

## M S AZAMARA JOURNEY VISITS MORMUGAO PORT

Luxury cruise liner M S AZAMARA JOURNEY arrived from Mumbai port at Mormugao on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at noon and was berthed at the Cruise Berth Terminal. The Luxury cruise liner began its voyage route starting from Dubai and comprising destinations of India-Mumbai, Goa, Cochin, Colombo, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand. The Luxury liner arrived at Mormugao with 613 high end guests and 399 crew members from its last port of Mumbai. The Guests were given warm Traditional Goan welcome by presenting Goan folk dances at the landing terminal.



The High end guests comprising various nationalities such as Australia (207), UK (160), Canada(57), Germany(29), New Zealand (12) and other nationalities. The Guests on arrival visited Old Goa, Panaji, Spice Gardens , Churches, major Goan beaches, Temples in North and South Goa. 18 passengers disembarked at Goa and took overland tour to Taj Mahal by air. The visit of high end guests to Goa by luxury cruise liners gives a boost to the Goan economy in the tourism sector and translates into direct financial benefits to all the stakeholders in the tourism industry. The Port Authority acts



as a facilitator to supplement the efforts of the Government of Goa, to boost the cruise tourism in the State.

M/s J M Baxi were the shipping agents for the Luxury cruise liner, while Mormugao Port provided all the logistical support and also facilitated port visit for the family members of the Goan crew on board. The local sightseeing tours and shore excursion were conducted by M/s Travelsmith. The Luxury cruise liner sailed on the same day for its next destination port of Cochin. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> cruise liner to visit the port during the month of November 2017.

