

80 th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 23.07.2026		
S.No	Agenda	Decision Taken
1	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/s GANPAT UNIVERSITY GOA - VASSUDEVA SALGAOCAR INSTITUTE OF MARITIME STUDIES (VSIMS)	MMD Mumbai made the presentation before the Board regarding the proposal of Ganpat University, Goa, to conduct maritime training courses from its transit campus. MMD Mumbai Informed that Ganpat University Goa is a state private university under Goa Private University Act, 2020. A MoU was signed in Goa between the Government of Goa and Ganpat University, in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister of MoPSW, for the establishment of the university. Both MTIs of the Universities, as specified in the MoU, follows a common academic calendar to ensure quality education. The Board took into consideration the proven track record, quality standards, governance framework, placement performance, and maritime training experience of Ganpat University, Gujarat. After deliberation, the Board decided to grant conditional approval for the proposed maritime training courses with the recommended intake capacity. The approval was accorded as a one-time exception, without creating any precedent for future cases. Decision: PO MMD Mumbai recommendation was accepted.
2	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/S MUMBAI MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTE	MMD Mumbai made the presentation before the Board. Based on the inspection conducted by MMD Mumbai and its recommendation confirming that the institute complies with the applicable DGS guidelines and infrastructure requirements, the Board approved the course with an intake capacity of 40 candidates per batch, for six batches per year. Decision: PO MMD Mumbai recommendation was accepted.
3	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/S MUMBAI MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTE	MMD Mumbai made the presentation before the Board. In view of the inspection findings and the recommendation of MMD Mumbai, which confirmed satisfactory compliance with the prescribed DGS requirements and infrastructure norms, the Board approved the course with an intake capacity of 40 candidates per batch, for four batches per year. Decision: PO MMD Mumbai recommendation was accepted.
4	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/s. Indian Maritime University- Mumbai Port Campus (LBS CAMSAR & MERI)	MMD Mumbai made the presentation before the Board. Based on the inspection conducted by MMD Mumbai on 16 July 2026 and its recommendation confirming compliance with the applicable DGS guidelines and prescribed infrastructure requirements, the Board approved to conduct the six-month Second Mate (FG) Competency Course with an intake capacity of 40 candidates per batch, for four batches per year. Decision: PO MMD Mumbai recommendation was accepted.
5	NON-CONDUCT OF COMPREHENSIVE	It was informed that the institute has not conducted a CIP since 2018 and has responded to the show cause notice

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	INSPECTION PROGRAMME (CIP) 2025 - SNS MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTE	by citing the pending court case concerning swimming pool arrangements. The Board decided that the matter, along with the legal opinion and other related compliance issues, should be examined in detail before any further action is taken. Decision: This agenda has been deferred to the next meeting.
6	STRATEGY FOR INCREASING THE GLOBAL SHARE OF INDIAN SEAFARERS FROM 12% TO 20% BY 2023	The Board noted the presentation made by PwC on the draft strategy for increasing India's share of the global seafarer workforce from 12% to 20% by 2030, including the baseline assessment, global benchmarking, and proposed policy and institutional interventions. It was decided that the presentation and draft strategy document would be circulated to all Board members for their review and suggestions before finalizing.
7	MERCHANT NAVY - AN IDEAL CAREER OPTION (IPRCL FUNDING)/ SOCIAL MEDIA - "JOIN MERCHANT NAVY" & ZERO TOLERANCE IN TRAINING & SKILLING	DDG STCW informed the board about the progress of the social media outreach initiative, including awareness campaigns on Zero Tolerance in Maritime Training and Crewing and promotion of maritime careers. The social media campaign for promoting the Merchant Navy as a career option would be aligned with the phased implementation of the key e-Navik modules, including the Crisis Response Module, MTI Module, and RPSL Module, to ensure a robust digital framework and prevent misuse by unauthorized entities.
8	PARTICIPATION OF MERCHANT NAVY CADETS IN REPUBLIC DAY PARADE - IPRCL FUNDING SUPPORT	The Board noted that no significant progress had been made on the proposal for participation of Merchant Navy cadets in the Republic Day Parade. It is dependent on the establishment of the proposed Section 8 entity and the availability of funding.
9	STCW COMPLIANCE BOARD - INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK & LEGAL INCORPORATION IN MERCHANT SHIPPING RULES	It was informed that the relevant provisions have been incorporated in the draft rules, which are currently awaiting finalization by the Ministry of Law and Justice. The Board emphasized that its role and functions should be appropriately reflected in the final rules and a detailed presentation shall be made to the Board.
10	DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION OF FOUR MODULES UNDER e-NAVIK PLATFORM	It was informed that the modules are expected to go live by the end of August 2026.

