

The war in the middle east just is showing no signs of slowdown . Israel has been bombing Lebanon in its war against the Hezbollah . The conflict has only intensified from Hamas in Palestine to Lebanon. The headlines has been hogged by these wars and calamities for some time now . it has been continuous and relentless. Lets us just step away a bit from this and talk of action from the world of sports .

In the Womens T20 cricket world cup which was held in Dubai, New Zealand secured a maiden T20 World Cup title, defeating South Africa by 32 runs. In F1 racing Charles Leclerc of Ferrari took a superb victory at the United States Grand Prix in Austin , Ferrari team mate Carlos Sainz took the second spot. In Premier league football Liverpool maintained the lead at the top of the table after the latest match against Chelseas ended in a 2-1 win for Liverpool. Meanwhile the woes of the once top team Manchester united continues with them currently languishing at the 11 th spot on the points table.

The world of music especially the Gen Z were shocked to hear the news of the death of ex-One Direction singer Liam Payne, who died last week after falling from a third-floor hotel balcony in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The investigating into the death of the famous boy band star is ongoing.

On upcoming events , all attention is focused on the high-stakes battle between US Vice President and Democratic nominee Kamala Harris and former President and Republican nominee Donald Trump on November 5 for the US presidency. Lets read on

Light Moments

John was a workaholic , spending most of his time work related . He was not active in the social space and also was an occasional church goer. Of course he was good with words and had a witty persona. One Sunday John was coming out of church after his prayers. The vicar was standing at the door, as always , to shake hands with the worshippers. Noticing John coming out of the church he grabbed him by the hand and pulled him aside.

The vicar said to him, "John, you need to join the army of the Lord." Surprised at this sudden conversation , John replied, "I'm already in the army of the Lord, Father."

So the vicar inquired, "Then how come I only see you at Christmas and at Easter?"

Without batting an eyelid John whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

News from Sevenseas

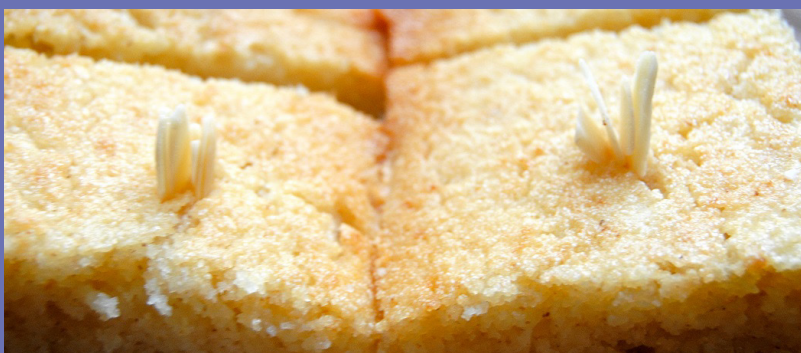
Sevenseas Coimbatore team executed an RORO shipment. The shipment was moved to Chennai by road and from Chennai to final destination. The total shipment was of 5 machines & one Electrical container cabin moved in Mafi container, the weight per machine was 50 tones and total weight of the cargo was 200,000 kgs. A few snapshots from the cargo at port



The Headquarters of Sevenseas at Bangalore moved to a corporate premises. With corporate facilities and top notch vibe the move signals the ongoing path of Sevenseas in growth mode. Our social media team has been posting pictures from the occasion. Some snapshots from the occasion on the 28th Oct 2024



Food Trail - Famous Desserts - Basbousa, Egypt



A sweet cake made of semolina and soaked in syrup, Basbousa is a delicious traditional Egyptian dessert. The syrup is often flavoured with orange flower water or rose water. Coconut, pistachios and whipped cream are some of the different additions added while serving this rich and moist cake.

