Overspending a big problem for Kuwaiti families

More than half of the financial problems that led to legal problems and prison terms among Kuwaiti families were caused by overspending, an official of the Ministry of Youth Affairs has said.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that the overspending was due to the lack of financial planning and over-reliance on credit.

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The official said that among the reasons for financial problems in the country were overspending,

“Such situations eventually result in legal complications and we try to help through offering assistance,” he said.

The society last month helped 171 families with assistance worth KD 107,709, he said. Meanwhile, a specialized economic report published recently revealed that the value of real estate sales in Kuwait dropped remarkably in July to KD 291 million, down 50 percent month-on-month.

Kuwait, UNDP sign memo

Kuwait recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the United Nations Development Programme to cooperate in the field of youth affairs and social work.

The memorandum was signed by the Minister of Information and State Minister for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Salem Al-Sabah and the UNDP Resident Representative.

According to the memorandum, the UNDP will support the Ministry of Youth Affairs in organizing seminars and workshops for young people and developing a youth social policy.

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The new electronic media law is being drafted to help those in the media to operate more efficiently and credibly, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Information and State Minister for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Salem Al-Sabah said.

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Robin Williams: Children pay tribute to ‘gentle’ star

The children of late actor Robin Williams have said that “the world will never be the same” without him.

Actress Zelda Williams said she spent her last day with her father on his birthday.

Amid heartfelt tributes to his father, daughter Zelda said: “One of his favourite things in the world was to make you all laugh.” But she added she would “never understand” how Williams could “not find it in his heart to stay”. Police in California confirmed that the 63-year-old actor took his own life at his home.

Minister of Information and State Minister for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salem Al-Sabah said the celebration at the event that Kuwait has paid great attention over the years for the needs of the youth in the country, so much so that the government established a ministry for youth in the country.

The celebration coincided with marking the World Youth Day (WYD) and World Youth Day (WYD) in the offing – minister

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His Excellency Sunil Jain, the Ambassador of India to Kuwait, addressed the gathering and said that India has emerged as an attractive business and investment destination.

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The analysis by a social solidarity society that looks after prisoners said that the findings applied in 60 percent of the cases where families suffered financial problems, Foreign travel in some cases costs the family their salaries for one year due to poor financial planning and over-reliance on credit,

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The prize distribution was held on 11 August 2014 at Gulfmart Fahaheel 3rd branch. The first prize, a 2014 Model Pajero and other prizes, including gold coins and electronic items were distributed to the winners by Dr. Remesh T.A. (Country Head, Gulfmart), Dr. Hassen Abdul Rahim Mubarak (Apollo Hospital, Adan) and Yousef Bhatti (Operations Manager). Joseph Louise (IT Manager), Mustafa Shahab (HR Manager), Mohammad Haleem (Store Manager) and senior officials from Gulfmart were present with a large number of Gulfmart customers. Media people and well-wishers also attended the function. A total of 20 winners happily stepped forward to collect their prizes during the event. Dr. T.A. Remesh, Country Head for Gulfmart, Kuwait expressed his sincere thanks to the customers for their support.
My dear Fellow Citizens,

On the joyous occasion of our 68th Independence Day, I extend my warm greetings to all members of the Indian community in Kuwait and thank our Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti friends alike for their sincere good wishes. On this historic day we pay homage to all who worked tirelessly for their country and the Indian community in Kuwait and thank the Government and the Reserve Bank of India for their continuing support.

As we celebrate, we recommit to our achievements since our independence in 1947 and rededicate ourselves to our commitment to an India in which every citizen will be able to realize his/her full potential and be full of happiness. The largest, most diverse democracy in the world, buttressed by a free media and an independent and impartial judiciary, India is committed to tolerance, harmony, equality, justice, and the rule of law. It is also ideally situated to be the heart of the global economic policy. The Indian economy is poised to achieve incredible growth, and a global sourcing hub, especially, as an attractive business and investment destination. It is a software powerhouse and a major source of investment.

India has made significant advances in various spheres of science and technology. India's achievements in the field of IT and software are acknowledged all over the world and it has positioned itself among the top five nations in the world in terms of social media presence. It also aims to become the fourth country to launch a spacecraft to Mars with Mangalyaan. The Mars orbiter spacecraft which is scheduled to enter the Mars orbit by September 2014.

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India and Kuwait have close, historical, and multifaceted ties which have been cemented by the close people-to-people contacts. Our relationships extend beyond historical and cultural linkages to encompass political, trade and economic interests. Kuwait is an important partner in India's quest for energy security and the bilateral trade was about USD 18.21 billion during the financial year 2013-14. Regular High-level exchanges present an opportunity to reaffirm friendships and explore new avenues of cooperation. The visit of His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Amir of Kuwait, has opened an additional centre for passport services at Jleeb Al Sabah. The Embassy is providing multi-entry business visas (5-year and 1-year), tourism visas (6-month), medical visas (1-year) and visas for study purposes. The Embassy is issuing visas the same working day with promptness and in a courteous manner.

On this happy occasion of Independence Day, I extend my warmest greetings to all members of the Indian community in Kuwait and the Indian community abroad. I wish good health, progress and prosperity to all Indians in Kuwait. Long live India-Kuwait friendship!
New Office bearers for Indian Lawyers’ Forum Kuwait

The General Body Meeting of Indian Lawyers Forum Kuwait unanimously elected new office bearers. During the meeting, the following Office Bearers were elected for the year 2014-2015.

The newly elected Office Bearers are the following:

President: Adv. Palaviyil Thomas Panicker
Vice Presidents: Adv. Vidhya
General Secretary: Adv. Suresh Pulikkal
General Convenor: Adv. Mohammed Bashir
Treasurer: Adv. Vinod Kumar

The newly elected office bearers decided to enhance its activities ensuring maximum participation of its members and well wishers for the welfare of the Indian Community in general.

Main aim of the Forum is to work as a binding force among the Indian Lawyers and law graduates working in Kuwait. It is also the aim of this forum to unite the Indian lawyers, law graduates and their families in Kuwait, introduce them, promote them, act as a Forum to express their legal and other ideas, interact and help each other and act as a place for family get-togethers.

The Forum renders required legal information to the needy Indians residing in Kuwait in a humble way. It is also successful in conducting legal seminars enabling Indian lawyers to update their legal information and act as a binding force among the Indian Law Graduates working in Kuwait.

