

74th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 23.04.2026		
S.No	Agenda	Decision Taken
1	M/s AMET Institute of Science & Technology, M/s AMET University, Chennai - Permission Requested for the Extension of Period to Submit the Off-campus Approval from UGC	The Board discussed AMET University request to continue admissions for the approved Pre-Sea Courses. The recommendations of the Chief Surveyor and the Nautical Advisor were considered. The Board agreed to provided one year's time to AMET Institute of Science & Technology to obtain the required NOC/approval from UGC and further allowed continuation of all approved pre-sea courses for this period. Decision: The Board agreed to the extension of one additional year.
2	Strategy for increasing the share of Indian Seafarers from 12% to 20% Globally:	DDG Training updated that the engagement of M/s PwC for formulating a strategy to increase the global share to 12% to 20%. It was noted that two meetings have been held so far, including a kickoff meeting and a subsequent meeting where PwC presented an initial roadmap. The Board further noted that the consultants will now hold detailed discussions with officers from the Training and Crew Branch and, if required, with officers from MMDs.
3	Merchant Navy – An Ideal Career Option (IPRCL Funding)	DDG Training updated that a NCC camp is scheduled to be held in Lonavala in month of June, during which awareness and outreach activities may be conducted. PO, MMD Mumbai was requested to depute one or two officers for the camp, and participation by officers from DG Shipping.
4	Participation in Republic Day Parade –IPRCL Funding	DDG Training requested ADG Training to take the lead on this matter and to carry out further discussions with the Ministry of Defence and other concerned authorities.
5	STCW Compliance Board	DDG Training informed that the matter is under examination by the Law Department and that discussions will be held during the forthcoming visit to Delhi. The Board further noted that the proposed changes have already been incorporated in the draft rules and are expected to be processed through the STCW Compliance mechanism, subject to final legal concurrence.
6	Four Module - (e-Navik)	The Board noted the detailed presentation on the progress of (e Navik) digital platform, developed as an enhanced maritime governance system with integrated modules for grievance redressal, crisis response, Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs), and RPSL management. The Board took note of the objectives, scope, and features of each module, including process automation, transparency, compliance monitoring, stakeholder coordination, and 24×7 helpdesk support.

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7	Maritime Training Eco-System	DDG Training informed that the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Maritime Training Ecosystem has been issued and that a pre bid meeting was held previous week. It was further noted that responses to the queries raised by prospective bidders are under preparation and will be finalized and issued in the coming week.
8	National Maritime Games	No update on this.
9	Maritime Training Conclave – Annual	DDG Training updated that Maritime Training Conclave was earlier scheduled to be held on 25 March but had to be postponed due to the non-availability of the Honorable Minister. The conclave will be rescheduled accordingly once the availability is confirmed.
10	Examination reforms [MTI Exit Examination / Ratings Exit Examination / CoC (Written and Oral)]	DDG Training updated that the progress on the examination modules, including meetings held with NTA and CDAC. Bharat Kosh integration is largely complete and live testing for new candidate registrations is underway. The Board further noted that the CDAC development team will visit DG Shipping next week to implement required corrections, and that migration of legacy data is planned, followed by transition to production. It is targeted to go live before 8 May.
11	Comprehensive Review of STCW Convention and Codes and India's Participation	DDG Training updated that certain queries were raised by the Ministry, including aspects related to the involvement of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and the same have already been prepared and responded. The response from the Ministry is awaited, and in case no reply is received within a reasonable time, a revised proposal will be prepared and resubmitted for consideration.
12	QCI- National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET):	DDG Training updated that the draft MoU received from QCI was examined by MSL and amended based on their suggestions. QCI is requested to submit a revised and detailed proposal in line with the recently issued CIP circular. QCI has sought one week's time to submit the fresh proposal, which is expected by next week. Subject to receipt and review of the revised proposal, the Board noted that scheduling and signing of the MoU with QCI would be taken up thereafter.
13	Open CDC issue - Merchant Shipping Notice No. 1 of 2018 dated 16.01.2018 on Implementation of the MS (CDC) Rules, 2017	No update on this.
14	Strategic Management Unit for Maritime Training:	DDG Training updated that four personnel are nominated by CMMI and IMEI. It was observed that issues were there related to suitability and administrative requirements, following which the organizations concerned were requested to provide replacements.

