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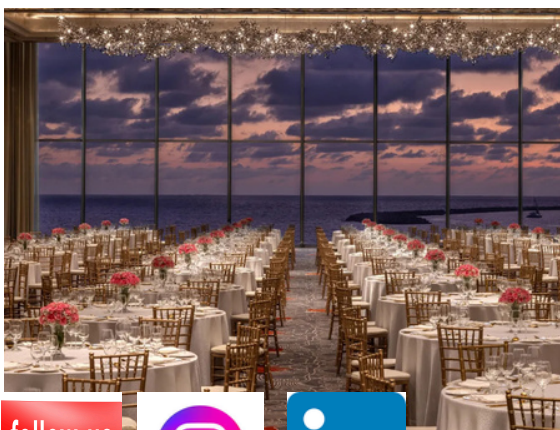
SRI LANKA AWAITS FFN MEMBERS.

Sri Lanka is known as the "Pearl of the Indian Ocean" due to its natural beauty.

The country is home to eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the ancient city of Sigiriya, the sacred city of Kandy, and the old town of Galle.

It is one of the best places in the world for wildlife enthusiasts.

It has a unique cuisine with diverse flavors and influence.



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India's Strategic Moves in Logistics, Trade, and Global Market Expansion for 2025

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Robust Growth in Logistics Sector in 2025:

India's industrial and logistics sector is expected to experience strong growth in 2025, driven by rising demand for warehousing, especially from e-commerce companies. Key factors contributing to this growth include increased investment-grade supply, finalization of pending transactions, and greater demand from e-commerce players. The third-party logistics (3PL) sector will remain a major occupier, alongside sectors like engineering, manufacturing, FMCG, and e-commerce.

Global Resurgence of Traditional Indian Beverage (Goli Soda):

Goli Soda, rebranded as Goli Pop Soda, is making a global comeback. The beverage has successfully entered international markets such as the USA, UK, Europe, and Gulf countries, with strong support from strategic partnerships, including one with Lulu Hypermarket. Goli Pop Soda is quickly becoming popular in the UK, highlighting India's growing influence in the global beverage market.

Government Considers Duty Cuts on Harley Bikes, Bourbon Whiskey:

The Indian government is considering further reducing import duties on products like Harley-Davidson motorcycles, bourbon whiskey, and Californian wine as part of ongoing trade talks with the United States. The goal is to reduce tariffs and enhance trade relations. Past tariff cuts have already made these products more affordable, and further reductions are under discussion.

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India Imposes Anti-Dumping Duties on 5 Chinese Products:

India has imposed anti-dumping duties on five products from China, including vacuum flasks, aluminium foil, PVC paste resin, and other industrial materials. The duties aim to protect domestic manufacturers from below-cost imports. The duties will apply for five years for most products, with a six-month duty on aluminium foil.

Singapore and India Sign Lol for Maritime Digitalisation and Decarbonisation:

Singapore and India have signed a Letter of Intent (Lol) to collaborate on maritime digitalisation and decarbonisation. The agreement, signed by senior officials from both countries, aims to develop a Singapore-India Green and Digital Shipping Corridor (GDSC). This partnership will focus on enhancing the adoption of zero-emission technologies and digital solutions in the maritime sector. India, a key player in IT and green fuel production, and Singapore, a major transshipment hub, are well-positioned to drive innovation and research in these areas.

Minister Sonowal's Participation in Singapore Maritime Week:

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal participated in the Singapore Maritime Week (SMW) 2025, where he discussed global maritime challenges and India's vision for the future. He emphasized the need for strengthening maritime connectivity, sustainable practices, and green shipping technologies. Sonowal highlighted India's maritime policy initiatives, such as ONOP, NLP (Marine), and MAITRI, aimed at streamlining port operations and enhancing digitalisation. India is also collaborating with the UAE and Singapore to establish Virtual Trade Corridors for seamless cargo movement.

Coffee Exports Surge by 40% in April-Feb:

India's coffee exports have witnessed a remarkable surge of over 40% in the April-February period of the current financial year, crossing the \$1.54 billion mark compared to \$1.10 billion last year, driven by rising global prices. In February alone, coffee shipments increased by 22% in value, reaching \$178.68 million. In rupee terms, exports rose by 43.37%, totaling Rs 13,004.75 crore during April-February 2024-25. Key export destinations include Italy (19.01% share), Germany (12.42%), Russia (5.76%), and Belgium (5.76%), with the UAE holding a 5.55% share. The US ranks 6th, accounting for 4.05% of total exports.

At Globus Logisys, our mission is to simplify global trade by providing tailored logistics solutions that evolve with the dynamic needs of businesses. We are dedicated to delivering excellence through cutting-edge technology, sustainable practices, and an unwavering commitment to customer satisfaction.



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MEETING WITH DERUDDER

A warm welcome to Mr. Christophe Derudder visited Vertex Shanghai office on Feb 14th, after few years' cooperation.

During the meeting, we exchanged some basic information with each other about the main business doing by Derudder and Vertex, we also update some new regulation and situation of the Chinese market demanding on French wine and congac business.

We were so appreciated to had Mr.Derudder giving us the knowledge of the domestic transportation within France, which let us have more clear picture to offering the right solution to the customer of the import products to China.



We enjoyed the meeting and we are going to keep on more discussion to develop the cooperation, especially on food products between the two countries.