Many of the forum’s members having more than 10 years of Court practice experience in India and many more are still working with Local Law Firms as legal practitioners.

Around 25-30 people approach the forum on a monthly basis and the Forum helps these members by solving and offering advise on their legal problems faced in India and Kuwait.

Holy Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated with due solemnity and festivity among the Bangladesh Community. His Excellency the Ambassador of Bangladesh in Kuwait, Mohammad Ashab Uddin, ndc, psc offered his Eid prayer at the Grand Mosque and exchanged Eid greetings with His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah after the prayer.

H.E. the Ambassador and the officials of the Embassy visited the hospitals to see the sick Bangladesh nationals admitted there. They greeted the patients and offered some sweets and fruits. They sat with the patients at the hospital and listened to them, prayed for their early recovery and assured them of necessary assistance from the Embassy. The patients were overwhelmingly happy to see the Embassy officials at their bedside on Eid Day.

An Open House Programme was hosted by H.E. the Ambassador on Eid Day on 28 July 2014 at the Bangladesh House. Over one thousand guests from all strata of the Bangladesh community in Kuwait attended the programme and exchanged Eid greetings. H.E. exchanged Eid greetings with them. The guests were entertained with foods and sweets. The program was a joyous and engaging gathering.
VIVA’s MUSS Players immersed in their training program

Since 2010, Green International has provided high-quality training and consultancy in Project Management and related fields in India, Singapore, Qatar and Kuwait. In response to customer demands, the company has expanded its training and consultancy curriculum to cover Sales, Marketing, Leadership/Soft Skills, Employment Assessment and Technical Courses. Green International aspires to be your partner in training and employment assessment, providing comprehensive services for organizations in Kuwait to hire, develop and retain the best talent. In partnership with Profiles International, the fastest-growing assessment company in the World, the company is able to provide online assessment tools for hiring, development and succession planning which will save time and money, while ensuring that you retain your best staff.

In order to meet the training needs raised by these assessments, Green International has entered into a partnership with Expressions Arabia, a company based in Dubai, run by British management and trainers. Expressions Arabia utilizes the “Peak Performance Advantage” in all areas of soft skills training, including Leadership Development, Communication, Conflict Resolution and Customer service. With experience of providing training to both regional and global brands, Expressions Arabia can now provide your staff with the benefit of these solutions.

Green International’s commitment to Project Management is maintained by their high pass rate for PMP, with candidates being eligible for free retraining until they feel ready to take the examination. Presently, they are working on the introduction of blended classroom and online training for PMP, Prince 2, Six Sigma, Agile/Scrum and PgMP/PMP. Other online courses available include Cisco and Microsoft Certification.

Green International prides itself on providing the best possible solutions for individuals and organizations, and their mix of pre-arranged batches and in-house training is designed to be flexible with any schedule. Whether an individual or organization, you will have a dedicated account manager, and can expect the best possible service.
A dding to its fast-growing network of branches across the region, LuLu Exchange opened a new branch on Sunday, 10 August. The new branch of LuLu Exchange Company, in the Khaitan region, is the 14th in the State of Kuwait.

As one of the leading Exchange and Remittance companies in Kuwait, LuLu Exchange is well-known for opening branches in locations of convenience to customers. With its expanding branch network, LuLu Exchange is bringing multiple financial services, including money transfer and foreign exchange closer to the reach of customers.

The branch situated in Al Dabus Tower was inaugurated by His Excellency Major General Mohammad Ashab Ud din, ndc, psc, the Ambassador of Bangladesh to the State of Kuwait and the non-resident Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Republic of Yemen, in the presence of several dignitaries and senior management of the company. Dedicating the branch to the service of the customers, Adeeb Ahamed, Director, LuLu Exchange Company – Kuwait said: “LuLu Exchange is bringing multiple financial services that are secure, instant and compliant through state-of-the-art systems that deliver flexibility, speed, reliability, and transparency.”

“Our vision of becoming the customers’ first choice in financial services, and the most sought-after exchange house in Kuwait by setting high standards in customer satisfaction and compliance, started a few years ago. I am happy and contend that our clear strategy and an unwavering commitment to deliver outstanding service for our customers no matter how big or small, has not gone unnoticed. We will continue to enable our customers with greater access to our products and services,” added Ahamed.

The new branch has been strategically located to provide easy access for LuLu Exchange’s wide and growing customer base in various areas. It has been outfitted with state-of-the-art technologies enabling it to provide even more efficient and effective services to the exchange house’s customers. The new branch in Khaitan will grant customers access to all the competitive and innovative products and services that the exchange house has to offer. It is the company’s ongoing commitment to enhance the customer experience by identifying customer requirements. The company’s corporate slogan, ‘Valuing Your Trust’ is the reflection of the company itself. LuLu Exchange has been successful in tirelessly delivering the best of service excellence to its customers earning their complete satisfaction and trust in the bargain.

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grapple with celebrating the man we love, while dealing with this immeasurable loss,” she said, referring to Zelda and Cody. Disney tribute to Robin Williams

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Ooredoo in Kuwait launched a new prepaid smartphone offer, giving its customers complete connectivity with free monthly LTE internet. With this new offer, customers will get 4GB free LTE Internet, KD2 credit and a new SIM for the first month. In addition to this they also get up to 30GB LTE Internet for free every month for a whole year when they recharge their prepaid lines.

This offer comes with a brand new full-featured smartphone, starting from a one-time payment of KD45. This offer is perfect for all users who would like to stay connected all year long with a high quality Internet and without strict usage restrictions. Most importantly, it will allow them to benefit from an abundant share of Internet that suits all their connectivity needs, while being in total control of their bills.

The customer will get up to 30GB free LTE internet upon recharging every month:
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Among the phones included in this offer is the highly-acclaimed iPhone 5c, which offers faster LTE wireless than any other single model of smartphone. It also offers the world’s favourite 8MP iSight camera and HD video feature, and is designed to be extremely energy efficient, so customers can spend their day enjoying browsing and talking without worrying about battery life.

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Gulf Bank announced that it will be the Platinum sponsor of the 26th Memorial Journey for Pearl Diving. The journey, which begins from the 14-21 August, is organized each year by the Committee of the Marine Heritage of the Kuwait Sea Sport Club, under the Patronage of His Highness Sheik Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of Kuwait.

