



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

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Sub: ITF Seafarers Trust Shore Leave Survey

Shore leave for all ranks of seafarers, serving on all types of ships is very very important. Whether it is a merchant ship carrying cargo or cruise ship carrying passengers, or dredgers, tugs etc., all seafarers have a right to shore leave.

Unfortunately getting shore leave is not so simple in many parts of the world. Reasons or excuses for denial of shore leave can be a short stay, no shore welfare facilities, no conveyance, difficult immigration formalities, non-issuance of shore passes, corruption, less manning and many more.

You are aware that National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) has always raised the issue of shore leave at national and international level. Recently the Director General of Shipping has issued necessary guidelines for the issuance of the shore passes and has also highlighted the role of NUSI in this matter.

The ITF Seafarers Trust is appealing to all seafarers to fill-up the Shore Leave Survey. This will give us more details about the matter from the seafarers themselves. This will also enable the all concerned, including seafarers to continue their just demand for shore leave. Kindly go through the message from the ITF Seafarers Trust and make sure that you fill-up the survey. It is for the collective benefit of seafarers throughout the world.

I am sure you will take part in this important survey.

Please click the link in the ITF Seafarers Trust message to complete the survey.

Long Live NUSI,

Long Live Seafarers Unity

Yours sincerely,

(Milind Kandalgaonkar)
General Secretary-cum-Treasurer

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London, 16 May 2024

E Circular to affiliates and welfare organisations

RE: Shore Leave Survey: <https://bit.ly/ShoreleaveSurvey>

Dear friends,

The ITF Seafarers' Trust provides grants to improve facilities and services for seafarers in ports, such as seafarers' centres and vehicles. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, access to shore leave appears to have decreased with reports of seafarers not being allowed shore leave for extended periods, lack of access to shore based facilities and shorter periods in port. We're asking seafarers to complete our confidential shore leave survey so we can get a real picture of what the issues and challenges around shore leave are. The information from the survey will help us make grants that really can improve seafarers' shore leave and access to services and will help us and our partners campaign for better shore leave provision.

You can access the survey online, on a phone or other mobile device, or on a computer here:

<https://bit.ly/ShoreleaveSurvey>

We are asking our partners to share information about the survey on their website or social media to get a worldwide understanding of the issues impacting seafarers' access to shore leave.

Shareable graphics and posters about the survey can be found here: [Shore Leave Survey](#)

You can also share the survey posts on our social media:

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Higginbottom', written over a horizontal line.

Katie Higginbottom

Head of the ITF Seafarers' Trust