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THE EAST INDIA COMPANY SHIPS

Pioneers of Global Maritime

Established in 1600, the East India Company played a major role in shaping international trade routes, maritime transportation, and early supply chain systems between Europe and Asia.

The East India Company operated a large fleet of merchant vessels known as “East Indiamen.” These ships transported spices, tea, silk, cotton, indigo, and other valuable goods from India, China, and Southeast Asia to Britain and other European markets. The voyages were long and risky. They often sailed through waters threatened by pirates and rival naval powers, so the ships were equipped with defensive cannons and were built to withstand long journeys and harsh weather conditions. Voyages often lasted several months across rough seas, requiring efficient planning and making cargo management extremely important.



The company developed advanced logistics practices for its time. Warehouses were built near major ports to store goods before shipment, while detailed inventory records helped manage trade efficiently. Ships followed carefully planned maritime routes, stopping at strategic ports for repairs, supplies, and trade exchanges. This system laid the foundation for modern concepts such as inventory control, port logistics, cargo consolidation, and international distribution networks.

One of the most significant contributions of the East India Company was the creation of organized global trade corridors. Ports such as the Port of London, the Port of Calcutta, and the Port of Madras became important centres of maritime commerce and logistics operations.

Although the company is also remembered for its colonial influence, its shipping systems greatly influenced the evolution of global logistics and maritime trade. Many modern shipping, warehousing, and cargo-handling practices trace their origins to the organized trade networks developed during the era of the East India Company.

Ships start sailing through Hormuz under UN evacuation scheme

Ships have begun sailing through the Strait of Hormuz under a newly established maritime transit arrangement designed to help vessels stranded by the recent regional conflict. The initiative, finalized after months of planning, is expected to allow hundreds of ships and thousands of seafarers trapped inside the Gulf to safely leave the area.



Recent ship-tracking data shows that several dry bulk and cargo vessels have successfully transited the strait under the new framework. In addition, multiple oil tankers carrying millions of barrels of crude oil have also departed the region, although it remains unclear whether they are operating under the same arrangement.

The plan introduces two temporary outbound routes: a northern route through Iranian waters and a southern route via "the Sultanate of Oman/United States-coordinated waters". Ships are required to await navigation instructions before proceeding, as officials seek to prevent congestion and ensure safe passage through the narrow waterway.



The traditional traffic routing system through the strait has been disrupted due to security concerns, including the potential presence of naval hazards. As a result, the central navigation channel is currently considered unsafe for commercial traffic.

Shipping activity in the area has increased in recent days, with daily vessel movements rising significantly compared to the lowest levels recorded during the conflict. However, traffic remains well below normal volumes seen before hostilities began.

Many vessels have resumed transmitting public tracking signals, although navigation monitoring continues to be affected by signal disruptions and incomplete reporting. Estimates suggest that between 500 and 600 vessels remain stranded within the Gulf, including up to 100 tankers.

The temporary transit arrangement was introduced to address growing concerns over navigational safety and the heightened risk of collisions. Vessel operators remain responsible for conducting their own risk assessments, and authorities have warned that movements may be suspended at any time if safety or security conditions deteriorate.

NAVIO SPOTLIGHT

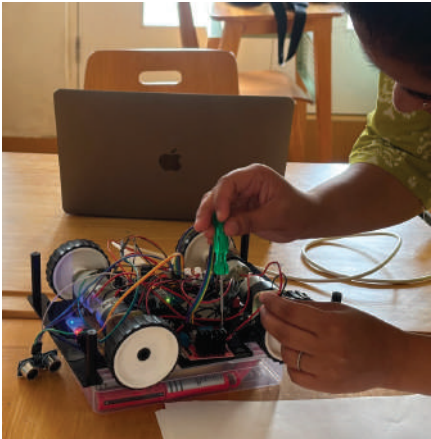
Navio Shipping Pvt. Ltd. participated in the 34th Foundation Day Celebration and EU-India Business Excellence Awards 2026, organized by the Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India



Navio Shipping was proud to be part of the Discovery Summer Camp 2026 at Vijaybhoomi Singapore International School, where our CEO, Mr. Biju Sivakumar, graced the Grand Finale as Chief Guest. Addressing students, parents, and faculty, he highlighted the importance of leadership, collaboration, creativity, and adaptability—qualities essential for success in today's world.



The camp provided students with immersive experiences in robotics, sports, music, filmmaking, and law, helping them discover their potential through hands-on learning. At Navio, we believe in nurturing future talent and are honoured to support initiatives that inspire young minds to learn, grow, and lead with confidence.



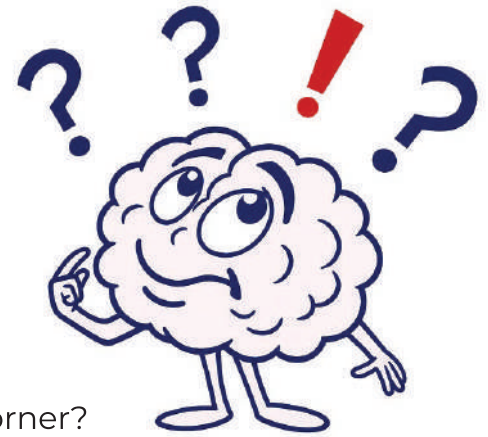
To mark International Yoga Day, colleagues across India came together for a yoga session focused on mindfulness, movement, and holistic wellness.



GAMES

BRAIN TEASERS

1. What has hands but cannot clap?
2. What gets wetter the more it dries?
3. What has keys but opens no locks?
4. What question can you never answer "yes" to?
5. What begins with T, ends with T, and has T in it?
6. I have branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves. What am I?
7. What kind of band never plays music?
8. What can travel around the world while staying in one corner?



Answers : 1. Clock, 2. Towel, 3. Piano, 4. Are you sleeping?, 5. Teapot, 6. Bank, 7. Rubberband, 8. Stamp

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QUOTE

“Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value.” – Albert Einstein

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