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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, MUMBAI



File No.: 20/19/2026-TRG-DGS (Comp. No. 43585)

Date: 21.10.2026

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Whereas, M/s. Shivalik Maritime Academy, Dehradun (MTI No. 107029), run by Shivalik Education and Research Foundation, a Section 8 Company, hereinafter referred to as the "MTI", is a Maritime Training Institute approved by the Directorate General of Maritime Administration (hereinafter the "Directorate") to conduct the courses listed below, and is required to comply with the applicable regulatory provisions and the conditions of its approval.

Sr. No.	Name of Course	Approval No. and Date	Students per Batch	Batches per Year
1	Basic Safety Training (BST)	100587 dated 30.05.2024	24	48
2	Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties (STSDSD)	100587 dated 30.05.2024	24	48

2. Whereas, **Section 47(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025** empowers the Director-General to administer, supervise and monitor maritime education, training and assessment, including the approval and regulation of Maritime Training Institutes.

3. Whereas, Para 14.2 of DGS Order No. 12 of 2026, which came into force on 01.08.2026, lays down the categories of candidates eligible for admission to the Basic Safety Training (BST) course, and Para 15 of that Order and Paras 4.1 and 4.2 of DGMA Circular No. 45 of 2026 lay down the related requirements to be complied with by the MTI in admitting candidates to BST4

4. Whereas, Para 3.2.1 of DGS Order No. 05 of 2016 requires every instructor and faculty member to be qualified in the task for which training is being conducted, in accordance with Sections A-I/6 and A-I/8 of the STCW Code; Para 3.4.1.2 of that Order prescribes the minimum qualification of the faculty for STCW Basic Modular courses as a Certificate of Competency as Master (NCV), Chief Mate (FG) or Chief Engineer (NCV) (MEO Class II); and Para 3.8 requires the MTI to designate a faculty member as course-in-charge for every course

5. Whereas, Para 2.14.1 of the DGS Training Manual Vol-II (Post-Sea) requires an MTI conducting the Personal Survival Techniques course to have a swimming pool within its campus,

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of the minimum dimensions specified therein, and Para 2.1.3 thereof requires an MTI whose swimming pool is located at a site different from its main campus to possess a registered lease deed for those premises in the name of its Trust or Section 8 Company.

6. Whereas, the MTI was inspected by the Directorate on 18.09.2026. Of the 12 candidates in the BST batch then in progress, only two were prima facie found to fall within an eligible category under Para 14.2 of DGS Order No. 12 of 2026, and the remaining ten do not fall within any of those categories. Further, as per the MTI's batch data, 29 candidates in August 2026 and 26 candidates in September 2026 were enrolled in BST on or after 01.08.2026, and their eligibility has not been demonstrated.

7. Whereas, during the inspection, it was observed that a Personal Survival Techniques (PST) class of the BST batch in progress was being conducted by an instructor in place of the designated faculty, contrary to the approved time-table.

8. Whereas, the swimming pool used by the MTI for PST training is located outside its campus, about 14-16 km from its premises, and its ownership and specifications have not been established.

9. Whereas, the above findings prima facie indicate:

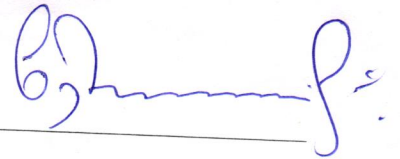
- (a) admission to BST of candidates who do not fall within any eligible category, in contravention of Paras 14.2 and 15 of DGS Order No. 12 of 2026 and Paras 4.1 and 4.2 of DGMA Circular No. 45 of 2026, which may constitute a major violation under Para 18 of that Order;
- (b) conduct of PST training by an instructor in place of the designated faculty, in contravention of Paras 3.2.1, 3.4.1.2 and 3.8 of DGS Order No. 05 of 2016, which may constitute a major deficiency under Para 5.3.1.2 of that Order; and
- (c) use of a swimming pool located outside the campus, whose ownership and specifications have not been established, contrary to Paras 2.14.1 and 2.1.3 of the DGS Training Manual Vol-II (Post-Sea), which may constitute a major deficiency under Para 5.3.1.11 of DGS Order No. 05 of 2016.

10. Whereas, the said deficiencies, if established, would render the MTI liable to action under Para 18 of DGS Order No. 12 of 2026, Para 4.3 of DGMA Circular No. 45 of 2026 and Para 5.5 of DGS Order No. 05 of 2016, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Para 5.6 of that Order.

Now, therefore,

11. The MTI is hereby called upon to show cause, within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of receipt of this Notice, why regulatory action should not be taken against it, including, but not limited to:

- (i) restriction or reduction of the approved intake/batch capacity of the BST course;
- (ii) temporary withdrawal of approval of one or more approved courses;
- (iii) permanent withdrawal of approval of one or more approved courses;



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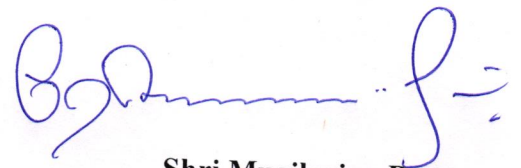
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- (iv) permanent withdrawal of the approval of the MTI;
- (v) immediate permanent withdrawal/cancellation of approval, where warranted by the nature and seriousness of the deficiencies; and
- (vi) any other action as the Directorate may deem fit under the applicable rules, orders and circulars.

12. The MTI shall submit a written explanation on the findings at Paras 6 to 8, supported by:
 - (a) the eligibility documents and INDoS applications of every BST candidate enrolled on or after 01.08.2026, stating the sub-para of Para 14.2 of DGS Order No. 12 of 2026 under which each candidate is claimed to be eligible;
 - (b) the approved time-table and lecture records of the PST sessions of the BST batch in progress on 18.09.2026; the names of, and copies of the CoC and VICT/TOTA certificates held by, the instructor who conducted the class and the designated faculty; and a copy of the AECS certificate of the course-in-charge; and
 - (c) documents establishing compliance of the swimming pool with each of the requirements referred to at Para 5.
13. With immediate effect and pending disposal of this Notice, the MTI shall not admit to BST any candidate who does not fall within Para 14.2 of DGS Order No. 12 of 2026.
14. The MTI may request a personal hearing while submitting its reply, indicating the name and designation of its authorised representative.
15. If the MTI fails to reply within the stipulated period, or to appear for the personal hearing when called upon, the matter shall be decided on the material on record without further reference to the MTI.
16. The observations in this Notice are prima facie. The final decision shall be taken after considering the MTI's reply, the evidence in support, the records on file and, where applicable, the submissions made at the personal hearing. This Notice is without prejudice to any other action under the applicable laws, rules, orders and circular.

This issues with the approval of the Director General.



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