

65 th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 12.12.2025		
S.No	Agenda	Decision Taken
1	Irregularities and Alleged Unauthorized Activities Associated with SCMS NADHAL MTI and SCMS Marine Training Centre (MTI No. 204075)	MMD Mumbai gave the presentation and updated that the institute's apology and declaration to shut down the non-DG approved courses and comply with DG Shipping regulations. Institute is allowed to resume its two approved courses - Basic Safety Training and STSDSD with specified batch limits and an additional condition that an inspection will be conducted three months after resumption Decision: PO, MMD, Mumbai recommendations were accepted.
2	[Application No. 100243] for In-Principle Approval applied by M/s. NJB ASM PROGRESSIVE MARITIME EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT FOUNDATION, AGRA	Director CMT given the presentation about the institute and the board granted in-principle approval for the proposed Institute based on the presentation and PO recommendation. Decision: PO, MMD, Kandla recommendations were accepted.
3	Strategy for increasing the share of Indian Seafarers from 12% to 20% Globally:	DDG Training updated that Current initiatives include active engagement through the 3BEE's campaign for promoting seafaring as a career, with 3–5 camps conducted monthly by the DGS team, and outreach to ITIs via MTIs to create maritime opportunities. Additionally, the Ministry has shown a positive stance on introducing a training ship, and further work is required to assess feasibility, funding, and management responsibilities.
4	Indian Merchant Navy Entrance Test / Draft Circular on IMU-CET	No updates in the matter.
5	Merchant Navy – An Ideal Career Option: [merged agenda on 'Rajdhani Republic Day Camp' with this agenda]	No updates in the matter.
6	STCW Compliance Board:	DDG Training updated that the proposal to include the STCW Compliance Board in the draft MS Rules was sent to the Ministry in August.
7	Revamped Maritime Training Institute Module on E-Governance Platform-FRS / SRS – helpline and escalation matrix	DDG Training updated that the revamped Maritime Training Institute module, which is part of the four-module is still under discussion. No work order has been issued at this stage, and further deliberation is required before proceeding.
8	Faculty Development Program:	DDG Training updated that the faculty development, LMS, web-based simulator, digital Tar book is still under discussion so nothing is decided as yet
9	Learning Management System:	DDG Training updated that the faculty development, LMS, web-based simulator, digital Tar book is still under discussion so nothing is decided yet.
10	Infrastructure improvement scheme at MTIs – One centre of excellence to be set up	No updates in the matter.

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	(MTI at Powai) and Maritime Training Institute Infrastructure Standardization / Categorization:	
11	“Sagar Mey Yog” - Wellness Module as a structured ‘Life Skill’ for each mariner :	No updates in the matter.
12	Sagar Mey Samman” Module –	No updates in the matter.
13	Web Based Simulation:	DDG Training updated that the faculty development, LMS, web-based simulator, digital Tar book is still under discussion, so nothing is decided yet.
14	Artificial Intelligence & Virtual Reality/ Immersive Technology strategy and road map in Training	No updates in the matter.
15	Safety First Culture – “सुरक्षा सवरूपम-हमेशा” :	No updates in the matter.
16	National Maritime Games:	DDG STCW updated that a discussion is initiated with Ganpat University for organizing the National Maritime Games. An MoU will be formalized with the university, and the proposed timeline for the event is between November 2026 and March 2027. Once the MoU is finalized and approved by DG Shipping, further updates will be provided.
17	Maritime Domain- Growth and Transition Module:	No updates in the matter.
18	Maritime Training Conclave- Annual:	DDG STCW updated that no plan has been submitted for the Maritime Training Conclave at present. The exposure aspect appears to fall under International Cooperation.
19	Exposure visit for cadets and trainees - I.M.O Strategic Engagement- ‘Catch them young:	No updates in the matter.
20	Skill Development & Infrastructure Development Support Schemes – Central Government Ministry/ State Government State Maritime Boards/ Private Institutes support schemes:	DDG Training updated that Other than the ongoing ITI promotion initiative, there are no additional activities under skill development at present.
21	Examination reforms [MTI Exit Examination / Ratings	DDG Training updated that examination reforms are in progress with procurement of all-in-one PCs and IT

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	Exit Examination / CoC (Written and Oral)]	infrastructure for six MMDs initiated through GeM by DG Shipping. Priority is to complete setup and testing.
22	Dynamic Batch Sizing:	DDG Training updated that dynamic by-sizing is already under discussion as it forms part of the four-module framework.
23	Placement Portal and Authentic job portal – R.P.S.L Module revamp-addressing Malpractices:	DDG STCW updated that is already under discussion as it forms part of the four-module framework
24	Leveraging Technology:	No update on this.
25	Comprehensive Review of STCW Convention and Codes and India's Participation	DDG STCW updated that the comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and Code, along with India's participation, has been presented to the Special Secretary. A DO letter has been sent to the Ministry, which has requested further detailing; this will be prepared and submitted accordingly.
26	IOCE- Smart [Indian Ocean Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Maritime Transport] – India's green shipping revolution:	No update on this.
27	Strategic Management Unit for Maritime Training and Crew	DDG STCW updated that the queries raised have been addressed and a corrigendum issued. The bid submission deadline has been extended to 16th December. All stakeholders should ensure compliance with the revised timeline.
28	Data repository and analytical perspective statement	No update on this.
29	Social Media Engagement	DDG Training updated that no social media engagement activities were undertaken this week due to priority work on rules..
30	PO, MMD Jurisdiction wise institution wise folders (Pre-sea / Post-sea)	No updates in the matter.
31	CIP Folder – MMD Jurisdiction wise	No updates in the matter.
32	Training and Capacity Building of staff	No updates in the matter.
33	Admission portal unified for Non-Affiliated Institutes (Pre-sea and Post-sea)	No updates in the matter.
34	Open CDC issue - Merchant Shipping Notice No. 1 of 2018 dated 16.01.2018 on	DDG Training Updated that the proposal to discontinue the open CDC system, introduced 6–7 years ago, was discussed. The recommendation is to restrict CDC issuance only to pre-sea trainees and specific categories such as Agniveers,