During the yearly memorial journey, young participants are reminded of the difficulties Kuwaiti sailors faced before oil had been discovered, along with the traditions their ancestors developed during these times. The young divers will revisit the hardships faced by Kuwait’s forefathers and celebrate the values instilled within them from their sacrifices. Values such as patience, cooperation, self-reliance and having faith in God that hold true to this day.

The Bank supports and emphasizes the true Kuwaiti identity and the importance of the Kuwaiti traditions and customs, through sponsoring such events.

Bangladesh Ambassador meets H.E. Governor of Al-Ahmadi

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Joyalukkas picks the final lucky winners of the ‘Joyalukkas Golden Carnival’

The Joyalukkas Golden Carnival gave the opportunity to many shoppers to win exciting prizes. The prizes included a brand new BMW 316i and gold coins.

This initiative was one of the biggest winning opportunities in Kuwait this summer, and the final draw in Kuwait picked the last 3 lucky winners who received gold coins and the dream prize i.e. BMW 316i. The Joyalukkas Golden Carnival, a global promotion, offered every customer an opportunity to win 12 BMW’s and 2 kg Gold.

Joy Al-Ali, Chairman, Joyalukkas group says: “As the ‘World’s Favorite Jeweler’ we are committed to giving our customers the best in quality, value, choice and service at all times. And the Joyalukkas Golden Carnival was one of the many ways in which we make the Jewellery shopping experience of millions of customers, a truly rewarding one. In all, 30 lucky customers won an 8g gold coin each, and the luckiest one drove away in a BMW 3 series car.”

The lucky winners were picked by Ahamad Mohammed Al Hamad, Kuwait Promotion Department in the presence of Joyalukkas officials and various customers at Panasonic Tower, Kuwait main branch, A.K.M Iqbal Hussain, proud winner of the BMW 316i, was thrilled to say the least. He said, “I’ve been a proud customer of Joyalukkas since many years. And winning this fantastic prize has made Joyalukkas Jewellery my Favorite Jeweler for life!”

Joyalukkas is one of the largest Jewellery retail chains in the world and offers a choice of over 1 million designs in gold, precious, diamond, polki and pearl jewelry. The world-renowned brand has won the Superbrand status 5 years in a row and has a customer base of over 10 million around the globe.

Kuwait to face champions UAE, Oman, Iraq in Gulf Cup

Kuwait will face defending champions UAE, Oman, and Iraq in Group B of the FIFA-accredited 22nd Gulf Cup of nations, revealed the draw held at the historic Masmak Fort in Riyadh. The draw placed Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates as heads of their respective groups for being the host nation and champions respectively. According to FIFA’s July standings, they were followed by Qatar and Oman (pot two), Iraq and Bahrain (pot three) and Kuwait and Yemen (pot four). The ceremony also showcased the GCC Cup mascot - the ‘Arabian Tiger’ - and witnessed the UAE delegation handing over the championship trophy to the next champions for the upcoming tournament, which begins in November, will be held at the King Fahad International Stadium, with the remaining matches held at Prince Faisal bin Fahad Stadium in Riyadh. Kuwait is the time-honored hosts of the region tournament most, on a total 10 occasions, followed by Iraq and Saudi Arabia with an equal three titles and Qatar and UAE with two apiece.

Kuwait revokes 10 people of citizenship

Kuwait revoked the citizenship of 10 people on Monday, including an influential young cleric who has openly criticized the government of bowing to pressure from Washington, to clamp down on financial assistance to Syrian rebels. Just last week, the US announced three Kuwaitis it said helped finance terrorist groups and urged its ally to do more to stem such financing. Washington called on its Gulf ally to do more to curtail the financing of such groups, and the Kuwaiti ambassador to the US responded last week by saying that his country is committed to fighting terrorism a few days before that, the Gulf country stripped five critics of their citizenship in what appears to be part of a larger crackdown on dissent that casts a net on both suspected financiers of extremist groups and people calling for political reform. Human Rights Watch over the weekend criticized the Kuwaiti government’s decision to strip citizens of their nationality, and called on authorities to “drop this malign policy”.

Work on ‘Metro’ rail project to start 2017

Ministry of Communications has finalized the layout of the 61 stations of the Metro Project which will be distributed along three railroads to cover all areas and governorates of Kuwait, said informed sources at the ministry. They explained that the Metro Project which is worth about $20 billion, is being implemented based on a contract of partnership between the public and private sectors, adding that the work will start in the year 2017. They revealed that the first railroad covering 23.7 kilometers will start from Salmiya area and end at the station of Kuwait University, passing through 19 stations. The second railroad covering 21 kilometers will start from Hawalli area and end at Kuwait City, passing through 27 stations. The third railroad covering 24 kilometers will start from the airport and end at Abdullah Al-Mubarak area, passing through 15 stations.

Kuwait Science Club celebrates 40th anniversary

Over four decades, the Kuwait Science Club (KSC) has played a pioneering role, acknowledged on the Gulf, regional and Arab levels since it was set up in August, 1974. The KSC celebrates on Monday its 40th anniversary, with 90,000 members. The Club is so keen on inculcating the importance of science in the minds of the young, developing their ideas and enhancing their skills. It aims at prompting them to love knowledge and creativity, to use the best use of their leisure time and turn their power into useful and distinguished work. In addition, the Club organizes various events on science, scientists and Kuwaiti innovators in addition to courses on photography and memorizing the Holy Quran, and for all ages, Al-Khamees added that the KSC has the first voluntary diving team in Kuwait, formed in Kuwait after the end of the Iraq invasion, to pick out remnants of war in the sea, such as barbed wires, vessels and sea mines. Over a short time, the team managed to pick out 172 ships and yachts, which weighed thousands of tonnes and contained 40,000 gallons of harmful oil. The KSC has also made a success in the field of coral reefs farming, developing natural coral reefs in an artificial colony in Kuwait. It is a unique achievement lauded by experts, and can offer a good solution to the problem of drying out coral reefs in the world. As part of the KSC secretary general, Ali Al-Gomaa told KUNA that they are working on future scientific plans that focus on developing scientific workshops inside the Club, through modern techniques, besides using new curricula and renowned internationally. He also revealed that the KSC intends to open up fresh channels for cooperation with the various state institutions, especially scientific ones. According to Al-Gomaa, the KSC is working on opening new departments to serve young men and women over 18, as part of the efforts to develop their mental and intellectual abilities for the benefit of the society.
Tracking Airline Industry Performance in 2013

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) published the 58th edition of the World Air Transport Statistics (WATS), a leading yearbook of the airline industry’s annual performance containing extensive statistical information and analysis.

