies and guidelines issued to protect guest health and safety during the ongoing pandemic.



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ALMABARRAH ALKHALIFIA FOUNDATION SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BRITISH UNIVERSITY OF BAHRAIN

As part of its efforts to support young people in the Kingdom, AlMabarrah AlKhalifia Foundation announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with British University of Bahrain to provide scholarships for students in Bahrain.

As part of the agreement, the university will be added to the Foundation's partner universities, where they will provide scholarships to a number of majors offered to the eligible students. The scholarship will include benefits of the Rayaat program such as covering all university fees, including book fees, receiving monthly financial incentives based on educational achievement, in addition to the opportunity to participate in workshops and skills development courses, as well as training opportunities in both government and private sectors. The grantee student will also be able to issue a Rayaat card that provides many

benefits such as community service opportunities and volunteer work, participation in monthly educational and recreational activities.

The British University of Bahrain is keen on creating an ideal learning environment for students by providing enhanced services with state-of-the-art facilities on campus and outstanding academic and administrative competencies. The British University of Bahrain opened in 2018, in partnership with University of Salford – Manchester, as an extension of its campus in Bahrain.

The 'Rayaat Scholarship' program was launched in 2011, in line with the foundation's vision to provide students with scholarship opportunities at accredited universities in the Kingdom, in addition to providing many benefits including financial incentives, workshops, and training opportunities in public and private sectors.



LABOR MINISTRY SIGNS MOU WITH 3 TRAINING CENTERS

The Ministry of Labor and Social Development has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Nine Training Center, Leadership & Influence Center and Origin Training Centre to virtually train job seekers.

The ministry was represented by its Undersecretary Sabah Salem Al-Dosari, Origin training center represented by Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Al Banaa, Nine

training center represented by Shaikha Noora bint Khalifa Al Khalifa and Leadership & Influence training center represented by Dr. Majdi Obaid.

Al Dosari stressed that signing the MoU with these training centers is part of the ministry's plan to provide the best training services for job seekers in order to meet the required skills for national cadres.

GRAPES CULTIVATION IS GROWING IN OMAN



Al Rawdha village in the Wilayat of Al Mudhaibi in the Governorate of North A'Sharqiya is known for its diverse agricultural crops throughout the year thanks to its fertile soil and year-round availability of water in abundance. Besides the cultivation of date palm trees, citrus fruits, fodder and multiple types of fruit trees, grape cultivation stands out as one of the most important agricultural crops in the village.

Currently grape is very abundant in the markets of the wilayat and

neighbouring wilayats, achieving a great economic return for farmers, and being able to compete with imported grapes.

Eng. Qais bin Amer Al Ma'awali, Head of the Agricultural Development Section in of the Agricultural Development Department in Samad Al Shan said, "The cultivated area of grape in Al Rawdha village is estimated at 13,000 square meters, and it produces about 14 tonnes, at a value of up to OMR20,000 annually."

"There is a great interest in the

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in grape cultivation. The ministry provides materials and moral support to farmers, including seminars, improved seedlings, introducing farmers to modern agricultural methods, and promoting agricultural products", he said.

The availability of fertile agricultural soils and fresh water whether from Aflaj (ancient irrigation system) or wells in Al Rawdha village contributed greatly to the success of the grape cultivation.

Attention given to grape cultivation in the village starts at the beginning of the season until the date of harvest, including continuous irrigation, fertilisation, pruning, creating an appropriate environment, protection against agricultural pests and using modern agricultural methods.

Al Habsi indicated that there are many types of grapes including black, white, and Lebanese, which achieve outstanding success in cultivation and quality. Harvesting of grapes in the village starts from June and ends at the end of August.

The price per kilogramme of grape during this period reaches approximately OMR1 to OMR1.5, and the prices go up at the end of the season. Grapes are marketed in the neighbouring markets and sometimes it is sold directly in the farm. The prices of grapes are appropriate due to its high quality.

Farmers in Al Rawdha village are interested in cultivating many other agricultural crops that have been successful, including figs, oranges, and mangoes.

They aspire to introduce other various agricultural crops in order to diversify production throughout the year.

There is continuous monitoring and guidance by the farmers themselves in the management of farms, especially those with experience, next to the technical guidelines that are obtained by technicians in the agricultural development sections, which direct farmers to modern agricultural methods, whether to grow grapes or other agricultural crops.

WHEELS & GEARS

EURO MOTORS INTRODUCES BAHRAIN'S FIRST SPECIAL VEHICLE OPERATIONS (SVO) CENTRE AS JAGUAR LAND ROVER DEALER



and Rover in the Kingdom, has been awarded the enhanced status of an official Special Vehicles Operations (SVO) dealer. Bringing to Bahrain the first-of-its-kind centre, the Jaguar Land Rover SVO is designed to create some of the unique, luxurious and exciting range of vehicles incorporating the highest levels of technology.

Launched with an investment of US\$ 100,000, the Euro Motors Jaguar Land Rover SVO will feature a highly skilled

team and certified technicians trained to the highest Jaguar Land Rover global standards and available on-hand to offer customers bespoke services and maintenance support. This will include advise facilities such as personalisation studio lounge, bodyshop services with unique interior and exterior finishing options as well as a dedicated paint facility, all working to ensure that even the most specific requirements are possible.

Stephen Lay, General Manager of Euro Motors Jaguar Land Rover, said: "At Jaguar Land Rover we are proud to constantly invest in our facility, products and services. The launch of our new Special Vehicles Operations will set a new benchmark for Bahrain's automotive industry and further allow us to continue offering our existing and new customers a more personalisation and superior buying experience in line with their own individual preferences and needs."

Promising a first-class experience

for customers, the Jaguar Land Rover SVO in Bahrain will feature halo models from the SV and SVR ranges, limited edition vehicles, and bespoke customization that are each carefully crafted inside this state-of-the-art centre. Moreover, customers will also be invited for test drive experiences of SV masterpieces with guidance from its Jaguar Land Rover teams to help them create their own bespoke vehicles based on premium palette, surface textures under the highest quality care.



NOTIFYME IS YOUR WAY FOR UPDATES ON HOUSING SERVICES



The Ministry of Housing offering all its clients a unified platform to receive their notifications directly via the NotifyMe eservice provided by the Information & eGovernment Authority. All citizens benefiting from existing housing services and owners of housing applications are urged to register or update their personal data and information via the service available via the National Portal bahrain.bh

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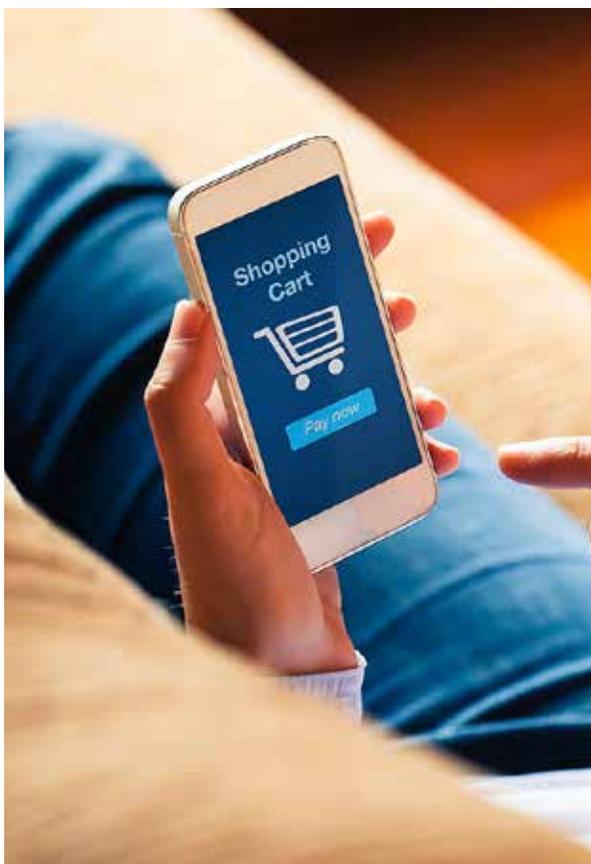
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APPS THAT MAKES LIFE EASIER



Apps are everywhere. Research has shown that on an average we spend nearly three hours per day using mobile apps. The apps have come to our rescue whether you have run out of cash, have no time to dine in, do not want to stand in a long queue, forgot to pay bills, etc.

