



From Womb to Tomb - and sometimes beyond NATIONAL UNION OF SEAFARERS OF INDIA

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Dear brothers and sisters,

Sub : **NUSI declared "Majority Union" in Andaman & Nicobar Islands**

This is my first interaction with you in my capacity as NUSI General Secretary cum Treasurer. And my very first interaction itself bring a powerful message on a very strong note for our National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) and all our seafarers.

We are all aware about the strategic importance of our Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Government of India has always given special attention to all activities of Andaman and Nicobar as these islands, while being located in far Bay of Bengal are very close to South East Asia. Maritime Shipping plays a very crucial role in maintaining the supply chain and is the lifeline of the local Island residents. Everything is dependent on the ships which carry passengers and other government and private cargo of different kinds.

The major fleet is operated by the Govt of UT and the seafarers engaged onboard the passengers are the Local Seafarers of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The agreements of our National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) and its welfare activities have given protection and benefitted all our seafarers and their families in the Andaman and Nicobar islands.

We are pleased to inform you that on 28th October, 2022 our National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) is once declared and recognized as the "**MAJORITY UNION**" in the Mainland Island fleet and the Foreshore Fleet for another period of five (5) years. All this was possible because of the dedication, trust and faith our seafarers have in NUSI. You are aware that NUSI was previously given majority for 5 years and with courage and determination had revised and implemented the wage agreement for the period from 2008 to 2018 which was long pending.

NUSI Port Blair Branch office in co-ordination with NUSI Head Office has been providing all assistance and fighting for the rights of our seafarers serving on the ships in this important sector.

NUSI shall now enter into immediate wage revision for our Local Seafarers of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and once again give a **TAGDA WAGE AGREEMENT** for the betterment of Seafarers and their families.

Our seafarers and their families are very happy of the Majority of NUSI. More good news to follow.

NUSI will continue to work hard for the benefit of all our members and their family by giving strong agreement for service on all Indian and foreign flags ships.

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With Warm Regards,

(Milind Kandalgaonkar)

General Secretary cum Treasurer