“Commercial aviation began 100 years ago with a single airplane, a single passenger and a single route. Last year, as recorded in the WATS, the industry carried more than three billion passengers and nearly 48 million tonnes of cargo on nearly 100,000 flights per day, while the real price of air travel fell by 7.4 percent. Aviation’s annual contribution exceeds even these impressive figures. Its global economic impact is estimated at $2.4 trillion and it supports 3.4 percent of global GDP. By value, over a third of goods traded internationally are delivered by air and some 58.1 million jobs are supported by aviation,” said Tony Tyler, IATA’s Director General and CEO.

Snapshot of 2013 industry performance:

Passenger:
- System-wide, airlines carried 3.129 billion passengers on scheduled services, an increase of 5.1 percent over 2012. Airlines in the Asia-Pacific region carried the largest number of passengers of any region.
- The top five airlines ranked by total scheduled freight tonnes (total both-ways, international and domestic) were:
  1. Federal Express (7.1 million)
  2. UPS Airlines (4.1 million)
  3. Emirates (2.1 million)
  4. Korean Air (1.4 million)
  5. Cathay Pacific Airways (1.3 million)

Consumer and Business:
- Airlines added over 1,100 direct airport-pair services and 600,000 frequencies in 2013, for a new total of 50,000 direct airport-pair services and 315 million frequencies.
- The price of air travel in real terms fell by 7.4 percent compared to 2012.
- The cost of shipping goods by air in real terms fell 7.1 percent.

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- Total estimated cost of fuel was $210 billion or 31 percent of airline operating costs.
- Between 2005 and 2013, fuel efficiency improved by 11 percent.

Airline Alliances:
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India’s press under siege says NYT

India is the second most populous country in the world, with its billion and a quarter people accounting for roughly one-sixth of the global population. And, with more than 814 million registered voters in the recently concluded General Elections to Parliament, India is also the world’s largest democracy by electorate. The fact that there were more eligible voters in India than the combined population of the United States and the 28-member European Union, and that over 64 percent of them cast their votes in the recent elections, speaks volumes of the depth to which democracy has been entrenched in the country.

It is true that India faces challenges to its democracy on several fronts: while many of these tests are general to democracies around the world, some are unique to the Indian context. Nevertheless, it is heartening to note that as India celebrates its 68th Independence Day, the country remains dedicated to democracy, and is committed through its communications in a fair and independent manner.

The role of a free media in developing and reinforcing the democratic values and processes in a country, and in portraying diverse viewpoints in an impartial manner cannot be overstressed. It is a matter of pride for all of us that for most of the sixty-eight years of our Independence, the Indian media have in general been shining a searchlight into the recesses of the executive, the legislature and the judiciary working in tandem for the benefit of the people, and that a free media enlightens the public through its communications in a fair and independent manner.

Indians have shown through the results of the last general election that they want a responsible government in which the executive is answerable to the legislature and the people, under the overarching umbrella of an independent judiciary. Through their vote the people of India have called for a democracy where the executive, the legislature and the judiciary work in tandem for the benefit of the people, and where a free media enlightens the public through its communications in a fair and independent manner.

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India is the biggest daily newspaper market in the world with over 100 million copies of print sold each day. There are more than 70,000 newspapers, over 690 satellites channels and several hundred radio stations supplying entertainment and information across the country. By contrast, the United States, the second largest democracy in the world, has less than 1,400 daily newspapers.

In 2013, the daily readership of India’s largest selling newspaper, The Hindu, “Dainik Jagran” was over 15.5 million copies; this was more than the combined sales of the top-25 daily newspapers in the United States. The Times of India, India’s largest English language newspaper, with a daily readership in excess of 7.3 million, easily trumped the combined daily circulation of the top-5 newspapers in the States, including the Wall Street Journal and The New York Times, the first and second largest circulated dailies in the States.

This revealing statistics on print media profuseness in India, and its comparison with media in the United States becomes relevant and gathers added significance in the wake of a recent editorial in the New York Times (NYT), which under a historical headline “India’s Press Under Siege” decried the lack of press freedom in India.

“Press censorship seems to be back with a vengeance in India, this time imposed not by direct government fiat but by powerful media owners and politicians,” said the NYT editorial in an obvious reference to the 19-month “Emergency” imposed in 1975, by the government of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, during which the media in India was muzzled by the authorities.

Another issue raised in the NYT editorial was the growing influence of private businesses over media enterprises in India. The editorial also cited the French NGO ‘Reporters without Borders’ which ranked India as one of the most restrictive countries in the world for press freedom. In addition, the editorial called on India’s government “to act to protect the free press before corporate consolidation and private censorship further erode citizens’ right to know.”

There are several colorful ways to describe NYT’s pontification on press freedom and media ownership in India; unfortunately none of them can be published here on account of editorial propriety. To put it in mild language, the editorial lamenting the lack of press freedom and of “media owners in India bringing direct pressure on journalists to curb reporting or to change editorial direction” is a classic case of a pot calling the kettle black. It is akin to a man whose face is covered with warts referring to someone with a zit as being disfigured.

India does not need a cue from NYT about the shortcomings of its media; we are fully aware of the functioning and operational limitations of our newspapers and TV Channels. The point that advertisement revenue and other financial concerns, as well as the political and social leanings of media owners, impact how news is portrayed is well recognized by Indian media audiences. Also, the fact that consolidation of media ownership will stymie journalists and editors from expressing views in a free and fair manner is not something uncovered firsthand by NYT. Perhaps, what needs to be highlighted is that this economic model is something that Indian media inherited from the West: it is an integral part of the globalization and free-market policies that we embraced when we shed our socialistic trappings in the 1990s.

It is understandable that newspapers in the West with their declining print run should look with envy at the thriving print media in India. However, what we do take issue over is that NYT, which is fully aware of how media operates in the United States, should take umbrage when the same functioning style is mirrored in India. Let us take a look at all the accusations raised in the NYT editorial that led the paper to summarize that the ‘Press is under siege in India’.

The first is with regard to Indian media owners, and the government in power, having influence over which news is disseminated and how it is starters. There is no denying that this happens in India, just as it does in the United States. Going way back to the period shortly after American Independence in 1776, the Congress of the United States passed a law that prohibited the publication of ‘false, scandalous, or malicious writing’ against the government, and which made it a crime to voice any public opposition to any law or presidential act.

During the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln accused many newspapers of bias in favor of the Confederate cause, and ordered many of them closed puerillicly. Even, the grand-daddy of American publishing industry, Randolph Hearst, who was the publisher of several major newspapers, has been accused of falsifying stories and regularly interfering in editorial policies. He is even alleged to have fabricated incidents that contributed to the start of the Spanish-American War in 1898.

More recently, in 2006, an internal memo from ABC Radio affiliates revealed that powerful sponsors, including Wal-Mart, GE, Exxon Mobil, Microsoft, Bank of America, FedEx, Visa, Allstate, McDonald’s, Sony and Johnson & Johnson, and government entities such as the U.S. Postal Service and the U.S. Navy, had placed a ‘standing order that their commercials never be placed on syndicated Air America programming’ that aired on MSNBC, which was considered too progressive. Should we go on about the rampant interference in editorial content by media owners and government?

Illusion of choice in US media

• Six media giants now control over a staggering 90 percent of all that Americans read, watch or listen to.

• In 1983, over 90 percent of American media was owned by six companies, in 2011 that same 90 percent is owned by six companies.

• These six companies are GE, News Corp, Disney, Viacom, Time Warner and CBS

• Fewer than 250 media executives decide the information that Americans read, watch or listen to.

• News Corp owns the top newspapers on three continents

• AOL spent $124 billion to buy Time Warner in 2001 that works out six times what the US Congress funded to rebuild Iraq

That we pick on the Vietnam era when US media regularly concocted stories, or dropped them altogether, depending on the political leanings of the corporate owners; or the more recent egregious silence of mainstream media to the widespread sniping on friend as well as foe by the Filli and NSA?

Note that Gallup Polls conducted in the United States since 1997 have shown that most Americans do not have confidence in the main media “to report the news fully, accurately, and fairly.” In 2013 a whopping 59 percent majority reported a perception of bias in reporting by media in the US. And according to Gallup, in every year since 2007 more Americans have been distrusting of the mass media. Now let us take a look at accusation of media consolidation in India. It is true that business houses and families have controlling stake in many of the media outlets in India. But it needs to be said that when it comes to corporate consolidation and control over the press, the United States beats all other countries hands down. Six corporate conglomerates (Disney, CBS-Corporation, News Corporation, Viacom, Time Warner, and Comcast) own the majority of mass media outlets in the United States. With the purchase in February 2014, by Comcast of Time Warner for $45 billion control of media in the United States has become further narrowed and the media has taken a step closer to becoming a monopoly. Such uniformity of ownership means that stories which are critical of these corporations and their interests may often be understood before they are removed.

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**Annual Euromoney Kuwait Conference in September**

**Euromoney Conferences will hold their sixth annual Kuwait Conference on 9 September in Kuwait City.** Now in its sixth year, the Euromoney Kuwait Conference will take place on 9 September 2014, opening with keynote addresses from the Minister of Finance, H.E. Dr. Mohammed Al-Hashel. Mr Anas Al-Saleh and Governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait, H.E. Dr. Mohammad Al-Hashel.

The theme for this year’s event will be New Dynamics of Finance and Investment, focusing clearly on the recent developments in the Kuwaiti financial sector. The conference will feature one-to-one interviews with many of the new leaders of major Kuwaiti banks as well as expert session on geopolitical risk and real estate investment. On 9 September, Euromoney Conferences will examine the obstacles that Kuwait’s financial sector faces, and the opportunities and challenges that arise from the volatile environment of the region. Questions that will be asked and debated include: The banking sector strategic direction, is it a new vision? Do banks and investment companies carry too much real estate risk? Competition, differentiation, innovation - do Kuwaiti Banks understand these words? Do they need to?

Around 350 policymakers, senior bankers, and finance and business professionals will gather at the JW Marriott in Kuwait City for the event.

"As always, we are looking forward to returning to Kuwait for the sixth annual conference," said Richard Banks, Director of Emerging Markets at Euromoney Conferences. "There have been many changes – both positive and negative – since we were last here in 2013. We believe that our agenda and our participants will give an insightful, informative and entertaining overview of the Kuwaiti and regional marketplace to our high-level audience of financiers, policy-makers and investors," he added.

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**India’s press under siege...**

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from the media. For instance, in the 1992 riots in Los Angeles, the media presented the riots as being a black problem, portraying blacks as being solely responsible for the riots. However according to reports, only 36 percent of those arrested during the riots were black; over 60 percent of the rioters were Hispanics and whites, facts that were not reported by any of the mainstream American media.

However, biased reporting and the lack of editorial integrity is most evident when it comes to how the US media depicts the Middle-East in general and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in particular. It has been reported that mainstream and conservative Jewish organizations have mobilized considerable lobbying resources and financial contributions and brought citizen pressure on news media and other forums of public discourse in support of the Israeli government. This was blatantly evident during the most recent conflict in Gaza. Not only was reporting in mainstream US media pro-Israeli, but both CNN and NBC News withdrew their reporters from Gaza after they expressed views contrary to that held by those media.

In 2003, a study released by Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting on the US media reporting on the Iraq war stated the network news disproportionately focused on pro-war sources and left out many anti-war sources. According to the study, 64 percent of total sources were in favor of the Iraq War while total anti-war sources made up 10 percent of the media. Moreover, it was reported that media failed to question government policies for fear of being labeled anti-patriotic.

Let us now look at the report by the NGO Reporters Without Borders. This is the same organization that ranked India below Afghanistan, Zimbabwe and many other countries that have flagrant repression of press freedom. Ironically, we find that the United States, which is often thought of as the leader of the free world, ranked only 53rd out of 168 countries, well below nearly all European Union countries and below most OECD nations. Finally the suggestion by NYT that the government should “act to protect the free press” flies in the face of everything that the editorial asks for earlier. Perhaps the editor of NYT was not aware that in India the responsibility of protecting the free press rests mainly with journalists and media owners, not the government, as might be the case in the United States. It is they, along with freedom-loving and vigilant members of the public, who have to reform the Indian media from within.
Morocco is the crossroads of East and West, a bridge between Africa and Europe that possesses the best of all possible worlds.