Delhi taking the lion's share of India's new air cargo capacity

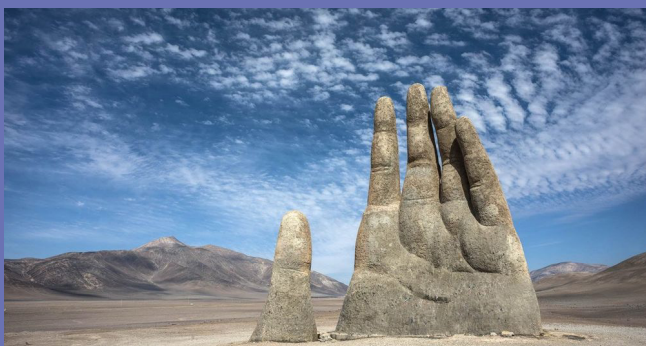
Increased demand for airfreight out of India has seen global capacity from the subcontinent rise 7% this year so far – but it's a tale of two airports, with Delhi taking on the bulk of the extra supply. As a result, Delhi Airport is becoming congested, according to local forwarders. Capacity out of the Indian sub-continent to Europe was up 10% last month, year on year, and up 9% year to date, according to source database. Capacity out of Delhi to North America was up 10.5%, while Mumbai was up just 2.6%. Last month, capacity out of Mumbai was more than 11% below last year. To the EU, Delhi capacity went up 9.4%, but just 1.6% in Mumbai in the year so far. Last month, Mumbai's capacity fell nearly 12% over 2023, while Delhi's surged more than 19%.

And Delhi is beginning to capture new transshipment traffic, such as cargo out of Bangladesh. We see a lot of Dhaka shipments moving by land-air via Delhi. Terminal Delhi is congested, and off-loading is taking time and the road freight from Bangladesh is also causing delays in off-loading due to the rush of trucks. Demand for transshipment traffic has also triggered rate rises. Airlines are trying to catch up, Air France is increasing its Delhi services to 10 a week from 29 October, but discontinuing its Chennai flights from the 27th.

Carriers battle for market share as demand falls and alliance shuffle looms

The shuffling of container shipping alliances in 2025 is prompting liner operators to fight for market share, impeding capacity discipline, despite a relentless fall in freight rates.. The operators' unwillingness to trim capacity makes it difficult to enforce a planned GRI of \$1,000-\$2,000 per 40ft for Asia-Europe services on 1 November. Currently, 504 ships, of 7.33m teu, are operating on Asia-Europe (including the Mediterranean) routes, and this is up 25% year on year. Carriers have failed to adjust Asia-North Europe capacity to match the reduction in cargo demand, with scheduled capacity from Asia expected to rebound by over 25% in the coming weeks. Apart from selective void sailings, none of the carriers on the Asia-Europe route is planning any winter capacity reductions. This would jeopardise their efforts to arrest the decline in freight rates. It speaks volumes that mainline operators remain on the hunt for tonnage, last week being one of the most active for chartering, as many new fixtures and extensions were concluded, with Maersk, CMA CGM, Cosco, Hapag-Lloyd, and Evergreen among those that committed to new charters or renewals. Sources say there is limited vessel availability across all size segments, and forward fixtures are now a common feature, even for ships of 1,500-3,000 teu, where previously they were limited to the larger sizes.

Travel Diaries – Unique places – The Hand in the desert, Chile



Mano de Desierto (Hand in the Desert) is the work of Chilean sculptor Mario Irarrázabal. Built in the early 1980s. This is a very weird work of art rising out of the sand in the middle of Chile's Atacama desert, 46 miles south of the city of Antofagasta. The larger-than-life hand towers an impressive 36 feet (11 meters). This huge unnerving sculpture captures a feeling of loneliness, exacerbated by its desolate and secluded location.

Off Beat News – Argentine Town Struggles with Parrot Invasion



The Argentine town of Hilario Ascasubi near the country's Atlantic coast has a problem not many places have ever had. It has too many parrots. Biologists say thousands of the green-yellow-and-red birds have invaded the town. These experts say deforestation has driven the birds' migration. The problem is that the birds bite the town's electric cables. This is causing electricity outages. People living in the town are also unhappy about the birds' noise making and the birds' droppings, or waste that is getting everywhere.

Daiana Lera is a biologist. She said much of Argentina's forestland has been lost over the years. As a result, the parrots are going into the cities. The hillsides are disappearing, and this is causing them to come closer to the cities to find food, shelter and water," Lera said. In the past few years, the parrots have started to arrive in the autumn and winter to seek refuge. Local people say, at times, there are up to 10 parrots for each of the town's 5,000 human inhabitants. Only during the summer do the birds migrate south to the cliffs of Patagonia for breeding season. Images show hundreds of birds perched on electric cables, buildings and churches.

The locals have tried different methods to scare away the birds, such as noise and even laser light. But nothing has worked.

Thought for the month...

Some life lessons that we can value ...

**Never reply when you are Angry
Never make a promise when you are Happy
Never make a decision when you are Sad.....**