

## **Ministry of Shipping issues directives to Major Ports as a preventive measure against Corona Virus**

With reference to outbreak of Corona Virus in China, Ministry of Shipping has issued necessary directions to Major Ports which includes;

- Major Ports to place a screening, detection and quarantine system immediately for disembarking Seafarers or Cruise Passengers
- To obtain self-declaration from arriving crews/passengers
- To install thermal scanners and procurement of N-95 masks
- To create awareness about Corona virus among the travellers at Ports and Port officials/PHO.

Following action has been taken by Major Ports:

- SoP for Disease surveillance / Vessel and Crew/Passenger Management
- Advisory for all stakeholders
- Thermal Scanners during exit from Port Prohibited Area
- Isolation ward at Port Hospital Premises / Throat Swab Collection by District Authority
- Referral to Higher Centres in severe cases
- IEC activities through electronic/print media/ LED Display Boards of Port Trust / Display in Port Hospital.

Daily Reporting is being done to Cabinet Secretariat about the status of Vessels at Major Ports and screening of Crew members/ Passengers. Between 27<sup>th</sup> January and 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, 85 ships from China and 4274 passengers have been screened.