**Capital City:** Rabat, Population: 33.5 Million (Including the region of Western Sahara), Area: 712,550 Sqkm, Official Language: Arabic

**LANDSCAPE**

Morocco’s fusion of rock, sand and sea gives it some of North Africa’s most diverse topography. In the north, the limestone-and-sandstone Rif Atlas Mountains shoot up from the Mediterranean coast to a decidedly steep 2,200 meters. Further inland, forming the backbone of Morocco, tiered mountains rise first to the 3,340-meter summit of the Middle Atlas Mountains, before yielding to the greater might of the High Atlas and the dizzying heights of Jebel Toubkal at 4,167 meters, the highest peak in North Africa. And then it all drops away, down, down, dizzying heights of Jebel Toubkal at 4,167 meters, the highest peak in North Africa. And then it all drops away, down, down, down into the vast Sahara.

**PEOPLE**

Morocco could lay claim to the title of Africa’s most homogeneous country: 99.1 percent of the population are Arabs or Berbers of whom 98.7 percent are Muslim. The population of Morocco is also overwhelmingly young; the average age is only 23.9 years, compared to 39.9 in Spain — and many of the country’s brightest young stars, frustrated by a lack of opportunities in their home country, seek their fortunes abroad.

**WILD THINGS**

Most Moroccan animal species are endangered, from the shy addax antelope that defies the desert’s dictates and can survive its whole life without water, to the equally reticent leopards which are thought to cling to remote mountain redoubts. However, there are some success stories among the active preservation programs, including pulling the Dorsac gazelle, Barbary sheep and bald ibis back from the brink of extinction. Sadly, the iconic Barbary lion with its abundant mane was last seen, and shot, in the Atlas Mountains in 1922.

**BEST TIME TO VISIT:** October - April

**CUISINE**

Morocco has long been a star of the silver screen, which has lodged country in the western imagination as at once exotic and familiar. The Tragedy of Othello (1952), starring Orson Welles, was filmed in Essaouira, while Alfred Hitchcock found the perfect backdrop in Marrakesh for The Man Who Knew Too Much (1956). Since then, Lawrence of Arabia (1962), Alexander (2004), The Gladiator (2000), The Sheltering Sky (1990), Jesus of Nazareth (1977), The Last Temptation of Christ (1988), Asterix & Obelix: Mission Cleopatra (2002) and Hideous Kinky (1998) were all filmed, at least in part, in Morocco.

**BEST TIME TO VISIT:** October - April

**EXTRA EXPERIENCES**

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- Scrubbing all your troubles away in an authentic Moroccan hammam (bathhouse)
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**MARKETPLACE**

Despite a crippling debt of US$15.6 billion (72.3 percent of GDP) hanging over it, there are high hopes for the future of Morocco’s economy. In a move of which most African countries can only dream, all trade barriers between Morocco and Europe was removed by 2012, and a similar trade agreement has also been signed with the United States. Morocco’s GDP per capita is US$4,200, which is not much compared to that of former colonial rulers Spain with US$25,500 and France with GDP per capita of US$29,900.

**HISTORY IN A NUTSHELL**

The Berbers, Morocco’s original inhabitants, thought that they had seen off all comers - Phoenicians, Romans, Vandals and Byzantines - until the Arab armies of Islam arrived in the 7th century and never got around to leaving. Later, home-grown Berber dynasties such as the Almoravids and Almohads put Morocco firmly on the Islamic map. Morocco’s strategic importance drew the attention of Islam's rulers Spain and France and Spain, who each ruled parts of Morocco. After they withdrew and Morocco regained independence in the 1950s, it claimed sovereignty over the Western Sahara, much to the chagrin of the indigenous Sahrawis. Since it achieved independence, Morocco has had a remarkably stable history: on a continent where armies of France and Spain, who each ruled parts of Morocco. After they withdrew and Morocco regained independence in the 1950s, it claimed sovereignty over the Western Sahara, much to the chagrin of the indigenous Sahrawis. Since it achieved independence, Morocco has had a remarkably stable history: on a continent where revolving-door governments are standard, it has had just one very simple aim: to make peace through music by bringing together the musicians of the world regardless of cultural or religious background.

**TOP FESTIVAL**

Writing devrishes and sacred orchestras take the stage in June every year for the Fez Festival of World Sacred Music. Not only does the festival draw world-class performers, but it has also found a perfect home in a medieval city replete with venues that include acoustically right balconies and cozy old homes. Staged for the first time in the aftermath of the first Gulf War, the festival has one very simple aim: to make peace through music by bringing together the musicians of the world regardless of cultural or religious background.

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**BEST TIME TO VISIT:** October - April

**EXPORT**

Gnaoua music
Moroccan Jews
Marijuana from the Rif Valley
Couscous

**RANDOM FACTS**

- In 1975 King Hassan II lied 300,000 unarmed Moroccans in the Green March to claim the Western Sahara.
- One third of all Moroccans are under 15.
- The last Barbary lion in captivity died in the 1960s.
- Morocco’s birth rate has fallen from 6.9 births per fertile woman in 1970 to just 2.8 in 2006.
- The adult literacy rate is 50.7 percent.
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Politics in the Social Mix
Women Discussing Politics
Some Women Welcome Political Discourse - Others Avoid It Like the Plague
H ow many of us women grew up hearing “Never discuss religion or politics” - that gender-specific caveat intended to warn women against expressing our beliefs in order to maintain harmony in our relationships? How many of us operate at the other end of the spectrum? When you find a die-hard democratic woman always happy to jump headfirst into a political tussle, understand that this is the norm in her home. The other kind of women quickly confess, “I know nothing about politics. You should be having this discussion with my husband.” In a situation like this, impulsive is to end the discussion to avoid making anyone feel uncomfortable. But this impulsion may actually do more harm than good, because women often rely on their friends for information, thus gaining political knowledge from informal sources. When women shy away from political discussions, they not only do themselves a disservice but unwittingly model a culture of non-involvement that can adversely affect their children, especially their daughters. For women to be able to express their differences from men, they require autonomy, including economic independence and psychological independence (i.e. freedom from traditional roles assigned to women based solely on gender). Although women who achieve the former are more likely to work outside the home, those who forgo employment to raise children may experience the pressure of traditional roles even when the choice was theirs to make. A sense of autonomy can often come from secure relationships and connections to other women who model what we would like to become. They provide a benchmark by which we measure ourselves, and serve as a source of information and social feedback.