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11	DEVELOPMENT OF MARITIME TRAINING ECO-SYSTEM	It was informed that the technical presentations by the bidders had been completed and the bids are currently under evaluation. Based on the outcome of the technical evaluation, the process shall proceed to the financial bid stage. The Bid Process Management Committee may undertake further verification or make appropriate recommendations, including re-bidding, before submitting its proposal to the Ministry for a final decision.
12	NATIONAL MARITIME GAMES	It was informed that discussions had been held with Ganpat University and proposed the formation of a core committee for organizing the National Maritime Games. The Board noted that efforts for mobilization of funds had commenced and that the zonal structure, venues, sub-committees, and the list of games were under finalization. It was decided that a detailed proposal, including the finalized venues and games, should be presented at the next meeting.
13	MARITIME TRAINING CONCLAVE – ANNUAL	No update on this.
14	EXAMINATION REFORMS - MTI EXIT EXAMINATION/ RATINGS EXIT EXAMINATION/ CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (WRITTEN & ORAL)	It was informed that the Oral Examination Module has been initiated successfully on a trial basis. The system has successfully scheduled examinations and issued examination links to candidates but there are certain technical issues. The Board noted that a team from C-DAC Chennai is working on resolving the pending issues and improving the system functionality.
15	MARITIME TRAINING ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT FOR MARITIME TRAINING	It was informed that resources from CMMI and IMEI have been onboarded and assigned specific tasks. A meeting has been scheduled in the following week to review progress and discuss additional work assignments.
16	“SAGAR MEY YOG” WELLNESS MODULE AS A STRUCTURED ‘LIFE SKILL’ FRAMEWORK FOR SEAFARERS	It was informed that a Circular has been issued granting seafarers a period of one year to complete the 10 components of SMY through the LMS platform. The LMS link has been made available on the DGS website and nearly 6,000 seafarers have enrolled till date. The Board also noted about the ongoing discussions with Ganpat University for further development of the initiative.

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17	“SAGAR MEY SAMMAN” MODULE DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) FRAMEWORK FOR MARITIME SECTOR	It was informed that sub-committees have been constituted and have commenced their work. The Board noted that a meeting with the sub-committees will be convened to finalize timelines, clarify responsibilities, and address budgetary and other issues.
18	DISCUSSION WITH ICS ON ISF INITIATIVE	The Board noted the presentation by ICS and Lloyd's Register on the ISF Verify platform and its potential benefits for secure digital verification of seafarer certificates. It was decided that the proposal, along with the draft MoU, would be examined internally by DGS and communicated to ICS.
19	FOREIGN ADMINISTRATION APPROVED COURSES CONDUCTED BY MTIS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DGS ORDERS	It was informed that NOCs have been issued to five MTIs, while a few applications are still under review.
20	PRIORITY AREAS RELATED TO EDUCATION IN PHASE-2 OF COMPLIANCE REDUCTION AND DEREGULATION	The Board noted that the existing requirements relating to infrastructure, faculty, and other regulatory criteria for MTIs shall continue without any relaxation at present. The matter has been referred to the MTI Reforms Committee and will be considered further after receipt of its recommendations.
21	CONFIRMATION OF PUBLICATION OF RESULTS	It was informed that no examination results are currently pending and that the next set of results is scheduled to be declared in the following week.
22	REVIEW OF LEGAL MATTERS IN TRAINING DIVISION - UPDATES THEREOF	It was informed that 24 court cases related to the Training Branch are presently pending.