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	Implementation of the MS (CDC) Rules, 2017.	hospitality/OCCP candidates for cruise vessels, IAX-certified welders/fitters, and CoC holders (deck and engine).
35	Upgrade of all technology platforms like INDoS + CAS + other technology related platforms for maritime training.	DDG Training Updated that for CAS, a proposal from CDAC has been received. the CDAC 2.0 proposal will be considered to upgrade the current CAS system.
36	Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof.	Legal Consultant updated that the hat Writ Petition No. 2373 of 2023 (Nandaram) has been dismissed, though the official order is awaited for any specific compliance directions. The total number of pending court cases currently stands at 14. Regarding the Southern Academy of Marine Studies case, inspection has been completed, non-compliance observed, and a report with recommendations has been sent to DGS; a show cause notice has been issued, and the matter is pending final action by DG Shipping.
37	Confirmation of publication of results at every STCW compliance Board meeting:	DDG Training Updated that publication of results was completed on time as scheduled. No pending actions remaining.
38	Request for extension period for Construction of Swimming Pool and Waterbody w.r.t DGS Training Circular No. 06 of 2025.	The Board approved the amended swimming-pool circular (to be placed on file for DG's approval) with the following key decisions: prescribe an inspection fee of ₹25,000; replace "springboard" with "jumping platform"; maintain existing dimensional/water-body norms; disallow new tie-ups (post-sea) and permit any pre-sea tie-ups only with MMD inspection, Principal Officer recommendation and STCW Board/time-limited DG approval; allow group/sister MTIs to use common pools subject to accountability; require filtration, CCTV, chlorine testing 45 minutes before sessions, NABL tests and retention of records for 5 years. Set final compliance deadline 31 Dec 2025 (enforcement from 1 Jan 2026) and direct jurisdictional MMDs to compile and submit compliance lists.
39	Malpractice noticed on MTI Exit Exam at IMER, Lucknow	MMD Kandla gave the presentation and updated about the incident. The Board deliberated on the exit-exam malpractice and resolved that the institute shall remain under a six-month suspension (effective from the original suspension date), after which reinstatement may be considered only following a comprehensive inspection to verify corrective actions and readiness. A formal warning will be issued stating that any recurrence will lead to permanent withdrawal of approvals.
40	Malpractice noticed on MTI Exit Exam at R.R. Marines Academy, Jaipur	MMD Kandla gave the presentation and updated that investigation into alleged malpractices at RR Marine Academy, Jaipur including cash for pass claims, exam misconduct, and non-compliance with DGS guidelines is ongoing, with video evidence under authentication and statements of the principal, promoter, and individuals in the footage to be recorded. Suspension of the institute's courses will continue until the investigation is completed. Meanwhile,

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		DG has approved the conduct of pending exit examinations for approximately 30–40 candidates, which will be held at the institute under supervision of the MMD Kandla Surveyor and a Virtual Guru representative. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting.
41	Conduct of Comprehensive Inspection Programme (CIP) for Maritime Training Institute (MTIs)	The board agreed that until the new circular is issued, each MMD will continue with its current grading method (simple or weighted average) for completed inspections. The upcoming circular will mandate a uniform weighted average approach for all institutes. ROs will update and display inspection results on the DG Shipping website after implementation.
42	DGS Circular No. 53 of 2025 dated 01.12.2025:- Inclusion of a new STCW competence titled "Prevention of and Response to Violence and Harassment, including Sexual Harassment, Bullying and Sexual Assault" in the PSSR course under Basic Safety Training (BST)	DDG STCW updated that the recently a circular is issued
43	Mr. Diljith Uthaman Prabhavathi (INDoS No.: 22NM0804, Passport No.: T7875845): Requesting the approval of assessment for appearing in the Second Mate (Foreign Going) Certificate of Competency examination.	Nautical Wing has already issued a clarification letter to the candidate, and a DGS order exists stating that unapproved training will not be recognized. The institute involved is still functional and has been issued a show cause notice; its reply has been reviewed, and comments have been provided. The board agreed that stringent action should be taken against the MTI without granting any leniency, and additional violations should be considered while passing the final order. No fresh show cause notice will be issued to avoid delays; action will proceed based on existing notices and inputs.
44.	M/s. JEYANTHINATHER ACADEMY OF MARINE STUDIES [Application No. 100845]	MMD Chennai gave the presentation and updated that the application from institute for starting new courses (DNS and ETO). Approval is recommended for Diploma in Nautical Science (DNS) for 40 candidates per batch with two batches per year and Electro Technical Officer (ETO) course for 40 candidates per batch with three batches per year, subject to compliance with all DGS guidelines and observations noted during inspection. Decision: PO, MMD, Chennai recommendations approval were accepted.