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12650	21269	2387	36306

ALL INDIA CREW CHANGE
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PORTS	SIGN ON	SIGN OFF
Alang	15	354
Bedi	8	85
Beypore	2	4
Chennai	63	207
Cochin	437	2593
Cuddalore	9	12
Dahej	234	427
Dhamra	7	78
Ennore	44	105
Gangavaram	15	67
Goa	1	1449
Gopalpur	1	7
Haldia	254	531
Hazira	72	195
JNPT	148	395
Kakinada	56	128
Kandla	96	306
Karwar	18	40
Key Gibraltore Via Ocean Tanzanite	1	7
Krishnapatnam	139	235
Mangalore	33	110
Mormugao	81	1298
Mumbai	446	9104
Mundra	111	329
New Mangalore	342	706

Paradip	195	556
Pipavav	20	22
Port Blair	41	173
Ratnagiri	3	13
Sikka	121	552
Surat	4	12
TUNA / KANDLA	5	12
Tuticorin	43	231
Vadinar	103	324
Visakhapatnam	66	166
Vizag	60	160
VIZHINJAM	27	230
Grand Total	12650	21269

UKRAINE WAR COULD DISRUPT MOVEMENT OF SEAFARERS FOR GLOBAL FLEET

A prolonged war could see Indian seafarers in great demand, say shipping officials

The global shipping trade is already under tremendous pressure due to container shortage. The Russian aggression on Ukraine is all set to aggravate this situation further with a possible disruption in movement of seafarers globally. Russia and Ukraine contribute nearly 15 per cent of global seafarers. Also, if the war situation continues for a longer period, Indian seafarers could be in great demand as the country contributes nearly 10 per cent to the global fleet, say officials in the shipping industry. Some of the other major suppliers of seafarers are China and the Philippines.

ICS warns of supply chain disruption

The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), representing 80 per cent of the world's merchant fleet, has warned of supply chain disruption if the free movement of Ukrainian and Russian seafarers is impeded. The Seafarer Workforce Report, published in 2021, reports that 1.89 million seafarers currently operate on over 74,000 vessels in the global merchant fleet. Of this, 198,123 (10.5 per cent) are Russian and 76,442 (4 per cent) Ukrainian seafarers. Combined, they represent 14.5 per cent of the global workforce. Shipping is currently responsible for the movement of nearly 90 per cent of global trade. To maintain unfettered trade, seafarers must be able to join and disembark ships (crew change) freely across the world. With flights cancelled in the war region, this will become increasingly difficult. The ability to pay seafarers also needs to be maintained via international banking systems. ICS has previously warned of a shortage of merchant sailors to crew commercial ships if action is not taken to boost the numbers. This has been compounded by draconian travel restrictions, brought on by the pandemic, that saw seafarers unable to crew change and resulted in thousands overstaying contracted periods at sea. The average ship has a mix of at least three nationalities on board, and sometimes as many as thirty. Guy Platten, Secretary General of ICS, called on all parties to ensure that seafarers do not become the collateral damage of any action that governments or others may take. Seafarers have been at the forefront of keeping trade flowing through the pandemic and he hoped all parties will continue to facilitate free passage of goods and these key workers at this time. K Vivekanand, former Pro Vice Chancellor at Vels University, and former Master Mariner with 26 years of sailing, said It is a bit early in the day to predict the impact of this war on the hundreds of seafarers, particularly from Ukraine, who man foreign flag ships all over the world. Those who are on board ships will not be in a hurry to get back to Ukraine, till things stabilise. Problems will arise when their tenure on board is completed, and they have to be replaced. If that cannot happen, then the chances of seafarers of other countries being recruited will increase, and it is likely that seafarers from India will gain a foothold in the shipping companies, which have so far looked at Ukraine as their main source of manpower, he said. "Every cloud has a silver lining, however, tragically it is created," he added

Source: The Hindu Business Line

INDIA RESTORES 5-YEAR E-TOURIST VISAS WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT

The government also stated that it has restored old, long terms regular (paper) tourist visa with 5-year validity issued to nationals of all countries.

The Indian government has restored 5-year e-tourist visa, suspended since March 2020, to nationals of 156 countries with immediate effect, news agency PTI reported quoting officials. The government also stated that it has restored old, long terms regular (paper) tourist visa with 5-year validity which is issued to nationals of all countries. Furthermore, the government informed that long duration (10 years) regular tourist visa is restored for USA, Japan nationals. The 5-year visit visa is a tourist visa granted to foreign nationals who wish to visit India for continuous trips, and is valid for 5 years. The maximum number of days that a foreign national can stay in India is 90 days per visit. However, the applicant bearing the 5-year visa can make multiple entries in India.

Source: Business Line

BOOSTER DOSE: NRI COMMISSION SEEKS RELAXATION FOR SEAFARERS

“We were told the booster dose could be taken after six months, but we are waiting for the government to take a call on this,” said Frank Viegas, president of the Goan Seamen Association of India.

The NRI commission has written to the health department seeking relaxation in the nine-month period between the second dose of the Covishield vaccine and the booster for seafarers undertaking international travel. NRI director Anthony D’Souza, wrote to the under secretary (health) stating that the director general of shipping has designated seafarers as key workers providing an essential service vide a circular dated December 21, 2020. Several foreign companies seek the third Covid vaccine certificate before allowing seafarers to sign onboard or before re-employing them, D’Souza said. “We were told the booster dose could be taken after six months, but we are waiting for the government to take a call on this,” said Frank Viegas, president of the Goan Seamen Association of India. As on date, the nine-month period has been relaxed only for polling staff, state immunisation officer, Dr Rajendra Borkar said. “Unless the government issues an order that the respective collectors will certify their documentation, we’re helpless,” he said.

Source: Times of India

CREW CHANGE PROGRESS AS INDIA OPENS UP ITS SKIES FOR FIRST TIME IN TWO YEARS

Crew travel specialists are breathing easier with key seafarer nations opening up their skies for more planes as Covid restrictions ease.

India will resume scheduled international flights from March 27, two years after they were suspended on March 23 2020. The government has decided to restart scheduled commercial passenger services to and from India in light of the decline in Covid cases, increased vaccination coverage across the globe and consultation with stakeholders. Over in Manila, home to another vital outlet of crews for the world's merchant fleet, Philippine Airlines said this week it will add more than 1,500 international and domestic flights this month. Scheduled flights will increase by more than 50%. "We are reasonably optimistic that air travel will rebound in the months ahead," said Stanley Ng, who became acting president and chief operating officer of the airline at the end of January.

Source: Splash247

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