

Coastal State Workshops — The Road Ahead

Recap: The pilot Coastal State Workshop was held virtually with the Government of Andhra Pradesh on 6th November 2025, covering all six standing pillars, safety, shipbuilding & recycling, training & skilling, crewing & employment, decarbonization, and coastal shipping. It validated the six-pillar framework as a shared planning tool between DGMA and State Maritime Boards, and surfaced the case for face-to-face engagement on site-specific matters cluster site visits, MoU signings, and cross-agency coordination that a virtual format cannot fully support.

Roadmap

Three phases carry the series from a single virtual pilot to a standing, in-person national programme.



Pilot — Virtual Format

COMPLETED

6 November 2025 · Andhra Pradesh

First workshop in the series, conducted virtually to test the six-pillar agenda and establish the DGMA–State Maritime Board coordination model.



First Physical Workshop

PLANNED

September 2026 (tentative)

Transition to an in-person format with full-day, on-ground deliberations on state-specific action items across all six pillars.



Series Expansion

NEAR-TERM

Next 12–18 months

Rotating physical workshops across additional coastal states, sequenced by readiness and regional priority, building a comparable body of state-level roadmaps.

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Institutionalization

LONGER-TERM

Ongoing, biennial cycle

The Coastal State Workshops aim to institutionalize a coordinated State–Centre maritime ecosystem by strengthening safety governance, enhancing maritime skilling, promoting coastal shipping and shipbuilding, advancing decarbonization objectives, and establishing long-term mechanisms for capacity building, regulatory compliance, and sustainable blue economy development.

NEXT MILESTONE

First Physical Coastal State Workshop

The series' first in-person edition is planned for September 2026, shifting from the virtual pilot format to a full on-ground engagement — including site visits to port and shipyard infrastructure, direct stakeholder dialogue, and real-time sign-off on pillar-wise action items.

TIMELINE

September 2026 (tentative)

FORMAT

In-person

AGENDA

All six pillars

CONVENED BY

DGMA & Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board

Why Move to a Physical Format

The virtual pilot proved the six-pillar framework works — an in-person setting lets it go further.

On-Site Verification

Direct inspection of port, shipyard, and recycling cluster sites under discussion, rather than relying on slides alone.

Binding Commitments

MoUs, nodal-officer nominations, and data-sharing agreements can be signed on the spot.

Cross-Agency Depth

Same-room coordination between DGMA, State Maritime Boards, ICG, port authorities, and training institutes.

Peer Learning

Physical events allow neighbouring coastal states to observe and compare notes on shared challenges.

Immediate Next Steps

Actions required to lock in the September workshop.

ACTION	OWNER	TARGET
Finalize six-pillar agenda & speaker line-up	DGMA + Host State Board	6 weeks pre-event
Nominate state nodal officers for coordination	Host State Govt.	Ahead of confirmation
Circulate pre-read & state data templates	DGMA	4 weeks pre-event
Arrange port/shipyard site-visit logistics	Host State Maritime Board	2 weeks pre-event