

68 th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 22.01.2026		
S.No	Agenda	Decision Taken
1	Malpractice noticed on MTI Exit Exam at R.R. Marines Academy, Jaipur	PO, MMD Kandla gave the presentation and updated that the exit exam review is still underway, and the promoter's statement is pending due to medical issues. It was decided to complete video/document analysis, record the promoter's and candidates' statements at the earliest possible Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting.
2	Application for Course Approval No.100798-applied by M/s. Sriram Institute of Marine Studies	PO, MMD Kandla gave the presentation and updated that the institute has addressed several issues, but there are key deficiencies especially compliant launching facilities remain unresolved. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting.
3	Application for Course Approval No.100830-applied by M/s. Centre for Maritime Education and Training.	PO, MMD Kandla gave the presentation and updated that after detailed deliberations and noting, all observations raised during inspection were satisfactorily complied with. Decision: PO, MMD, Kandla recommendations were accepted.
4	Application for Course Approval No.100833-applied by M/s. Centre for Maritime Education and Training.	PO, MMD Kandla gave the presentation and updated that after detailed deliberations and noting, all observations raised during inspection were satisfactorily complied. Decision: PO, MMD, Kandla recommendations were accepted.
5	Application for Course Approval No.100858-applied by M/s. Centre for Maritime Education and Training.	PO, MMD Kandla gave the presentation and updated that after detailed deliberations and noting, all observations raised during inspection were satisfactorily complied. Decision: PO, MMD, Kandla recommendations were accepted.
6	Application for Course Approval No.100872-applied by M/s. Centre for Maritime Education and Training.	PO, MMD Kandla gave the presentation and updated that after detailed deliberations and noting, all observations raised during inspection were satisfactorily complied. Decision: PO, MMD, Kandla recommendations were accepted.
7	Application for Course Approval No.100874-applied by M/s. Centre for Maritime Education and Training.	PO, MMD Kandla gave the presentation and updated that after detailed deliberations and noting, all observations raised during inspection were satisfactorily complied. Decision: PO, MMD, Kandla recommendations were accepted.
8	Application for Course Approval No.100883-applied by M/s. Centre for Maritime Education and Training.	PO, MMD Kandla gave the presentation and updated that after detailed deliberations and noting, all observations raised during inspection were satisfactorily complied. Decision: PO, MMD, Kandla recommendations were accepted.
9	Application for Course Approval No.100772-applied by M/s. HSNA Maritime Education & Research-Mahona.	PO, MMD Kandla gave the presentation and updated that the infrastructure is reported satisfactory, availability of facilities including workshop, swimming pool, classrooms, hostel, and faculty, and confirmed that all 12 inspection observations had been complied with.

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		However, Board raised concerns regarding mandatory Shipboard requirements for GP Rating as per the Training Manual and tie-up with approved RPSL agencies/shipping companies. It was noted that the current application did not include documentary evidence of Shipboard MoUs. The PO MMD is directed to submit a revised report explicitly addressing the requirements. Decision: The agenda was deferred in the next meeting.
10	Application for Course Approval No.100877-applied by M/s. Rajaram Mahavidyalay Institute of Marine Engineering.	PO, MMD Kandla gave the presentation and updated that the institute has demonstrated adequate infrastructure, accommodation capacity, and teaching facilities, the Board noted two critical deficiencies: (i) The mandatory CIP grading is pending, as the institute has not yet undergone CIP, which is a prerequisite as per DGS Training Manual (ii) Due to shipboard training placement percentage gaps, the institute does not presently qualify for enhancement of intake capacity for either GP Rating or CCMC. The Board unanimously decided that the proposal shall be kept on hold until both the criteria fulfilled by the institute. Decision: This agenda was deferred till March 2026.
11	Strategy for increasing the share of Indian Seafarers from 12% to 20% Globally:	DDG Training updated that the discussions with industry bodies INSA, MASSA, FOSMA, and with DSS A&N/SCI are ongoing and may yield an additional 200–300 GP Rating/CCMC berths. Merchant Navy career-promotion activities through school and NCC outreach continue, and all MMDs will nominate one officer to accompany the outreach agency 3 BEES during field events.
12	Indian Merchant Navy Entrance Test / Draft Circular on IMU-CET	DDG Training informed that there are no updates on this.
13	Merchant Navy – An Ideal Career Option: [merged agenda on 'Rajdhani Republic Day Camp' with this agenda]	DDG Training informed that there are no updates on this.
14	STCW Compliance Board:	DDG Training updated that the STCW Compliance Board meetings have now been institutionalized and are being conducted regularly, with the present meeting being the 68 th in the series. It was further informed that provisions for formalizing the STCW Compliance Board within the MS Rules have been included in the draft amendment.
15	Revamped Maritime Training Institute Module on E- Governance	DDG Training updated that the redevelopment of the Maritime Training Institute (MTI) module under the e-Governance system is in progress, with the work order already issued to ARI.