We human beings are always on a lookout to make our lives easier and comfortable and hence have developed a range of applications that assists us in our day to day life.

LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT A FEW MOBILE APPS

You are locked in your home and outside almost all the grocery stores are closed, or even if some of them are open, due to the fear of the fatal virus you do not wish to step outside. So now what? How will you manage groceries? Grocery delivery apps is the answer. According to recent analysis most grocery apps have experienced a 300% growth in average daily downloads. So, this leaves no reason to not download a grocery delivery app.

Fortunately, mobile apps for remote work have made the work from home task simpler. There are many apps to make remote working a smooth process. Slack, a popular business communication platform, Basecamp a project management tool, Zoom a screen sharing and many more such tools are making it possible for businesses to continue

work smoothly even from home.

The current situation has discouraged the use of Cash as currency notes might act as a carrier of the virus and hence everyone is advised to use more electronic payments. With the norm of social distancing, more and more people are relying on Digital payment apps on their smartphones.

For those who are movie lovers, streaming apps like Netflix, Amazon Prime, Hotstar, etc. have impeccable series and movies that cannot be missed, while you are locked down at home.

If you still feel that the apps are meant only for the tech-savvy, Download some of the apps in the categories and you will be surprised with ease of use and how much they make your life simpler.

Happy Downloading




Jacob Thomas,
Co-Founder of WafiApps.com.

DON'T SPOIL YOUR CHILDREN BY OVER PAMPERING...



One day I read a news item which made me feel annoyed and a bit worried. It was reported that in Mumbai, youngsters from very rich backgrounds assemble every weekend night at pre-decided places with their expensive luxury sports cars and play dangerous racing games on the streets. They don't care for other passing vehicles, pedestrians or even the disturbance caused to the residents living nearby.

In my opinion the parents of these youngsters are the first to be blamed for their children's irresponsible behaviour. They pamper their children; fulfil their every demand and over a period of time the children become more and more obstinate. As they grow, they take parents for granted. The first step in any child's upbringing is to make him disciplined and social. Some parents who have gone through a phase of poverty and frugality in the past and later acquired affluence often try to gift the best and most expensive things to their children. There is nothing wrong in it, but at the same time they must inculcate moral values from an early age to make them sensible and law abiding citizens of the future.

I remember an incidence overheard in Dubai. A wealthy person got a call from the police station asking him who was driving his car on a particular date at midnight. The father enquired and replied that it was his son. The police summoned both to the station and informed them that their car had hit someone and the investigation was on. The father became more confused when his son

firmly said that the car had neither gotten into an accident nor hit anyone. The police then showed them a video as proof recorded on a Smartphone. The clip showed a young boy unconscious in front of the car and other boys peeking over him from sides. The car's number plate was clearly seen in the clip. The police told them that the recording was done by a woman who witnessed the incident and promptly forwarded the clip to the police.

When the father scolded his son and questioned him in depth, he finally confessed that it was actually not an accident but a drama scene created by his group of friends to upload a video on social media for creating some fun and excitement. No one was really injured and the friend acting as injured was also safe. The father was shocked to hear this and the police became irritated. The son was released only after submitting an apology statement to the authorities and the father was reprimanded with a stern warning. This is just an example to imagine other grim situations, when the lifestyle becomes ungoverned. Another important lesson to remember is that the concoction of wealth, ego and haughtiness always leads to an ethical downfall. Children get inspired from the parents and copy their behaviour. It is wise to adopt a simple lifestyle and not get blinded by the wealth.

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TECH UPDATE

CORNING'S NEW GORILLA GLASS VICTUS COULD LET YOUR PHONE SURVIVE A SIX-FOOT DROP, PLUS SCRATCH RESISTANCE



Your next Samsung Galaxy or iPhone may soon include the toughest gadget glass Corning has ever created. The

company's announcing Gorilla Glass Victus — a glass that can not only resist a six-foot drop, but also the first

in six years to meaningfully improve your phone's ability to shrug off nasty scratches.

