



A deadly car attack in Germany at Magdeburg's Christmas market has left five people dead and more than 200 injured, sending shockwaves through the community and sparking widespread debate. The suspect, a 50-year-old Saudi doctor, was arrested after driving through the crowded market, causing chaos and panic. The attack has left the city of Magdeburg in mourning, with residents lighting candles and leaving flowers at a makeshift memorial. The Christmas market, a major cultural and economic event, reopened with heightened security. In Turkey an ambulance helicopter crashed into a hospital, killing four people, including two pilots and a doctor. The provincial governor attributed the accident to thick fog. Two pilots, a doctor and an employee on board the aircraft lost their lives. The month of December unfortunately sees tragedies most years and this year has been no different .

On a more pleasant news , the iconic Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris reopened its doors to the public on the 7th December, marking a huge milestone in the historic monument's recovery following the devastating fire in April 2019. The blaze, which engulfed the medieval Gothic masterpiece, Notre-Dame de Paris (Our Lady of Paris) caused widespread destruction, including the collapse of its spire and severe damage to its roof. The world watched in horror as firefighters battled to save the 850-year-old masterpiece, a symbol of France's cultural and architectural heritage. In the aftermath, a massive restoration effort was launched, mobilising architects, historians, artisans, and engineers from around the globe.

As is said, Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end . Wishing that difficulties, Pain, disappointments that were part of the year 2024 stays there and the New year brings in some much needed Cheer Wishing all of you and your Families a Very happy New year 2025 .

Here is bringing you the first edition of the New year 2025

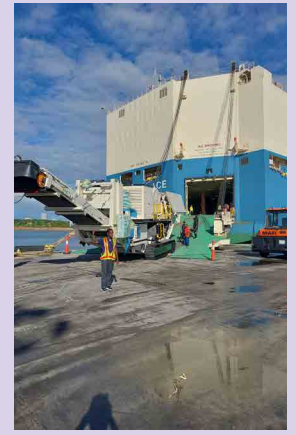
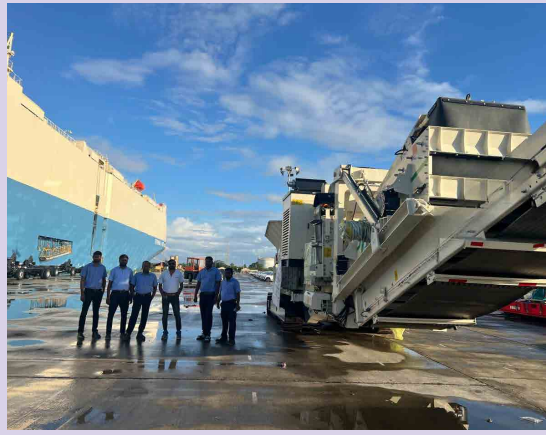
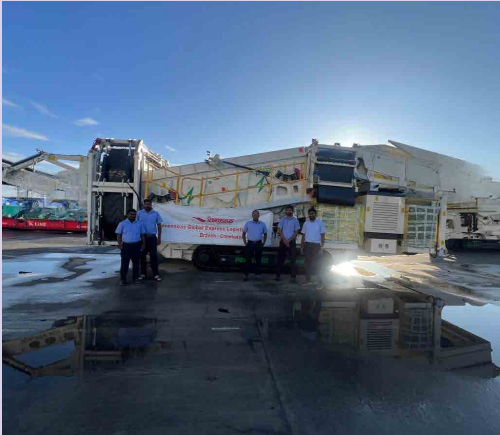
Light Moments

A man and his wife had an argument and were not on talking terms for a few days . They were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly, the man realized that the next day he would need his wife to wake him up at 5.00 in the morning for an early morning flight for a business meeting he had to attend . He was very poor at waking up to the ringing alarm and his wife was an early riser, so always asked his wife to wake him up on such occasions . But not wanting to be the first to break the silence and lose to his wife, he wrote on a piece of paper , " Please wake me up at 6.00AM." He left the paper on the table where he knew she would notice

The next morning the man woke up , only to discover that it was 9.00AM and he had missed his flight. Furious , he was about to go and see why his wife had not woken him , when he noticed a piece of paper by his bed. The paper said , " It is 5.00AM, wake up".