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	Platform-FRS / SRS – helpline and escalation matrix	
16	Faculty Development Program:	DDG Training updated that the FDP & LMS are the part of Training Ecosystem and has undergone multiple rounds of internal iteration, with the detailed draft already circulated to concerned officers.
17	Learning Management System:	The designated committee shall convene to review the document in detail and provide consolidated recommendations for finalization.
18	Infrastructure improvement scheme at MTIs – One centre of excellence to be set up (MTI at Powai) and Maritime Training Institute Infrastructure Standardization / Categorization:	DDG Training informed that there are no updates on this.
19	“Sagar Mey Yog” - Wellness Module as a structured ‘Life Skill’ for each mariner :	DDG Training updated that the DDG (Welfare) has drafted the circular and syllabus for the proposed Sagar Mey Yog module to be introduced across all MTIs.
20	Sagar Mey Samman” Module –	No updates on this from DDG Crew Welfare.
21	Web Based Simulation:	The designated committee shall convene to review the document in detail and provide consolidated recommendations for finalization.
22	Artificial Intelligence & Virtual Reality/ Immersive Technology strategy and road map in Training	DDG Training informed that there are no updates on this.
23	Safety First Culture – “सुरक्षा सर्वप्रथम-हमेशा” :	DDG Training informed that there are no updates on this.
24	National Maritime Games:	DDG Training updated that the previous National Maritime Games were successfully conducted in March–April 2025. For the upcoming edition, DGS has shared the draft MoU with Ganpat University, and the event will now be organized in collaboration with Ganpat University.
25	Maritime Domain-Growth and Transition Module:	DDG Training informed that there are no updates on this.
26	Maritime Training Conclave- Annual:	DDG Training updated that the proposal to conduct the Annual Maritime Training Conclave in Mumbai during the upcoming month, with participation from all key stakeholders including MTIs, MMDs and industry bodies.
27	Exposure visit for cadets and trainees - I.M.O Strategic	DDG Training informed that there are no updates on this.

