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New Home



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The Persian New Year, known as Nowruz and celebrated throughout Iran and Central Asia, is a popular festival in Afghanistan and is usually marked by a public holiday when families gather to prepare festive dishes and welcome the beginning of spring.

In early March 2021, the Taliban confirmed that there were no more official Nowruz celebrations. Even though the Taliban have banned the Nowruz holiday, it cannot erase the Persian New Year from people's minds. Hasinat Khidri, who lives in Minnesota, says that celebrating the Nowruz and Spring has always been important to her. According to her, it is very important to cherish the culture of the homeland. Hasinat also added that she thinks everyone should respect each other's culture.

Wearing new clothes, going to friends' houses, and other events are important plans for the New Year. In Kabul, the Nowruz ban has not had much effect. Aliullah, who lives with his family in Kabul, says he celebrated the New Year. According to him, poverty and unemployment have caused a large number of people to not be able to celebrate Nowruz like in the past.

When the Taliban came to power, thousands of people lost their jobs. Before the Taliban's rule, Nowruz festivities in Mazar-i-Sharif, the capital of Balkh Province, were more magnificent than anywhere else in the country. Senior government officials shared in the Janda-bala (flag hoisting) ceremony in Balkh and Kabul. Apart from extending Nowruz greetings to the people, they also presented the government's achievements during these ceremonies.

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Meta to open a data center in Rosemount in 2026

According to MPR news, Meta is set to open a new data center in Rosemount in 2026, spurring local development and creating jobs. The \$800 million center will be entirely powered by renewable energy and create 1,000 construction jobs and 100 long-term jobs, according to the tech giant behind Facebook, Messenger, Instagram and WhatsApp — the apps the data center will help support. The campus will be on 280 acres of land in the University of Minnesota Outreach, Research and Education Park, near the Dakota County Technical College, also known as UMore Park.

New global happiness ranking, the U.S is in 23rd

The Gallup World Poll has a simple way to gauge well-being around the globe. Researchers use the poll responses to rank happiness in countries around the globe, and the 2024 results have just been released. This year, Finland is at the top of the list. Researchers point to factors including high levels of social support and healthy life expectancy, to explain the top perch of several Scandinavian countries. As a nation, the United States dropped in the global ranking from 15th to 23rd. But researchers also point to striking generational divides. People aged 60 and older in the U.S. reported high levels of well-being compared to younger people.

Victory Afghanistan is Seeking Students to Sign Up for Remote Learning

"We envision a future where educated Afghan girls and women become the architects of change in their lives and help rebuild Afghan society from the confines of inequality, poverty, and limited opportunities."

Victory Afghanistan, an education organization that offers free remote ESL classes for girls based in Afghanistan, is seeking prospective students to enroll in its programs.

Upcoming Events

From ACS and Our Partners

Eid al Fitr

Sunday April 14th, 4-7 PM

Brian Coyle Center, 420 15th Ave. S, Minneapolis, 55454

Mark your calendars for a family Eid al Fitr celebration hosted by Afghan Cultural Society! Guests must register in advance, please call 510 375 6529.

Immigrants and Refugees In STEM Celebration

Saturday, April 27th 11 AM - 3 PM

Science Museum of Minnesota

120 W Kellogg Blvd, St Paul, 55102

The Immigrants & Refugees in STEM Celebration event welcomes STEM professionals, educators, students, and community members together to recognize the impact of immigrants and refugees in STEM, celebrate their STEM accomplishments, and foster community through a fun and interactive event!

Enjoy hands-on STEM activities, interactive displays, and presentations as well as music and dance performances at the Science Museum of Minnesota!

[Pre-Registration Form](#)