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		IMEI has proposed two new candidates, whose details are awaited on file for formal onboarding. From CMMI, one recommended candidate was found to have a conflict of interest and was therefore not considered.
15	Review of Legal Matters in Training Division - Updates Thereof	Legal Consultant informed that there are currently 23 active legal cases under the Training Branch.
16	“Sagar Mey Yog” - Wellness Module as a structured ‘Life Skill’ for each mariner	DDG Training informed that proposals for demonstrating the Sagar Mey Yog and Sagar Mein Samman modules at the IMO Council meeting scheduled in June have been submitted to the Ministry for approval. It was noted that the draft syllabus for MTIs is under revision, and the integration of the 10 Sagar Mey Yog modules is under review, after which a circular will be issued for seafarers.
17	“Sagar Mey Samman” Module	DDG Training informed that comments received on the draft policy for Sagar Mein Samman will be consolidated and submitted for approval. Additionally, it was highlighted that one of the co-chairs of Sagar Mein Samman is planned to participate in an upcoming TED Talk.
18	Consideration of MTI Guideline for North-East Region & Visit to Asha Marine College, Sikkim.	The Board reviewed the 2015 guidelines issued to promote Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs) in the North-Eastern region. DDG (Training) updated that, despite the existing circular, approval is granted to only one institute, no additional institutes have become operational to date. MMD Kolkata highlighted the challenges arising from topographical constraints, particularly in Sikkim. The Board approved the proposal for DDG (Training) and concerned officers to visit the region, assess the ground situation, and submit a report, based on which suitable recommendations, including amendments to the existing circular, may be forwarded to DGS for approval. Decision: Visit of DDG by the concerned officers to assess ground realities and submit recommendations.
19	Consider the Certificate issued from Urdu Education Board-from Regional Director Maharashtra & Gujarat:	- It was noted that, as per earlier decisions of the Board, only certificates issued by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) are recognized for entry into maritime courses, while State Open Boards, including the Urdu Education Board, are not recognized for fresh candidates. The Board decided to maintain the same stand and rejected the request for recognition. It was further decided to issue clear instructions to all Shipping Master Offices not to entertain such certificates and to formally inform the applicant accordingly.

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		Decision: The Board accept recognition of NIOS only, State Open Boards, are not recognized.
20	Discussion on Shipboard Training: Review of the current shipboard training practices and their importance in ensuring safety, compliance, and operational efficiency.	DDG Training updated that the data for the years 2022 and 2023 is under analysis through the e-Governance system. Shipboard training is approved only on vessels for 96 candidates (80 GP Rating and 16 CCMC).
21	Remittance of 1% Annual Fees by Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs)	DDG Training updated that order no 04 of 2026 has already been issued.
22	Compliance Status - Training Circular No. 59 of 2025 - Enforcement of Swimming Pool and Waterbody Requirements for Maritime Training Institutes	DDG Training updated that the list covering approximately 40–41 institutes, largely from the Chennai region, was received only recently and requires detailed analysis. The matter will be reviewed in the next meeting after detailed analysis and further input, including commitments and progress updates from the concerned institutes. Decision: The agenda has been deferred in the next meeting.
23	E-Learning LMS Transition for ADU as part of Training Ecosystem- through MTT Branch.	The Board noted e-learning is currently mandatory and funded under MTT, and that the contract tenure has expired. The Board further noted that the matter was examined by the Chief Examiners and DDG (Training), and that the competent authority has directed continuation of the existing e-learning system. Accordingly, the Board decided that the e-learning module shall continue until the new LMS system is implemented.