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	Engagement- 'Catch them young:	
28	Skill Development & Infrastructure Development Support Schemes – Central Government Ministry/ State Government State Maritime Boards/ Private Institutes support schemes:	DDG Training updated that the weekly review meetings with the Ministry are ongoing, with the current focus shifting toward leveraging ITIs and the wider skilled workforce to support the national shipbuilding initiative.
29	Examination reforms [MTI Exit Examination / Ratings Exit Examination / CoC (Written and Oral)]	DDG Training updated that the hardware procurement for examination centres is underway, with CDAC-nominated vendors completing site assessments and MMDs to issue work orders for cabling and networking. CDAC has developed modules for new user registration, while migration of existing candidates' data is still in progress and expected by mid-February.
30	Dynamic Batch Sizing	DDG Training informed that there are no updates on this.
31	Placement Portal and Authentic job portal – R.P.S.L Module revamp- addressing Malpractices:	DDG Training updated that the proposed Placement Portal and the Authentic Job Portal along with the Dynamic Batch Size mechanism will be integrated as components of the new MTI Module under the e-Governance system.
32	Leveraging Technology:	DDG Training updated that the major technology-driven reform projects are underway: (i) The Examination Reforms project, which is already in progress, (ii) the MTI Module Revamp under e-Governance.
33	Comprehensive Review of STCW Convention and Codes and India's Participation	PO MMD Kochi updated that the presentation on India's inputs for the Comprehensive Review of the STCW Convention and Code has already been submitted to the Ministry.
34	IOCE- Smart [Indian Ocean Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Maritime Transport] – India's green shipping revolution:	DDG Training informed that there is no update in this.
35	Strategic Management Unit for Maritime Training	DDG Training Updated that the MoU with CMMI and IMEI for establishing the Strategic Management/Administrative Unit for Maritime Training has been executed.
36	Data repository and analytical perspective statement	DDG Training Updated that the data analytics for shipboard training is being compiled with a cutoff date of December 2025. The Training Branch plans to finalize this dataset and present the consolidated analytics during the upcoming Maritime Training Conclave.
37	Social Media Engagement	DDG Training Updated that the new video content has been prepared, and two videos were approved for release. These will

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		be published on official social media channels within the next 2–3 days.
38	PO, MMD Jurisdiction wise institution wise folders (Pre-sea / Post-sea)	DDG Training Updated that the PO MMD-wise and institute-wise MTI profiles are already maintained, and these will be further streamlined within the upcoming MTI Module under e-Governance, which will also incorporate the online CIP folder once developed.
39	CIP Folder – MMD Jurisdiction wise	DDG Training updated that its is a part of the new MTI Module.
40	Training and Capacity Building of staff	DDG Training updated that the training and capacity-building activities for Training Branch staff are ongoing.
41	Admission portal unified for Non-Affiliated Institutes (Pre-sea and Post-sea)	DDG Training updated that is a part of the new MTI Module.
42	Open CDC issue - Merchant Shipping Notice No. 1 of 2018 dated 16.01.2018 on Implementation of the MS (CDC) Rules, 2017.	No Updates in this matter.
43	Upgrade of all technology platforms like INDoS + CAS + other technology related platforms for maritime training.	DDG Training updated that the the CAS system will be incorporated within the upcoming Training Ecosystem.
44	Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof.	Legal Consultant updated that as of date, 22 cases are ongoing. Two legacy cases relating to the Institute of Nandanam have now been disposed of by the Hon'ble Madras High Court. For the six cases added in the previous meeting, all reply to affidavits have been filed, with the next hearing scheduled for tomorrow after two adjournments. A new petition challenging the DGS Order dated 09.12.2025 has been received. An interim affidavit will be filed within a week in coordination with MMD Chennai. Further updates will be reported as hearings progress.
45	Confirmation of publication of results at every STCW compliance Board meeting:	DDG Training updated that all examination results are being published as per the prescribed schedule, with no delays reported.
46	Conduct of Comprehensive Inspection Progrmame (CIP) for Maritime Training Institute (MTIs)	DDG Training updated that the revised CIP circular has been issued and placed on the DGS website for stakeholder comments
47	Grievance of Shri Karan Raj (INDoS No.19GL1736) from Samstipur, Bihar:	PO MMD Mumbai updated that after scrutiny of the matter and the show-cause notice issued earlier, it is recommended that no action be taken against the institute, as the institute has already refunded the fees and over four years have elapsed since the incident. It was further noted that the DGS framework does not

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		provide for compensation mechanisms in such cases. MMD, Mumbai recommended for closure of the matter. Decision: The recommendation of PO MMD Mumbai is accepted.
48	Discussion on Shipboard Training:	The Board reaffirmed that institutes must maintain at least 80% shipboard training placement for consideration of additional batches or future dynamic batch size allocation, with the new MTI Module to include automated verification of this requirement. The system will also integrate MTI–RPSL data linkages to track actual placements, tie-ups, and man-days. The current placement window will remain 15 months from course end-date, though suggestions to differentiate timelines for shorter courses will be examined further.