

63rd STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 14.11.2025		
S.No	Agenda	Decision Taken
1	Irregularities and Alleged Unauthorized Activities Associated with SCMS NADHAL MTI and SCMS Marine Training Centre (MTI No. 204075)	It was informed that the person responsible from the institute is currently hospitalized and will provide the documents upon recovery. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting
2	M/s. KCM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, LUCKNOW [Application No. 100080]	It was updated to close the existing application of KCM College of Education, Lucknow, as the writ petition filed by the institute was dismissed by the High Court in September 2022 and the applicant has agreed to submit a fresh application in compliance with the latest DGS requirements, including the mandatory swimming pool provision. Decision: PO, MMD, Kandla recommendations for closure were accepted.
3	M/s. BIMT VIZAG, Visakhapatnam [Application No. 100844]	MMD Chennai gave the presentation and updated that the application for approval of 24 additional batches of the Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations course and 24 batches of a new refresher course for engineers. An inspection was conducted on 14th October, during which minor deficiencies were identified. The institute addressed these deficiencies and submitted compliance documents on 22nd October, which have been uploaded online Decision: PO, MMD, Chennai recommendations for approval were accepted.
4	Request for extension period for Construction of Swimming Pool and Waterbody w.r.t DGS Training Circular No. 06 of 2025	The Board noted that several MTIs remain non-compliant with the swimming pool requirement despite the expiry of the DGS Circular 06 of 2025 deadline and decided that PO-MMDs will submit a non-compliance list within a week, after which DGS will block BST/PST courses and issue a public notice. Tie-ups for pool training are strictly prohibited and any institute found doing so will be immediately blocked. The Board also reaffirmed that the 5500 sq. m. PSCRB requirement is mandatory, non-negotiable, and no further extensions will be given. Continuous monitoring and reporting by all MMDs is to be ensured. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting.
5	Malpractice noticed on MTI Exit Exam at IMER, Lucknow	It was updated that the confirmed procedural violations in the IMER Lucknow MTI exit exam, including non-

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		compliance with DGS guidelines, missing video/CCTV recordings, irregular monitoring, and evidence of manipulation. The current block on exit exams will continue. After this period, PO-MMD Kandla will finalize the report for DGS to decide on course withdrawal or further action. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting.
6	Malpractice noticed on MTI Exit Exam at R.R. Marines Academy, Jaipur	DDG Training updated that it is noted a similar malpractice case at RR Marine Academy, Jaipur, under MMD Kandla jurisdiction and it is decided to issue a Show Cause Notice to the institute and initiate an investigation, following the same procedure as applied in similar cases. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting.
7	Proposal received from Department of Labour Employment & Training, Union of Territory Lakshadweep	DDG Training updated that the proposal will be taken on record, and DG Shipping will issue a formal response to the Lakshadweep administration outlining the practical challenges under the current regulatory framework. Additionally, DG Shipping will explore whether an alternative mechanism can be developed to enable physical training and digital certificate generation without compromising compliance requirements.
8	Conduct of Comprehensive Inspection Programme (CIP) for Maritime Training Institute (MTIs)	Shri Senthil Kumar J updated that the draft Comprehensive Inspection Program (CIP) guidelines and checklist after multiple review sessions is finalized and will be circulated to all board members. Members will be invited to provide comments, and the finalized version will be discussed in the next board meeting. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting.
9	Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof.	Legal Consultant (Trg) updated that the additional case of Cosmopolitan, which was dismissed in the High Court but has now filed a writ appeal. The Directorate is coordinating with MMD Chennai to obtain documents and will file the reply affidavit promptly. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting.
10	Matter of Sri Nandhanam College of Engineering & Technology (MTI No. 414046)	MMD Chennai gave the presentation and updated that the MTI's reply to the show cause notice found to be unsatisfactory. It is decided to withdraw all course approvals and blacklist it for five years, and mandate student fee refunds, allowing only the current CCMC

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		batch to finish by 31st December. The speaking order will be issued within November to avoid legal delays. Decision: PO, MMD, Chennai recommendations were accepted.
11	Matter of M/s. Immanuel Arasar College of Marine Engineering, Marthandam (MTI No. 406053)	MMD Chennai gave the presentation and updated that to downgrade GP Rating intake to 80 candidates per batch with two batches annually, issue a formal warning, and require documented proof of compliance for any future course approvals. Recurrence of data manipulation or failure to maintain shipboard training records will lead to strict disciplinary action, including suspension or withdrawal of approvals. Decision: PO, MMD, Chennai recommendations were accepted.
12	M/s. Oceanic Maritime Academy, Dehradun [Application No. 100753]	MMD Kandla gave the presentation and updated that to approve the batch enhancement for the GP Rating course with 40 candidates per batch and two batches per year, along with new modular courses including Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations (16 candidates per batch, 24 batches per year) and Advanced Firefighting (16 candidates per batch, 24 batches per year). Courses on Crowd Management and PSCRB were not approved due to lack of faculty and water body. Decision: PO, MMD, Kandla recommendations for approval were accepted.
13	Discussion on DGS Circular No. 04 of 2016 – Specifically with respect to the methodology adopted for calculating the placement percentage for grading purposes, to ensure uniform interpretation and application.	The Board noted HIMT College's concern regarding DGS Circular 4 of 2016 on placement percentage calculation for grading. MMD Chennai currently applies a weighted average based on candidates placed relative to total candidates per course, while HIMT prefers a simple average. A clarification note will be issued to all Principal Officers, and past grading differences over the last year or six months may be reviewed. The revised CIP draft addressing this and other methodology issues will be circulated soon. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting.
14	Request received from Shri Jatin B D regarding GME course	DDG Training updated that the candidate with an Automobile Engineering background to pursue the GME course, subject to appearing for Part A examinations in Class IV and Class II, with exemption for two subjects as per Circular 12 of 2020. Nautical Wing will issue a circular adding a three-hour module on bullying and sexual harassment to PSSR from 1st December, with later consolidation of previous circulars.

