

## FIFTH CRUISE LINER VISITS MORMUGAO PORT WITH 2019 PAX

Sailing into Mormugao Port from the Gulf region port of Muscat with 2019 high end guests and another 595 crew members, MS AIDABELLA operated by AIDA Cruises was the 5<sup>th</sup> cruise liner to dock at Mormugao port during the current cruise tourism season. The visiting guests were given a warm traditional welcome by the Officials of the Goa Tourism and Development Corporation. They were totally impressed with the display of colourful Goan folk dances set to foot tapping live music showcasing rich Goan culture on landing at the cruise terminal.

The high end guests who visited Goa hailed from Phillipines (227), Germany (133), Indonesia (57), India (106), Ukraine (18) besides from other nationalities. Around 163 passengers were extended the E -Visa clearance facilities on landing at Mormugao and facilitated their excursion to various tourists' locations in Goa. Arrangements were also made by the Shipping Agents M/s. J M Baxi & Co. to give immediate clearance to 16 passengers besides one escort crew member for overland tour.

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 the main operator M/s. International Travel Bureau. Luxury coaches and tourists taxis were at the disposal of the visiting guests to take them around sight-seeing in Goa. The cruise liner sailed to New Mangalore Port with the guests later in the evening carrying with them sweet memories of their visit to the land of sun and sand.