And there’s growing evidence that they impact our political decision-making as well. Researchers theorize that women with a diverse social network tend to vote with more of a liberal preference.

Exercising our right to vote and to free speech will ensure increased political participation of generations of women yet to come.

Anti-Feminism on the Rise
How a Burgeoning Movement is Rejecting Feminism for Fallacies

I n a constant tussle of women freeing themselves from bias and inequality against men, women seem to have another group of opponents these days likely to be known as ‘women against feminism’. Social media has been full of pictures of these women against feminism posing themselves with posters that go as “I don’t need feminism because I respect all humans not just one gender” or a poster that says “I need feminism to tell me that victimhood is better than empowerment”.

Meanwhile, women activists and feminists all around describe women against feminism as Confused Cats Against Feminism who were on gender equality. Anti-feminist blogs have been getting a lot of attention recently, as all manner of people take to the internet to explain why they just don’t need it. But this is not people who are leading the debate – it’s cats. A group, We Hunted the Mammoth, has taken two things the right now it’s not people who are leading the debate – it’s cats.

known as misandry. Nowhere in the foundations of feminism is there an explicit message of hatred against men, or an indication that women are superior to men.

1. Feminism does not equal that hatred of men, otherwise it would be called anti-feminism. Because someone once told me that feminism = hate men means.

I was too busy to do any real research. Come on, I’m a spoiled, pampered cat! Why should I have to think for myself?

2. Feminism does not advocate ‘special’ privileges, but rather strives towards justice: “On much of the sites, many posters express that they have never been victims of oppression. By special privileges,’ does the author mean being able to speak out about sexual harassment in the workplace without fear? And by ‘punishment,’ does the author mean stricter legal action about rape on college campuses?” Expecting to work free of harassment or sexual violence is a privilege, it’s a human right.

3. Feminism does not promote the “myth of the gender pay gap”. The gender pay gap is absolutely real: The pay gap hasn’t budged in a decade… In 2012, as in 2002, among full-time, year-round workers, women were paid 77 percent of what men were paid.

4. Feminism does not encourage women to lie about rape. Rape culture is, in fact, a real thing: approximately 70% of rape survivors do not report their assaults to the police. approximately 5% of the time, a man who rapes ends up in prison, 95% of the time he does not.

It is fine for women to reject labels, to question the definition of feminism, and to forge their own unique paths. It is best, though, to take the issue with the conflation of opinion with facts, however. Reject feminism if you will, but forwarding lies like the pay gap is a myth or that reports of college rapes are inflated are violent rumors that ultimately hurt women. That is something all women can agree on, hopefully.
Find your Signature beauty look

Being a stylish woman is all about having fun with makeup and trying new things, but on a day-to-day basis, most women are usually drawn to one look—their respective signature looks. Having a default makeup look is like having a go-to outfit that you know you always look great in and works for every occasion. If you’ve yet to decide on your fool-proof signature look, follow these tips to find the one that works best for you.

Think about the time when you’ve felt the best about your look: We don’t necessarily feel our best or our prettiest when we’re all “dolled up” or wearing more makeup than usual, but maybe one day you decided to rock something different, like a cat eye or red lip, and felt great about it. Think about the times when you have felt the most confident in your makeup, like you could conquer the world. It could have been a full-on smoky eye or a pared-down natural look, or anything at all.

Consider your comfort zone: Though you may love the look of a bold lip or a dramatic eye on your friends, if you don’t feel 100 percent comfortable in it, there’s no way it’ll work as anything more than a fling. If there’s a particular look that you like, but feel like it’s a little too much to wear every day, think about how you can make it a little more suitable for your daily life. To illustrate, a shocking pink lip can be diluted with a sheer formula, and a large winged eye can be minimized with a smaller flick.

Think about which features you want to emphasize: This is an easy one: If you want to draw attention to your eyes, gravitate towards bright coloured eyeliner or a sparkling smoky eye to brighten your eyes and make them look bigger. If you have great brows that look killer in a bold lip or a high-shine gloss, concentrate on that and keep the rest of your look neutral for balance. Have great cheekbones? Emphasize with a little bit of contouring to really make them pop.

Consider how much time you want to spend each day: If you like to sleep late, you’re not going to want to commit to a look that takes twenty minutes to complete. Think about how much you love it or how good you feel in it. If you’re the rushing-out-the-door type, a simple tinted moisturizer, mascara and tinted balm routine is probably best for you. If you have a few extra minutes, the time it takes to apply a bold lip is a bit more palatable. If you’re willing to spend 15 minutes to really perfect that sharp cat eye, go for it! But be realistic about what works for your lifestyle and schedule. A flawless bright lip is rarely worth being twenty minutes late to work.

Secret to colored eyeliner

Colored eyeliner can instantly update your look for summer, but many are intimidated by the bright shades and intricate shapes that you’re supposed to be tracing on your eyelids.

If you are wondering how to navigate the world of colored eyeliner effectively, here are some colored liner tricks to ease your concerns about trying the look.

Try White or Silver: White liner is a fun and easy way to use a “color,” and can actually be really wearable. You can pop it on the inside of your waterline for a cool Mod, open-eyed look, or swipe it across the top lash line, even pretty thick and paired with a bright red lip – it’s super modern and gorgeous.

Silver is another underrated eye-opener! From a glistering pearled shade that’s futuristic, to an unexpected state that’s a great alternative to black, this eyeliner is especially good for when out and about for dinner.

Start small: As a rule of thumb with colored liners, there are no rules. Think of your colored eyeliner as an accessory more than just makeup. You can keep the look relatively effortless—for example, a pretty cat eye or top liner is always going to look great in any color. While going too heavy with any liner will take the look too far, you can always start off simple and try a dash of a bright color on your water line to start.

Experiment galore: From pops of green on the outer edge of the eye, to a bottom lash line of blue, there’s a shade and a shape of colored eyeliner for everyone. One fab look that is often recommended is to line your under eye with heavy blue eyeliner for a great anytime look—day or night. To keep the focus on the bright blue, leave your top lash line without any color. Another great look is to give your eyes a boost of color by lining the top and bottom in a bright color like tangerine eyeliner, then tracing with black liner to make the look really pop.