It's a little-known fact that Corning's Gorilla Glass hasn't gotten much better at resisting keys and coins since 2014's Gorilla Glass 3, and it has arguably gotten slightly worse since: Gorilla Glass 4 actually performed worse in some tests, Gorilla Glass 5 was in the middle, and Gorilla Glass 6 didn't improve any further since Corning was more focused on making your phone survive a nasty tumble instead.

But Corning claims the new Victus glass — there's no Gorilla Glass 7, just Victus — can do both drops and scratch resistance simultaneously, with no known trade-offs. The company says it has twice the scratch resistance of Gorilla Glass 6, four times the resistance of competing glass, and a representative Victus-clad dummy phone can survive up to a 2-meter (6.5-foot) drop.

That drop resistance is nothing to sneeze at; it's a foot and a quarter higher than Corning quoted for Gorilla Glass 6 (1.6m or 5.25 feet) or the 1.2m (3.9 feet) the company claimed

Gorilla Glass 5 was capable of. We've theoretically gone from shoulder-height to head-height survivability in just four years, which is good news if you ever feel like holding your phone up to your ear.

Corning says repeated drop resistance has also improved, surviving 20 1-meter drops on average. With Gorilla Glass 6, the company claimed it generally survived 15 drops from that same height.

But you should probably know that drop and scratch resistance can vary wildly depending on how you drop or scratch your phone,

It may also depend on the manufacturer. Amin says at least one manufacturer realized that Victus is so much better than Gorilla Glass 6 that it's opting to put a thinner layer of the new glass on its device instead of maximizing durability. Similarly, one of Corning's marketing videos suggests that "Victus is so good that if you used it on phones designed just three or four years ago, you'd be hard pressed to break them in an everyday drop event" — but phones were thicker three years ago, so you probably shouldn't count on it.

SPORTS

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AFC PRESIDENT HAILS THE ASIAN FOOTBALL COMMUNITY



Asian Football Confederation (AFC) President, FIFA Vice President, Shaikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al-Khalifa chaired the executive committee's meeting online and praised all member Associations for the way that they had contributed to the health and wellbeing of their communities during the recent crisis.

He said: "On behalf of the Asian football family, I thank you all for the work of your initiatives and the

work of your MAs on behalf of your communities during this troubled time."

The AFC President was joined by the Executive Committee in offering his congratulations to the Football Federation Australia (FFA) on the success of their joint bid with New Zealand Football (NZF) to be the first cross-Confederation hosts of any FIFA competition - the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2023.

Shaikh Salman said: "It was a

historic bid but most importantly it was the strongest bid. The FIFA Evaluation Report scored it 4.1 out of 5 and Colombia 2.8. If we are to commission these reports, then the Council, I felt, was duty bound to follow the recommendations.

"I am delighted that CAF and CONCACAF - as well as the FIFA President - joined with all the AFC and OFC FIFA Council Members in upholding that belief and voting for Australia/New Zealand. Congratulations to FFA and to all those involved. I am sure that the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2023 will be the greatest yet.

"But while congratulating FFA we must also personally thank Kohzo Tashima and the Japan FA for their outstanding act of solidarity, sportsmanship and fair-play to ensure a success for the AFC/OFC bid. So, we should show our gratitude to both FFA and JFA."

The AFC President also reflected on the fact that Asia will now be the focus of world football in the coming years: "Asia can look forward to hosting not

only the FIFA World Cup but the FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand in 2023 and the FIFA Club World Cup in the People's Republic of China in the near future.

"Then next year Asia will welcome not only the Olympic football tournament in Tokyo but the FIFA Women's U-17 World Cup in India and the FIFA U-20 World Cup in Indonesia. The focus of world football will be on Asia and I know that we can deliver."

Finally, while accepting the economic as well as medical issues faced at this time, the Executive Committee expressed their confidence that the remaining AFC competitions - club and national team - would be completed in 2020 - where safe to do so. The AFC President thanked the Member Associations which have offered to host centralised groups.

Shaikh Salman added: "Like so many industries, football has faced some challenging times but there is encouraging news as we review the interest registered in the MENA broadcast rights."

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