Moral of the story : Men are not equipped for these kind of contests

News from Sevenseas

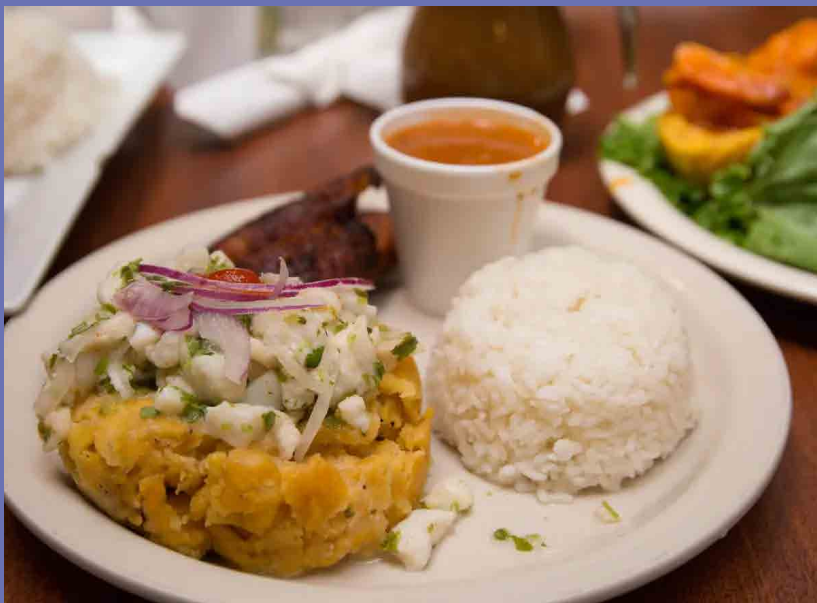


Sevenseas Coimbatore team have organized a RORO shipment executed from Chennai port . The Cargo was machinery , used in crushing applications in the construction industries . The RORO shipment was moved from Coimbatore to Chennai by road and from Chennai to final destination. There were in total 4 machines , each machine weighing 50 tons.

The weight of the cargo was 200 tons in total. This was an important order for the customer and the stuffing process was personally monitored by our staff and a team from the shipper . The loading process was undertaken in the presence of the customer .

As is normal on shipments from Coimbatore, this involved coordination between the Chennai and Coimbatore offices , and as always was handled efficiently , to the satisfaction of the shipper.

Food Trail - Mofongo - Puerto Rico



Food tourism is a hobby that many follow. It is just a travel locally or out of country to find interesting food items. There are dishes that many of us might not even have heard of. One such famous food is Mofongo. Mofongo is a plantain based dish served in Puerto Rico .Puerto Rico is a Caribbean island

Mofongo, a ball-shaped dish of pickled, fried, and then smashed plantains that are flavoured with garlic, salt, and oil in a wooden pilón, is a Puerto Rican staple usually served alongside a hearty stew or broth.

Trade News

Apparel buyers revive alternatives in India amid Bangladesh struggles

India's textile/apparel export hub of Tirupur, near Chennai, in Tamil Nadu state, is bouncing back from the days of frequent production cuts and disruption caused by a dearth of orders. According to industry sources in Tirupur, a manufacturing belt also known as the 'knitwear capital of India', most 'closed' textile units in the region have reopened, with new orders arriving from global buyers increasingly searching for alternatives to Bangladesh suppliers struggling to keep their supply chains running.

The president of the Tirupur Exporters' Association (TEA) told that business prospects had significantly brightened after a couple of bad years. Tirupur production has now returned to an almost 90% level. They are gearing up for the demand boom developing across the garment-making verticals. The Tirupur cluster houses some 2,000 large factories and some 20,000 ancillary units. Exporting units have begun to field a flurry of enquiries from several big global brands, with order conversions expected for shipment early next year. Potential European buyers include Primark, Tesco, M&S, Next, George, Decathlon, Vamer and Duns, with Gap, Guess, Walmart, Costco and JCPenny leading the US interest bandwagon. Sources say they expect the Tirupur industry to end the fiscal year 2024-25 with a \$5bn export turnover, following \$3.9bn last year. Meanwhile, Indian RMG exports, by value, in November were up 10% year on year, according to new data released by the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC).

