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# IRAN

The Land of Pride & Honor

**The motherland of Iran is as old as man's civilization. Development of the first human rights charter by an Iranian ruler called "Cyrus, the Great" is a clear indication for the claim.**

**This book is a collection of 8 human rights headings, and under each heading some of Iranians' accomplishments are shown in pictures.**

**We hope that these steady and effective steps towards the promotion of all human rights for all, would last and continue.**

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# Refugees



1 – Over the last 40 years, around 3 million Afghans found a safe haven in Iran. Nearly 1 million of them are registered as refugees.

2 – Since 2015, all Afghan children regardless of being documented or undocumented refugees, have been allowed into state-run schools.



# Gender Equality in Iran



1 – From 5 percent in 1979, women's share in getting higher education in 2019 reached 60 percent.

2 – Currently 18.8 percent of governmental department managers are women and 41 percent of workers in the civil service are women.





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# Rights of Persons with Disabilities



- 1 – There are 1.3 million individuals with disabilities in Iran
- 2 – Access to higher education for persons with disabilities is free
- 3 – The national para-volley or sitting volleyball team has won the world championship 30 times consecutively from 1989 to 2019.





# Minorities



1 – Aside from Islam, in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran 3 other religions of Zoroastrianism, Christianity and Judaism are officially recognised.

2 – Iran hosts the largest Jewish population in the Islamic world.

3 – In spite of being a tiny percent of the country's population, religious minorities have 5 members in the parliament.





# Quality Education



1 – According to figures available in the World Bank website, the literacy levels of total population in the 15 to 26 age group in Iran is 98.1 percent.

2 – 2 million of the 4.3 million university students in Iran are girls.





# Sports



1 – In 2019, restrictions against Iranian women attending sports venues to watch soccer national team games were lifted.

2 – In recent years, jugging in the parks in the mornings has become increasingly popular and is becoming a new culture.





# Tourism



1 – Twenty-four sites have been registered as historic, cultural and natural heritages by UNESCO since 1979, which include 22 cultural heritages and 2 natural heritages.

2 – Due to climate diversity in Iran, one can experience all four seasons at the same time.





# Good Health



1 – Under the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) countries were committed to reduce mortality rates of pregnant women by 75 percent for the 25-year period of 1990 to 2015, while according to WHO report, Iran has reduced it much further.

2 – Currently, there are around 18,000 health homes in the rural regions of Iran, the 25 percent vaccination coverage of the country has reached 100 percent and around 140,000 specialist doctors and general practitioners are active in the country.









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