

### **CRUISE SHIP MV SEVEN SEAS VOYAGER VISITS MORMUGAO PORT**

The second luxury cruise liner for the current cruise tourism season M.V. SEVEN SEAS VOYAGER arrived at Mormugao Port on 20<sup>TH</sup> November 2017 and was berthed at the cruise berth terminal on its arrival. The vessel sailed in from Mumbai Port with high end guests of different nationalities. The Officials of the GTDC, Govt of Goa, were present at the cruise berth terminal to receive the guests and they were given a warm and traditional Goan welcome. Goan folk dances, and music with a live brass band in attendance was the highlight of the pageantry at the MPT cruise terminal. The cruise ship arrived with 545 pax and a crew of 445 on board.

The cruise liner brought in high end guests from USA (208), Canada(70), UK(62), Australia (49), Germany(30), Switzerland (34) as well as from Mexico, New Zealand, Brazil, Norway, Spain and Ireland.

On disembarking, the visitors were taken for a sight-seeing tour of Goa's famous tourists locations of churches, temples, beaches in the north and south Goa, spice gardens, Panjim city etc. The ground arrangement for sight-seeing tours was handled by M/s. ITB. Luxury coaches and tourists taxis were at the disposal of the visiting guests to take them around sight-seeing in Goa.

The arrangements for sight-seeing tours in and around Goa were handled smoothly by the local tour operators without any loss of time. The Port authorities rendered all support and cooperation for smooth handling of the cruise passengers. The tour operators and other stakeholders involved in handling the cruise liners at the terminal are happy with the facilities provided by the Port. With the smooth functioning of the pre-paid taxi counter managed by GTDC, at the cruise terminal there is no room for any complaints from the trade.

M/s. J. M. Baxi & Co., were the Shipping Agents for the cruise liner and handled all the ground logistics thereby making the short stay of the visiting guests a memorable experience. The cruise liner sailed to New Mangalore port later in the evening





