

78th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 25.06.2026		
S.No	Agenda	Decision Taken
1	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/s RAJARAM MAHAVIDYALAY INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERING	It was noted that no representation was present in the meeting. DG Sir informed that the institution had been given a period of three months to comply with the placement requirements, after which the proposal for approval of the new course would be reconsidered.
2	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/s NATIONAL INLAND NAVIGATIONAL INSTITUTE	MMD Kolkata reported the institute was not ready for inspection and had recommended rejection. However, considering its status as a Government institute, the Board decided to grant a final opportunity to confirm readiness for inspection by 15 August, failing which appropriate action would be taken.
3	CASUALTY INCIDENTS AT MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTES. I. M/s TOLANI MARITIME INSTITUTE	MMD Mumbai presented the findings of the preliminary inquiry into the fatal accident at Tolani Maritime Institute, which highlighted structural failure due to corrosion, absence of systematic inspections, and deficiencies in emergency response. The Board decided that the Directorate shall prepare a comprehensive circular/advisory covering infrastructure safety, periodic inspections, emergency response mechanisms, and incorporation of these aspects into inspection frameworks. The draft circular will be circulated to members for comments before being finalized and published on the website for implementation across all MTIs.
4	CASUALTY INCIDENTS AT MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTES II. M/s SENSEA MARITIME ACADEMY	MMD Kolkata presented the case, highlighting deficiencies in supervision, absence of a lifeguard, inadequate emergency response, and lack of defined pool safety protocols. The Board decided that the recommended measures, including mandatory lifeguard presence, emergency drills, identification of non-swimmers, and strengthened pool safety practices, be incorporated into a comprehensive safety circular. It was further decided to issue an advisory encouraging MTIs to ensure adequate insurance coverage for trainees, with the draft circular to be circulated for comments before finalization and implementation.
5	SURPRISE INSPECTION - M/s SEI EDUCATIONAL TRUST	This matter has been deliberated in the last meeting. The Board noted that all deficiencies identified during the inspections had been rectified, except for the design-related observation on the water body's shape. The water body, though polygonal due to site constraints, provides a usable area of approximately 5,748 sq. m., exceeding the prescribed minimum of 5,500 sq. m. Practical demonstrations confirmed that all required training activities, including survival craft and rescue boat operations, manoeuvring, recovery, towing, marshalling exercises, and achieving the stipulated speed of six knots, could be conducted satisfactorily. The Board approved the water body facility after confirming its compliance with the prescribed operational and training requirements.

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		Decision: PO MMD Kolkata recommendation was accepted
6	FOREIGN ADMINISTRATION APPROVED COURSES CONDUCTED BY MTIs AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DGS ORDERS	DDG Trg. updated regarding DGS Orders 10 and 11 of 2026 and the ongoing issuance of NOCs to MTIs conducting foreign administration approved courses. It was informed that NOCs have already been issued to a few MTIs, while some applications are under process.
7	ZERO TOLERANCE IN TRAINING & SKILLING	DDG Trg. updated about recent social media outreach efforts aimed at raising awareness about fraudulent institutes and preventing candidates from being misled.
8	DISCUSSION ON SHIPBOARD TRAINING REVIEW OF EXISTING SHIPBOARD TRAINING PRACTICES AND AUGMENTATION OF TRAINING BERTHS	It was informed that 96 training berths are being created on Swarajdeep, with the first batch planned to commence from 15 July for a six-month duration. Further, efforts are underway to establish tie-ups with FOSMA/MASSA to create approximately 12,000 training berths on foreign-flag vessels through suitable incentives, including possible relaxation in port charges, which will require detailed deliberations with stakeholders. The Committee also noted that PwC has been engaged as a consultant to suggest measures to enhance the quality of Indian seafarers and to achieve the target of 20% global share by 2030.
9	CONDUCT OF COMPREHENSIVE INSPECTION PROGRAMME (CIP) FOR MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTES (MTIs)	The Board considered the presentation on the CIP for 2025 and noted that several MTIs fall under C1 and C2 categories requiring closer monitoring. The Board decided that the report be circulated to all MMDs for review and that institutes graded C1 and C2 be subjected to more frequent inspections as per guidelines. The Board also agreed to explore an online system for capturing jurisdiction details and maintaining historical inspection records for effective monitoring.
10	COMPLIANCE STATUS - TRAINING CIRCULAR NO. 59 OF 2025 ENFORCEMENT OF SWIMMING POOL & WATERBODY REQUIREMENTS FOR MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTES	In view of the absence of key officials on ongoing parallel commitments, it was decided to defer the matter to the next meeting for detailed deliberation. Decision: This agenda has been deferred to the next meeting.
11	PRIORITY AREAS RELATED TO EDUCATION IN PHASE-2 OF COMPLIANCE REDUCTION AND DEREGULATION	In view of the need for broader deliberation and the absence of all members, it was decided to defer the agenda to the next meeting. Decision: This agenda has been deferred to the next meeting.

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12	CONFIRMATION OF PUBLICATION OF RESULTS	DDG Training updated that from the Engineering side, all examination results for the month of April have been published within the stipulated timeline.
13	REVIEW OF LEGAL MATTERS IN TRAINING DIVISION - UPDATES THEREOF	Legal Consultant updated on pending court cases of the Training Branch, with a total of 24 active cases, including around 19–20 cases under MMD Chennai and one under MMD Mumbai. It was observed that there has been no change in status or fresh orders since the last meeting.
14	SURPRISE INSPECTION OF SWIMMING POOL AT MTI M/S. HOON MARITIME INSTITUTE M/s Hoon Maritime Institute Kolkata	A warning letter shall be issued to the institute for observed deficiencies in swimming pool maintenance and filtration systems. The deficiencies will be recorded in the CIP report for enhanced monitoring by ROs, with specific checks on water quality and filtration. MMD Kolkata will conduct surprise inspections at least once every six months. DG Shipping will also issue a general advisory circular highlighting such deficiencies for wider compliance.
15	COMPREHENSIVE INSPECTION PROGRAMME (CIP) AT M/S. INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY (IMU), KOLKATA M/s Indian Maritime University (IMU), Kolkata	MMD Kolkata gave the presentation and updated that IMU is a government institution, the existing room sizes meet the prescribed area requirements, and that redevelopment requires statutory approvals through CPWD and the Ministry, it is decided to grant a time extension of up to 3 - 4 years for upgrading hostel infrastructure. The waiver period shall be clearly recorded in the CIP certificate, and ROs shall monitor progress of construction and compliance during audits.