



The glorious uncertainties of life Humankind has understood the true meaning of this statement very well over the past two years. What started in late 2019 as a viral infection got the world's attention as 2020 progressed and struck havoc with lives. After waves and waves spread across the globe when we started getting a feel of some sort of normalcy in late 2020, it again gained momentum and most of 2021 also were taken away. The story has repeated once again. It looked like after all we have conquered the might of the virus, and it has begun rearing its head as 2021 comes to a close. The world enters 2022 with quite a lot of skepticism...

Amidst all of this on the positive side, we still have survived the hardships and are picking the pieces of rebuilding the lost ground. Past is behind us we have no choice but to look ahead with hope. Businesses have adapted to the new normal and have gone about reviving economies under the new order. Our trade has seen a huge increase in costs with lack of space and troubled execution, still, trade has gone ahead.

As has been the norm over the last couple of years we shall hope that the situation gets better, prices normalize, travel becomes a joy again and we live in a Normal World as we know it ... Here is wishing all of you and your families a Safe, Healthy, and Peaceful New Year 2022

LIGHT MOMENTS

Jane was driving along Interstate 5 on her way to San Diego when her old car suddenly died on her. Naturally, she called out a local mechanic to help her.

The mechanic arrived and said, "Howdy mam, what seems to be the problem?"

"Well", said Jane, "I was just driving along when suddenly I lost all power and the car came to a complete standstill."

"Well let me just take a look for you mam", said the mechanic.

At which he lifts the hood and gives the engine a cursory glance before whacking something very hard with a hammer.

"Try it now mam", said the mechanic. To Jane's amazement, when she turned the key, the car burst into life again. "That's incredible!" said Jane. "You've been here for less than 30 seconds and you've already got it going again. I'm very grateful. Thank you."



“All part of the service mam!” the mechanic responded, before adding, “That’ll be \$250.” Jane couldn’t quite believe what she was hearing. “How much?” she said. “How can it be \$250 when all you did was hit something with a hammer?” “Well maam”, said the mechanic, “I can produce an itemized bill if you like.” So the mechanic started tapping something into an iPad and then he printed it out on a printer in his truck. He then handed Jane the bill. It read

Jack's Auto	
<i>San Diego, California</i>	
Item	Amout
Hitting engine with hammer	\$ 10.00
Knowing exactly where to hit it	\$ 240.00
TOTAL	\$ 250.00

News from Sevensesas

Breakbulk / Charter movement handled ex Chennai Port



The team at Sevensesas Coimbatore had a Break bulk shipment which was executed by the Chennai team ex Chennai port. Being a huge load this involved a clear coordination link between the two offices culminating in a clear execution. As a special case the team was able to get a charter service for the cargo. The vessel berthed at Chennai and the vessel berthing at destination port was only for our cargo. The cargo weight was 200 tons..

The pandemic has provided a tough situation for our trade globally. It also has opened up a whole lot of opportunities, if as logistics service providers we have been willing to spend time and resources to explore options shop around for solutions which generally are pretty hard to find. The team at Sevensesas has been doing just that as we realize the adage that Opportunities comes dressed in the garb of hard work. Many of our endeavours have succeeded and some failed. Fortunately the success rate has been better and this has led to more opportunities of business. We hope the year 2022 has a better situation as it progresses and we all do well ...



Best foods globally - Bandeja Paisa, Colombia

Paisa, a region in Colombia, lends its name to the national dish along with bandeja, which means "platter." This feast of food was meant to provide workers in the field with an entire day's nourishment and includes red beans, rice, ground beef, plantain, avocado, chorizo, pork belly and fried eggs. It's a ton of calories but well worth the splurge

India Trade News

29 containers loaded with tyres from US found dumped at Cochin



Customs has launched a detailed probe into the incident in which 29 containers loaded with worn-out tyres from the US were found dumped here under the guise of wastepaper. Officers said that they suspect that the consignment was part of a deal struck between American and Indian firms to dump tyre waste in India. The containers, which arrived at Vallarpadom International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT), Cochin have been impounded and the crew of the steamer which shipped the consignment from US to Kochi has been summoned for questioning. Customs officials said that though the name of importer was shown to be Delhi based, on checking it emerged that there was no such firm functioning in the listed address and the importer details were fake.

“We suspected foul play when the importer didn’t turn up with documents for clearing the containers from the terminal. The containers were opened and inspected. All of them were stacked with worn-out tyres,” officers said, adding, they are almost certain that it was an attempt to dump waste tyres in India. “It’s illegal to import waste materials to India. We have strong anti-dumping rules and appropriate action will be taken,” they said. Lately, customs has heightened its surveillance following inputs that there are attempts by rackets to import waste material from the US and other countries to India.

Shippers re-routing transshipment cargo through JNPT & Mundra

Cargo owners at India’s hinterland points of Chennai and Kolkata are rerouting more shipments to JNPT (Nhava Sheva) or Mundra instead of feeding to hub or intermediate ports in South Asia for mainline, long-haul connectivity. These are usually Colombo (Sri Lanka), Singapore and Port Klang (Malaysia) .

Sources indicated that there had been a change in the market, albeit transient, where more shippers tended to shift cargo away from Colombo, or other hubs caught up in lingering congestion and sailing reliability issues. “Shipments are slowly moving in and out from Kolkata to Nhava Sheva. This trend will likely continue, at least, for the next three to four months, as the space is not fully open.” said the trade sources.

Picturesque Places

Cliffs of Moher, Ireland

Located south of Galway, the cliffs of Moher were also known as the Cliffs of Insanity (in the film, *The Princess Bride*). Very few places do justice to the bare, natural beauty of the island, like this one. This wonder, reaching 702 feet at its highest point, is truly a place to visit. The place has a soul so deep, that it will envelop everyone who visits.



Sizzling Skyscraper

- Flawed building , London



20 Fenchurch Street is a commercial skyscraper in London that takes its name from its address on Fenchurch Street, in London. It has been nicknamed "The Walkie-Talkie" because of its distinctive shape, said to resemble a two-way radio handset. The building a 38 storey skyscraper — designed by internationally renowned architect Rafael Viñoly — is a dramatic edifice with curved exterior walls. Built at 20 Fenchurch Street in London's financial centre. But that curvilinear shape is exactly what's causing the problem: The south-facing exterior wall is covered in reflective glass, and because it's concave, it focuses the sun's rays onto a small area, not unlike the way a magnifying glass directs sunbeams onto a superhot pinpoint of light. The inward curve of the wall is an inherent flaw in the building's design. The issue was so severe as the rays from sunlight reflected by the building was melting cars on the street. Ultimately sunshades had to be built to correct the fault.

Thought for the month....

Each of us have gone through a tough two years and are not really out of it yet. We need to move forward with confidence. In the words of George Bernard Shaw

**Two things define you -
Your patience when you have nothing and
your attitude when you have everything**