The growth in the US and UK is picking up, which are India's top markets. Additionally, a resurgence in garment exports will significantly boost air freight demand out of India, according to industry observers – that view is a key factor driving massive airline fleet expansions in the country, with a 100-aircraft order from Air India last week the latest investment. It is anticipated that fleet developments will bolster the efficiency of air cargo logistics. Bangladesh cross-border cargo continues to flow through Indian airports, particularly Delhi's air cargo complex. Also, Customs at Nhava Sheva recently updated an order allowing Bangladesh transshipment cargo, indicating India's willingness to keep regional trade interests going, despite geopolitical strains and its opportunistic RMG trade gains out of the trade disruption in its neighbor.

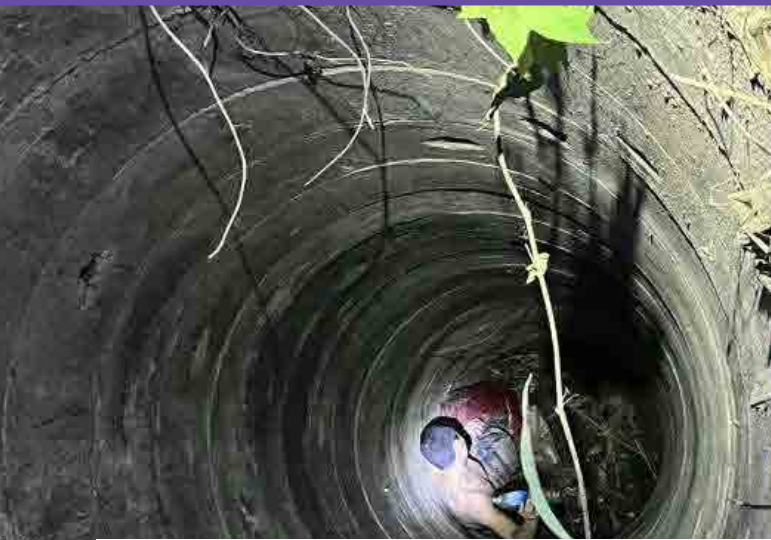
Travel Diaries – Abu Sibel, Egypt



Located on the western bank of Lake Nasser, the two massive rock-cut temples of Abu Simbel are a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of ancient Egypt's most impressive sights. Built in the 13th century to commemorate a victorious battle and to immortalise Pharaoh Ramses II, the temple features four gigantic statues of Ramses himself, carved into a cliff face, unblinking as they purvey the entrance into Egypt from Africa. The temple was discovered by a Swiss explorer in 1813, buried deep in sand, and over a century on had to be moved from its original location as the high dam in Aswan threatened to

submerge the temple in what became Lake Nasser. The temples of Abu Simbel are best reached on a return flight from the Nubian city of Aswan with a few hours dedicated to exploring the inner sanctuary and marvel at the bas-reliefs.

Off Beat News - Man Spends 3 Days Stuck in well as People Mistook His Cries for Ghost Wailing



A 22-year-old man spent three days trapped at the bottom of a 12-meter-deep well because villagers who heard his cries for help thought he was a wailing ghost and wouldn't approach the well. It's unclear what Liu Chuanyi, a young Chinese national, was doing in the forest on the border between Thailand and Myanmar, but he somehow fell into an abandoned well on the outskirts of a small village. Authorities believe he was trekking through the woods when he fell into the 12-meter-deep hole, sustaining serious injuries, like a fractured wrist and cerebral concussion. At first, he started shouting for help as loudly as he could, but as the hours passed, he realized he would exhaust himself quickly and diminish his chances of being rescued. He was right, he spent the next three days and three nights at the bottom of the well, with no food or water, and had he not saved his energy, he would have probably died there. After desperately shouting for help when he first fell into the abandoned well, Liu Chuanyi began shouting for help only once every hour to save his strength. Even so, his cries went unanswered not because no one heard them, but because people who did were convinced they were the cries of a ghost. Instead of approaching the well, nearby villagers stayed away, afraid of being attacked by spirits.

Luckily for Liu, someone alerted the police about bizarre sounds coming from the forest, and as they investigated the area they stumbled over the well he had fallen into. The rescue operation took about 30 minutes, but Liu's emaciated body showed just how much he had to endure over three days and nights without food or water.

There is still a lot about this story that we don't know, such as Liu Chuanyi's presence so far from home, but authorities plan to question him as soon as he leaves the hospital.

Thought for the month...

Some life lessons that we can value ...

**Don't climb mountains so that people can see you.
Climb mountains so that you can see the world**

- Team Sevenseas - India