

64 th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 27.11.2025		
S.No	Agenda	Decision Taken
1	Irregularities and Alleged Unauthorized Activities Associated with SCMS NADHAL MTI and SCMS Marine Training Centre (MTI No. 204075)	The committee noted that there has been no progress on the case; the concerned party has not responded, reportedly due to the director being hospitalized. MMD Mumbai updated that a reminder has been sent, and the course remains suspended and non-operational. It was decided to wait for their communication, and if no response is received within the next two weeks, it will escalate. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting
2	M/s. Samundra Institute of Maritime Studies, Lonavala [Application No. 100824]:	MMD Mumbai gave the presentation and updated that the Institute initially requested approval for three courses (Second Mate, RPS, and ARPA). Subsequently requested for withdrawal, hence application stands withdrawn and no further action is required. Decision: PO, MMD Mumbai recommendations were accepted.
3	Request for extension period for Construction of Swimming Pool and Waterbody w.r.t DGS Training Circular No. 06 of 2025.	It was decided that all MMDs will submit a consolidated list of MTIs under their jurisdiction, categorised as compliant, non-compliant, and partially compliant with swimming-pool requirements. It was reaffirmed that tie-ups with non-maritime or non-approved institutions are not permissible, and several MTIs are misinterpreting the recent circular due to ambiguous "whereas" wording. Training Branch will therefore issue an amendment/clarification without resetting the compliance timeline. A final cutoff date of 31 December was proposed, after which non-compliant MTIs should cease operations. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting
4	Malpractice noticed on MTI Exit Exam at IMER, Lucknow	PO MMD gave the presentation and updated the investigation findings: missing recordings due to an alleged fire on 3 September, suspicious still-photo impersonation captured by Virtual Guru, ineffective face-verification mechanisms, non-use of designated exam areas, and the institute's corrective actions. DDG Training proposed putting all recommendations of board members on record. The board collectively decided to defer final action to the next meeting, instructing PO Kandla to review and resubmit a consolidated report with full evidence and history. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting
5	Malpractice noticed on MTI Exit Exam at R.R. Marines Academy, Jaipur	PO MMD gave the presentation and updated that the missing exit-exam recordings, improper CCTV coverage, instructors present inside exam rooms, candidates not operating keyboards while exams progressed, poor facilities, and non-compliance with records and faculty attendance, recommending withdrawal of course approvals, re-examination of implicated candidates, and enhanced monitoring by Virtual Guru.

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		DDG Training informed the board that DG received new video evidence of cash-for-job fraud involving the institute's promoter, after which a fresh show-cause was issued. Board member urged strong penalties and insisted that RRMA or its promoters should reimburse or bear costs for trainees harmed by malpractice. The board decided to continue the suspension, have PO Kandla complete a consolidated investigation (including all evidence and list of implicated trainees), seek detailed monitoring reports from Virtual Guru, and revisit. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting.
6	Conduct of Comprehensive Inspection Programme (CIP) for Maritime Training Institute (MTIs)	DDG Trg. updated the that the draft circular on CIP has been prepared by the designated committee chaired by Senthil Sir, along with members. A meeting of the committee is scheduled for 3rd December, to finalize the draft. after which the draft circular will be circulated with updated guidelines. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting
7	Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof.	Legal Consultant updated that the total number of STCW cases with no changes since the last meeting.
8	Confirmation of publication of results at every STCW compliance Board meeting:	DDG Training updated that all results for September were published on time, and October results are scheduled for approval by tomorrow for the engineering side. No further issues were reported.
9	Unblocking of the INDOS Numbers:	DDG Training updated that the request for unblocking of endorsement numbers for 22 applications, as the candidates have re-completed the required courses. The board decided to approve unblocking so the candidates can resume their careers.
10	To Examine feasibility of waiving off INDoS registration fee for Agniveers	DDG Training updated that the feasibility of waiving the registration fee for Indian Navy personnel, following suggestions from the Ministry during recent meetings. Considering the upcoming Agniveer batch and ministry's request, the board agreed in principle to waive the fee (approximately ₹1,200 plus GST) and will convey this decision to the ministry and Indian Navy.
11	M/s. HOON MARITIME INSTITUTE NOIDA [Application No. 100793]	MMD Kandla gave the presentation and updated that the inspection of the Maritime Training Institute conducted on 11 November followed by corrective actions on 14 November. Initial observations included missing evacuation markings, signage, classroom fittings, wiring issues, unarranged LSA/FFA stores, and incomplete mock-up readiness, all of which were subsequently rectified and verified by the surveyor. The surrounding area of the fire mock-up was confirmed to be academic, not residential. It was noted that approvals for Mate & Master require prior approval of preparatory courses as per DG guidelines. Decision:

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		PO, MMD, Kandla recommendations for approval were accepted.
12	M/s. AMET City College, Chennai [Application No. 100827]	MMD Chennai gave the presentation and updated that initial inspection conducted on 30th September 2025, noted five observations, all of which were rectified during compliance verification on 21st November 2025. Suggestions for simulator software updates were acknowledged by IMU/IMC with a 60-day timeline, which does not affect approval. Decision: PO, MMD, Chennai recommendations approval were accepted.
13	[Application No. 100243] for In-Principle Approval applied by M/s. NJB ASM PROGRESSIVE MARITIME EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT FOUNDATION, AGRA	MMD Kandla gave the presentation and updated that all submitted documents including lease deed, financial feasibility report, business plan, projected expenditure and earnings, faculty matrix, and infrastructure layouts were examined and found in order. MMD Kandla recommended granting in-principle approval based on document compliance. The Board decided that, the trust shall be called to make a detailed presentation in the next STCW/Compliance Board meeting. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting