

77 th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 11.06.2026		
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1	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/s RAJARAM MAHAVIDYALAY INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERING	MMD Kandla presented the case and informed that the institute had applied for enhancement prior to issuance of the latest CIP circular and that an inspection had been conducted, following which the institute had complied with all observations raised. The presentation also highlighted issues related to placement performance across various maritime training institutes across the jurisdiction. The Board reviewed the placement data available on the DGS portal and noted that the placement performance of the institute was presently below the prescribed benchmark required for enhancement of intake capacity. Members also discussed the need for uniform implementation of placement-related criteria across all MMDs and the necessity of developing a standardized and dynamic batch-sizing mechanism. After detailed deliberations, the Board agreed that the request for enhancement could not be considered as the institute had not yet demonstrated the requisite placement performance for the approved batches. However, considering that subsequent batches were still within the placement assessment period. The institute shall be provided an opportunity to submit updated placement records of the subsequent batches for review within a 3 months time. The application shall, therefore, be kept pending and reconsidered upon submission and verification of improved placement performance in accordance with the applicable DGS guidelines and circulars. Decision: The board has decided to submit the Shipboard training record of the previous batches within a period of 3 months.
2	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/s SEVEN ISLANDS MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTE	The inspection carried out by MMD Mumbai on 15.04.2026 confirmed that the institute possesses adequate infrastructure, facilities, and compliance with applicable DGS guidelines, with all observed deficiencies subsequently rectified. The institute was also noted to have an A1 grading and overall satisfactory performance. The Board noted that detailed ship board training data for the existing approved batches was shown 100%. Accordingly, it was decided to proceed with approval, subject to MMD Mumbai submitting verified batch-wise placement records from the DGS portal. Decision: PO MMD, Mumbai recommendation was accepted upon verification that the institute meets the prescribed placement criteria.
3	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL	The inspection carried out by MMD Mumbai identified 12 observations, out of which compliance has been submitted

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	M/S TRAINING SHIP VARREN- KHARDI CAMPUS	and accepted for most, while three observations remain pending. After deliberation, the Board agreed to grant approval, subject to the condition that all pending requirements. A re-inspection shall be conducted to verify compliance before commencement of the course. The institute shall not commence training until all conditions are verified and found satisfactory. Decision: PO MMD, Mumbai recommendation was accepted upon a re-inspection shall verify all the compliance.
4	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/S URMILA INSTITUTE OF MARITIME STUDIES	The inspection carried out by MMD Kolkata identified 17 observations, all of which were subsequently rectified satisfactorily by the institute within the stipulated timeframe. The Board noted that the institute has complied with applicable DGS guidelines, including submission of the required affidavit regarding land legality and approvals. As the institute is relatively new and CIP is yet due. Accordingly, the Board decided to approve the requested competency courses as per the recommendation of PO MMD Kolkata, subject to verification of classroom dimensional ratios in line with training manual requirements and continued compliance with applicable norms. Decision: PO MMD, Kolkata recommendation was accepted.
5	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/S SEI Education Trust	The Board noted that the institute holds an A1 grading under CIP and that inspection conducted by MMD Kolkata confirmed compliance with relevant DGS guidelines, with all observed deficiencies subsequently rectified. The design of the water body, though polygonal due to site constraints, was examined and found to meet the minimum prescribed area and operational requirements for practical training. Accordingly, the Board decided to approve the requested capacity enhancement as per the recommendation of PO MMD Kolkata. Decision: PO MMD, Kolkata recommendation was accepted
6	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/S SU-NAV MARITIME ACADEMY	MMD Chennai presented the inspection findings and informed that a detailed inspection of the institute had been carried out, covering infrastructure, faculty, hostel facilities, workshops, simulator facilities, swimming pool, and CCMC training facilities. The inspection team observed that the institute possessed adequate infrastructure and training facilities; however, seven minor deficiencies were noted. The institute has been directed to submit compliance for the observations within the stipulated period.

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		It was clarified that the institute is now affiliated with Indian Maritime University (IMU). The Board also considered the institute's request for a change of name from "Su nav Maritime Academy" to "CMC Maritime Academy" and noted that no courses had yet commenced under the earlier name. Accordingly, the request for change of name was found acceptable. After deliberation, the Board decided to approve the courses as per the recommendation of PO MMD Chennai, subject to compliance with all observed deficiencies, confirmation of valid IMU affiliation, and mandatory establishment of in-house Basic Safety Training facilities. Decision: PO MMD, Chennai recommendation was accepted
7	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/s MASSA MARITIME ACADEMY	The inspection conducted by MMD Mumbai on 26 May 2026 noted that the institute is an established training provider with adequate infrastructure and only minor deficiencies, most of which have been rectified. After detailed deliberation, the Board agreed to approve the enhancement of intake capacity from 30 to 40 candidates for the specified batches, subject to addressing the remaining minor deficiencies, including incorporation of modular courses under CIP scope in the next cycle.
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9	CLOSURE OF MTI AND SURRENDER OF MTI LICENSE M/s VARUNA EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE TRUST	As there were no objections or comments from the Board members, The Board accepted the request and accordingly approved the voluntary closure and permanent withdrawal of the institute.

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10	NON-COMPLIANCE OF CIP REQUIREMENTS AND OUTSTANDING DEFICIENCIES BY M/S GKM COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY (MTI NO. 412035) AND M/S GKM INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY (MTI NO. 402009)	It was noted that the Directorate has already issued an order dated 08.06.2026 suspending all fresh admissions to all approved courses from the July 2026 session onwards until further orders, due to continued non-compliance and absence of a satisfactory transition roadmap. The Board further agreed to permit the institute to undertake the CIP audit, subject to necessary approvals, in order to assess its compliance status. Further action in the matter shall be decided based on the outcome of the CIP and subsequent review of compliance.
11	STRATEGY FOR INCREASING THE GLOBAL SHARE OF INDIAN SEAFARERS FROM 12% TO 20% BY 2023	It was informed that PwC has been engaged for this initiative and has already made two presentations, with the latest presented recently. Regular weekly presentations are being conducted, and a consolidated presentation is expected to be ready for submission to the Secretariat by 19th June 2026.
12	MERCHANT NAVY - AN IDEAL CAREER OPTION (IPRCL FUNDING)/ SOCIAL MEDIA - “JOIN MERCHANT NAVY”	It was informed that ongoing promotional efforts are being carried out through various channels such as 3Bs programs and NCC camps.
13	PARTICIPATION OF MERCHANT NAVY CADETS IN REPUBLIC DAY PARADE - IPRCL FUNDING SUPPORT	No update on this.
14	STCW COMPLIANCE BOARD - INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK & LEGAL INCORPORATION IN MERCHANT SHIPPING RULES	It was informed that the matter is currently under consideration and is awaiting further discussion and finalization of the draft STCW Rules in consultation with the Legal Division.
15	DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION OF FOUR MODULES UNDER e-NAVIK PLATFORM	It was informed that the modules are currently under development and are expected to go live by the first or second week of September 2026.

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16	DEVELOPMENT OF MARITIME TRAINING ECO-SYSTEM	It was informed that the timeline for submission of bids has been extended till 19th June 2026.
17	NATIONAL MARITIME GAMES	It was informed that the next edition of the National Maritime Games is proposed to be scheduled between November 2026 and February 2027.
18	MARITIME TRAINING CONCLAVE - ANNUAL	It was informed that the conduct of the conclave is presently impacted and postponed due to global conditions.
19	EXAMINATION REFORMS - MTI EXIT EXAMINATION/ RATINGS EXIT EXAMINATION/ CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (WRITTEN & ORAL)	It was informed that multiple review meetings have been conducted with Principal Officers and stakeholders since May, and the implementation process is ongoing.
20	COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF STCW CONVENTION AND CODE & INDIA'S PARTICIPATION	It was informed that, as directed by the DG Sir, the subject has been transferred to the International Cooperation Division for further handling.
21	STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR MARITIME TRAINING	It was informed that two candidates have already joined from IMEI and two additional candidates have been identified through CMMI, with their enrollment expected shortly.
22	“SAGAR MEY YOG” WELLNESS MODULE AS A STRUCTURED ‘LIFE SKILL’ FRAMEWORK FOR SEAFARERS	It was informed that a training circular has already been issued mandating implementation of yoga sessions in all pre-sea MTIs, prescribing one-hour sessions twice a week along with a defined syllabus. Further, a draft circular on “Sagar Mein Yog,” comprising ten components under an LMS framework with a user manual, has been circulated for stakeholder comments, which will be reviewed before final issuance. The Board also noted that DG Shipping will organize a yoga event on the occasion of International Yoga Day (21st June) at MTI SCI Powai.
23	“SAGAR MEY SAMMAN” MODULE DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) FRAMEWORK FOR MARITIME SECTOR	It was informed that a five-year strategic framework has already been launched on 18th May. It was further informed that additional components, including policy formulation and related measures, are currently under preparation and development.

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24	PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND INTERVENTION FOR PROMOTION OF MENTAL WELL-BEING AMONG INDIAN SEAFARERS – ENGAGEMENT OF NIMHANS, BENGALURU	It was informed that Phase I (quantitative study) and Phase II (qualitative analysis) have been completed, covering a significant sample of seafarers and maritime students, and that Phase III (intervention modules) is currently underway. The Board noted key findings indicating notable levels of psychological distress, anxiety, depression, loneliness, and low help-seeking behavior among seafarers, as well as operational and implementation challenges faced during the intervention phase. The final report is expected to be submitted by September 2026.
25	CASE OF MALPRACTICES IN MTI EXIT EXAMINATION M/s C.V. RAMAN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (MTI No. 302004)	The inspection identified multiple deficiencies, including absence of CCTV coverage in examination halls, non-compliance with attendance systems, and lack of proper date/time stamping during practical training. The Board noted that the institute has since rectified all deficiencies, including installation of CCTV and biometric systems, and implementation of proper documentation practices. However, the requirement for the PSCRB water body remains non-compliant. Accordingly, the Board decided that exit examination credentials be restored, considering satisfactory compliance with major deficiencies, while directing the institute to address the pending PSCRB water body requirement. The Board also recommended issuance of a warning to the institute, cautioning against recurrence of such malpractices and indicating that stricter action may be taken in case of future violations. Decision: PO MMD, Kolkata recommendation was accepted to restore exit exam credentials.
26	CLARIFICATION ON LAND REQUIREMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTE	The Board considered the query regarding the land requirement for establishment of a Maritime Training Institute, specifically whether land parcels located on either side of a road can be treated as a single entity. After deliberation, the Board reiterated its earlier decisions that henceforth land must be in one contiguous and single parcel , and cases involving multiple land parcels separated by roads or otherwise shall not be considered.
27	FOREIGN ADMINISTRATION APPROVED COURSES CONDUCTED BY MTIS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DGS ORDERS	The Board took note of the implementation of DGS Order No. 10 of 2026, along with Addendum Order No. 11 of 2026, governing the conduct of foreign administration approved courses by DGS-approved MTIs. It was informed that No Objection Certificates (NOCs) are being issued to eligible institutes upon compliance with the prescribed SOP and fee structure, and that such permissions do not constitute formal approvals.

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28	ZERO TOLERANCE IN TRAINING & SKILLING	It was informed that awareness videos covering training standards and exit examinations have already been released, with a Hindi version currently under preparation and expected to be released within the next 15 days.
29	DISCUSSION ON SHIPBOARD TRAINING REVIEW OF EXISTING SHIPBOARD TRAINING PRACTICES AND AUGMENTATION OF TRAINING BERTHS	It was informed that a list of over 200 candidates from GP Rating and CCMC courses has been shared with SCI for placement and onboarding. SCI is in the process of finalizing the candidates including medical examinations and formalities, by the end of the current month.
30	COMPLIANCE STATUS - TRAINING CIRCULAR NO. 59 OF 2026 ENFORCEMENT OF SWIMMING POOL & WATERBODY REQUIREMENTS FOR MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTES	It directed all MMDs to submit comprehensive, tabulated recommendations reflecting the current compliance status and actionable timelines. The matter was deferred for detailed deliberation in the next meeting, where consolidated submissions will be reviewed to enable appropriate decisions, including timelines for compliance or necessary enforcement actions.
31	CANCELLATION/ REJECTION OF CDC APPLICATION ON ACCOUNT OF NON-RECOGNITION/ EQUIVALENCY OF 10TH STANDARD QUALIFICATION ISSUED BY VISVA-BHARATI UNIVERSITY	Based on the documents circulated earlier and recommendations received, the Board agreed to accept the candidate's 10th certificate solely for the purpose of issuance of CDC. The decision shall be communicated to the Crew Branch for necessary action. Decision: The board approved the certificate for issuance of CDC.
32	REVIEW OF LEGAL MATTERS IN TRAINING DIVISION - UPDATES THEREOF	It was informed that a total of 23 cases is currently active.
33	PRIORITY AREAS RELATED TO EDUCATION IN PHASE-2 OF COMPLIANCE REDUCTION AND DEREGULATION	The Board observed that maritime education and training fall under a regulated framework with specific safety, training, and compliance obligations distinct from general higher education norms. It was decided that the document shall be circulated again among Board members for detailed examination, and any further suggestions or recommendations may be submitted for consideration before taking a final view.