

76 th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 29.05.2026		
S.No	Agenda	Decision Taken
1	Application for Course Approval by M/s Rajaram Mahavidyalay	The Board noted that the matter had earlier been deferred with directions for conduct of CIP inspection and submission of detailed compliance records. It was informed by PO, MMD Kandla, that the institute had undergone CIP inspection and had been awarded A2 grading. During deliberations, members observed that the agenda lacked adequate clarity regarding approved batch strength, Shipboard training, details of RPSL/MOU arrangements, and objective justification for enhancement of capacity. DDG Training will also ensure the compilation of the data related to MTI. After detailed deliberation, the Board decided to defer the agenda for reconsideration after two weeks. PO, MMD Kandla and the inspecting officers were directed to re-submit the proposal with comprehensive and incisive documentation. Decision: The agenda has been deferred to the next meeting.
2	Indian Maritime University (IMU) Chennai Campus-Request for relaxation of Swimming Pool.	PO, MMD Chennai informed the Board that IMU Chennai is in the process of developing a compliant swimming pool facility; however, the construction is expected to take considerable time. It was further informed that IMU Chennai is exploring alternate arrangements for conduct of the practical training at approved facilities. After deliberation, the Board agreed, as a one-time measure, to permit the current batch to complete the BST training subject with IMU Chennai making alternate arrangements at a DGS-approved compliant swimming pool facility. PO, MMD Chennai directed to submit a detailed roadmap from IMU Chennai regarding construction of a compliant swimming pool facility and the interim arrangements proposed for subsequent batches. Decision: The Board permitted IMU Chennai, as a one-time measure, to conduct BST training for the current batch at a DGS-approved compliant swimming pool facility and directed MMD Chennai for submission of a roadmap for future compliance.
3	Vigilance Branch Input: Systematic Improvement Recommended by Chief Vigilance Officer.	DDG Training informed that the proposed requirement, related to local government approvals and infrastructure certifications, has already been incorporated in the new MTI module. After deliberation, the Board agreed that suitable instructions may be issued to all PO, MMDs for obtaining such affidavits during verification processes and that a consolidated circular/amended DGS order incorporating all revised compliance requirements shall be issued prior to operationalization of the new MTI module. Decision:

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		The Board agreed to incorporate affidavit requirements for land verification in the new MTI module.
4	Discussion on Shipboard Training: Review of the current shipboard training practices and their importance in ensuring safety, compliance, and operational efficiency.	DDG Training updated the Board on the preparation of a list of eligible candidates for screening and selection by the SCI, about 96 GP Rating and CCMC trainees onboard the SCI passenger vessel "Swaraj Deep," with effect from 15 July. During deliberations, it was emphasized that the process for allocation of shipboard berths should be transparent, merit based. It was further directed that list to be prepared in coordination with SCI and presented before the Board within two weeks. The entire flow process to be prepared to be developed by ARI in consultation with DDG Training and the same to be included in the new MTI Mdole under e Navik project.
5	Compliance Status - Training Circular No. 59 of 2025 - Enforcement of Swimming Pool and Waterbody Requirements for Maritime Training Institutes	DDG Training reviewed the reports submitted by the respective MMDs. During deliberations, issues relating to tie-up arrangements between institutions, differences in trust ownership, temporary dispensations, reconstruction of swimming pool facilities, and compliance challenges faced by MTIs. The Board observed that all non-compliances and relaxations must be supported by clear written recommendations from the jurisdictional PO, MMD, along with specific timelines for achieving compliance. It was further emphasized that any special dispensation or extension granted to institutions shall be issued through a reasoned speaking order clearly recording the basis of relaxation, nature of non-compliance, and timeline for rectification. Decision: The Board decided that all concerned PO, MMDs shall re-examine the specific cases, submit detailed institution-wise recommendations including compliance/non-compliance status and the matter shall be reconsidered in the next STCW Compliance Board meeting for final decision.
6	Suggestions/requests received from Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs) regarding operational flexibility, blended learning, and faculty workload norms – reg.	DDG Training informed that a committee comprising all Principal Officers and representatives from MTIs across India is constituted to examine the proposals in detail. The Board directed that the committee should submit its report within three weeks with specific recommendations and proposed revisions.
7	Consideration of MTI Guideline for North-East Region & Visit to Asha Marine College, Sikkim.	DDG STCW informed that draft DGS Order is uploaded on website for stakeholder comments for a period of ten days. The Chair also directed those applications from the Northeast region, be examined carefully keeping in view the geographical and hilly terrain considerations. The Board accordingly directed expeditious finalization of the guidelines.

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8	Fee Structure for Newly Introduced Courses	DDG Training informed that the Bridging Course guidelines are under preparation. The Board agreed in principle to prescribe a course approval fee of Rs.75,000/- for the Bridging Course and Rs.1,00,000/- for the Deck Rating to Second Mate competency course.
9	Confirmation of Publication of Results	DDG Training informed that the engineering examination results for April were under process and are expected by 31st May
10	Review of Legal Matters in Training Division - Updates Thereof	No update on this.
11	Cancellation/Rejection of CDC Application on Account of Non-recognition of 10th Standard Qualification	DDG Training informed that the candidate had qualified the CET examination. After discussion, it was decided that the matter, along with all relevant details, shall be circulated to all Board members for further review. The Board will subsequently examine the case to determine whether it merits consideration as an exception based on the facts presented. Decision: The agenda has been deferred to the next meeting.