It’s all about the brush: All fashionistas strive for that perfect cat eye, and the best way to get your angles even is to use a great brush. Since precision is the key, opt for a tiny pointed brush and use a gel or liquid liner. Tilt back for your cat eye: Start at the inner corner of your eye with your head tilted back, looking down into the mirror. Start thin, right along the lash line, making sure there is no space between your lashes and the liner all the way until you reach the outer edge—then pull up and out. Go back over the outer corner, thickening it until you have the perfect wing. Then, go back in with a concealer brush and run it underneath the lowest part of the wing to clean up your line so it’s perfectly sharp.

Nail art

Summer beaming triangles

Step 1: Paint your nails with a white base. Apply a layer of quick dry top coat to protect your base in case your nail art requires clean up, then let dry completely.

Step 2: Using scotch tape, pre-cut into desired triangles and tape off alternating triangles.

Step 3: Fill in the open triangle spaces with orange and green. Immediately peel off of the tape in a smooth motion. And now you have the orange, white, and green triangles in the middle!

Step 4: Wait till the polishes are completely dry and mask off the nail in the same way with scotch tape for each of the blue and green triangles.

Step 5: Then, just fill in the blue and pink colors carefully with your polish brush. Finally, apply your favorite top coat and begin admiring your colored nails all day!

For the rest of the nails, simply rotate the direction of the triangles and vary the color sequence for the most carefree and fun look. Or, you can also create the same pattern with the same color sequence for every nail, achieving a more uniform and patterned look. Either way, this nail art is whimsical, high fashion yet suitable for everyday wear. Also, it just about matches any color outfit you would fancy to wear in summer.
The Galaxy Alpha, one of two high-end smartphones that Samsung has been teasing this summer, made a quiet debut early Wednesday. Samsung announced the phone in a press release posted on its website.

While the Galaxy Alpha had the usual run-up of rumors and speculation befitting any high-profile smartphone, company missing was any kind of fanfare from Samsung. There was no splashy launch event, no triumphant speech from a top-level exec, and no information on which carrier will sell the handset. The release was a far cry from the massive convention center Samsung rented out in Barcelona for its Galaxy S5 launch in February.

The metal-banded Galaxy Alpha is clearly designed to address the complaints that customers have expressed about the cheaper plastic feel of Samsung’s smartphones. But it’s a confusing product that doesn’t cleanly fit into the Korean conglomerate’s portfolio. Its metal construction suggests a flagship smartphone position, but its weaker specifications relative to the Galaxy S5 place it closer to the mid-tier category.

“It feels very much like an experiment to me, like so many other Samsung devices in the past,” said Jackdaw Research analyst Jan Dawson.

So is it a flagship product or not? This is still unclear.

A Samsung spokesman said the materials and feature are what can be found on a flagship Galaxy mobile device. He declined to comment on the price, although he confirmed it would be lower than the GS5.

The Galaxy Alpha features a 4.7-inch display, smaller than the 5.1-inch display of the Galaxy S5. The resolution is a little less sharp too. The 12-megapixel camera is also inferior to the S5’s 16-megapixel shooter. It doesn’t have an expandable microSD slot, relying solely on its internal 32 gigabytes of storage. Its battery is also weaker than the S5’s, and the new phone isn’t water resistant. But it does have marquee features such as a fingerprint scanner and ultra-power-saving mode.

From an aesthetic point of view, the Galaxy Alpha is a step up from the Galaxy S5. The Galaxy Alpha’s front and back features a dimpled texture — it’s unclear for now exactly what the material is. But it is clearly ringed by a metal band. Its chamfered edges — beveled and polished — and its bottom speaker holes look virtually identical to the design of the iPhone.

Samsung’s quiet debut of the Galaxy Alpha may serve as the company’s attempt to test the use of metal without the commitment of a full-blown flagship smartphone launch. The company has previously been reluctant to use metal because of interference issues, the high cost of material, and the inability to quickly mass produce such a device. The company said the smartphone would hit the market in September, but a spokesperson declined to confirm on US availability.

Google helps build ‘Faster’ cable under Pacific Ocean

Google and five other large companies are teaming up to build a cable under the Pacific Ocean that will deliver incredibly fast Internet speeds. The cable, dubbed Faster, will connect the US with Japan and cost about $300m, the consortium said. The trans-Pacific fibre cable would deliver speeds of 60 terabytes per second—enough to send more than 2,000 uncompressed HD films each second. The cable will be operational by 2016.

Google is working with a host of Asian telecoms giants - China Mobile, China Telecom, Global Transit, KDDI, and SingTel. “Faster is one of a few hundred submarine telecommunications cables connecting various parts of the world,” said Woohyong Choi, chairman of the consortium’s executive committee. “These cables collectively form an important infrastructure that helps run global internet and communications.”

“The Faster cable system has the largest design capacity ever built on the trans-Pacific route, which is one of the longest routes in the world,” the consortium said. The cable will connect Chikura and Shima in Japan to the major hubs on the west coast of the US — Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle.

Submarine cables are integral to the structure of how the world wide web works. In 2008, communications between Europe, the Middle East, and Asia were seriously disrupted after submarine cables were severed near the Alexandria cable station in Egypt. Sixty-five percent of net traffic to India was down at the time, and KDDI, Japan’s second-largest telecoms operator, had to do extensive work to repair undersea cables damaged in the massive 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

Google already offers high-speed internet access directly in the US through its Fiber service, with speeds of 1Gbps in cities like Austin, Texas, and Kansas City, Kansas. But the speeds from the new Faster cable far surpass anything consumers can access in most of the US and Europe, though internet speeds are generally much faster in Asia - South Korea wants to see citizens equipped with 1Gbps connections by 2017, for example.

The fastest widely-available speed of broadband in the UK is 15Mbps. There are 1,000 megabits in one gigabit - and 1,000 gigabits in one terabit - of data transmitted.
We took the simplicity of our classic Chickenburger to the next level by adding a slice of cheddar cheese and a juicy cut of tomato. We also made a little version of our beloved Big Tasty. Same delicious ingredients, just a tad smaller. But the best part is, you can enjoy each of them in a special meal deal.