



The name that globally we have been hearing constantly over the last few weeks is Omicron, a new variant of the covid 19. The Omicron variant, first sequenced in South Africa, has been identified in at least 12 other countries. It has led to travel disruption with many countries closing borders to passengers from affected countries. Once again we are seeing lockdown being imposed in few countries in the Europe and a re think in many other. As per medical authorities they are witnessing “very low hospitalisation” directly linked to Omicron, although the new Covid variant of concern is “highly transmissible” and patients are experiencing extreme fatigue even with mild disease. Let us keep our fingers crossed and hope that 2022 does not go the 2021 way ...how we all would have liked to have the power to wish the virus away .. Barbados has become the world's newest republic. Nearly 400 years after the country became a British colony, Barbados has become the world's newest republic. The Caribbean island nation removed Queen Elizabeth II as the head of the state in a ceremony attended by Prince Charles. Sporting action saw Lewis Hamilton, put on a masterclass of driving at the Sao Paulo Grand Prix, coming from the 10th spot on the starting grid to take victory over title rival Max Verstappen.

Meanwhile Messi won a record 7th Ballon d'Or award This will be the last edition of the year 2021... Possibly 2022 has a better time in store for us .

LIGHT MOMENTS



At a Church in Toronto, they have weekly husbands' marriage seminars.

At one of the sessions, the priest asked James who said he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years.

John replied to the assembled husbands, “Well, I have tried to treat my wife nicely, spend money on her as she required, but best of all is, I took her to Italy for the 25th anniversary!” The assembly looked quite impressed by John's approach towards his wife.

The priest responded, “John, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary?”

John proudly replied, “I am planning to go pick her back from Italy.”

The priest did not know where to look and the assembly was stunned into silence

News from Sevenseas

Sevenseas Hyderabad executes FLAT RACKS



Sevenseas Hyderabad team moved 3x40 Flat Rack containers from ICD Hyderabad. This traffic involved the complete handling right from factory stuffing, transportation from Hyderabad to Nhavasheva port including customs clearance and forwarding. This was successfully completed and sailed as per the planned vessel. The details of shipment as under

Equipment: 3x40 Flat Rack Containers + 1x40HQ +1x20ft

Commodity: Finished syrup storage tank

Few snapshots of the cargo enclosed

Not just work the team also took time out to participate in a cricket tournament and end up runners up



Our Hyderabad team Air cargo operation staff Mr. Uday & Mr. Girish Participated in the Cricket tournament which is conducted by the Cargo Employees welfare Association. A total of six teams participated in the tournament, our team was called the “Air cargo Rockers” and team captain Mr. Uday. Our team lost in the final to be credible runners up



Image which evokes Global warming

A POLAR bear lies forlornly on a tiny floating chunk of ice, this shot of the 800lb Polar bear curled up on the shrinking iceberg won snapper Irene Amiet a prize in the international Golden Turtle photography awards. Many felt it was a touching image of the effects of Global warming....

India Trade News

Crisis in the shipping industry could last till mid-2022

A crisis is again looming for exporters the world over. And this time it is not just the shortage of containers. Global supply chains are under stress. There is a shortage of many essential products – from intermediates to chemicals, to coal, to semi-conductors – leading to what Economist in its recent lead article called ‘The shortage economy’.

The crisis has now shifted to large container carrying vessels. There are traffic jams at very many of the major ports in the globe with vessels not getting berthing space. There are reports of vessels having to wait for up to 47 days in US ports. More than 80% of world trade volume is transported by ships; 70% of such trade being in containers. The global fleet that carries seaborne trade involves dry bulk ships, container ships and oil tankers. These vessels operate either on fixed schedules like in the case of container ships or on flexible timing like in the case of bulk cargo. Dry bulk ships account for half the seaborne trade and transport ore, coal, grains.

The world trade is greatly imbalanced – countries are either net importers or net exporters. There is thus an inherent imbalance in the availability of vessels and containers. At any point in time nearly 42% of vessels are travelling without cargo, dramatically adding to costs. They point out that “shipping lines demand more to travel towards a destination with low exports, to compensate. Incidentally, but not surprisingly, while trade has suffered, the shipping lines have been doing very well. As a Reuters report points out, the seven largest publicly traded ocean carriers – including companies such as Maersk, COSCO and Hapag-Lloyd – reported more than US\$ 23 billion in profits in the first half of this year, compared with just US\$ 1 billion in the same period last year. The inter-dependence of global economies, the monopoly which China enjoys in manufacture of containers (90% of the containers are manufactured there with just one company CIMC having a 40% share) has not helped matters. The pandemic induced global shutdown, the Suez Canal crisis, the mismatch between imports and exports, the increase in consumer demand caused by consumer’s cash rich on doles and having little avenues to spend, first led to containers becoming scarce, to congestion in ports and shortage of shipping vessels itself. The present crisis is expected to last till mid-2022. There are no easy solutions. In the meantime, consumer the world over have to brace themselves for delays and rising prices.

Picturesque Places

Boulders Beach, South Africa

Boulders beach in Cape Town South Africa is famed for the adorable African penguin, Boulders Beach is located off the False Bay Coastline, a few miles south of Table Mountain. Adding to the charm of the place are bright blue waters, dotted with granite boulders. One could choose to swim here, or even sit back and enjoy a view of the beautiful coastline.



Sleep and travel deprived, No worries take a Bus ride

- Hong Kong has answers



Travel-starved, sleep-deprived residents might find a new Hong Kong bus tour to be a snooze. The 76-kilometer (47-mile), five-hour ride on a regular double-decker bus around the territory is meant to appeal to people who are easily lulled asleep by long rides. It was inspired by the tendency of tired commuters to fall asleep on public transit. The idea took shape when the owners saw a social media post about people stressed out by work, leading to no sleep at night. But when they were traveling on a bus, people were able to sleep well. This post inspired the team to create this tour that lets passengers just sleep on the bus. Tickets cost between \$13 to \$51 per person, depending on whether they choose seats on the upper or lower deck. A goodie bag for passengers includes an eye-mask and ear plugs for better sleep. The tendency to fall asleep on public transport is a type of conditioning, according to the principal investigator of the Sleep Research Clinic and Laboratory at the University of Hong Kong. “People in Hong Kong don’t have enough time to sleep,” “That’s why we have to kind of use other times to sleep, which is our daily commute, especially when we are travelling on public transport.” “For some people, they may tend to associate public transport with their sleep. And that’s why they found it easier to fall asleep on the bus,” one of the tour organizer said. Of course along the way the bus stops at spots for passengers to see as also take photos

Thought for the month....



Communication is one of the most important areas of our trade and most other trades. It is not about just shooting off mails but more so about a controlled way ...As said

**Successful communication is about three C's.
Clear, Concise and most importantly Conclusive...**

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