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S.No	Agenda	Decision Taken
1	Matter of Sri Nandhanam College of Engineering & Technology (MTI No. 414046)	<p>PO, MMD, Chennai, informed that since the MTI continuously violating the DGS norms, the proposal given in our letter may be approved.</p> <p>Decision: The decision of the PO, MMD, Chennai was accepted</p>
2	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology, Port Blair:	<p>MMD Kolkata shared a brief note where he informed that during the inspection, that infrastructure, everything is very good for the engineering college, but there is just one small area demarcated for maritime training. The Maritime Training Institute was not ready for inspection on that day of inspection, he has reported the deficiencies to PO, MMD Kolkata. PO, MMD Kolkata informed to suspend the inspection. PO MMD has recommended that course approval may be withdrawn from next session. It is requested DDG training to process for the show cause to the said institute.</p> <p>Decision: The decision of the PO, MMD, Kolkata was accepted</p>
3	M/s. Trident College of Marine Technology (MTI No.312020) Kolkata	<p>MMD Kolkata gave a presentation, The MTI was issued C2 rating in the program by the RO Lloyds Register of Shipping. A visit of MMD surveyors will be done to the institute to cross check whether the compliances and the upgradation has any grounds for improvement subsequently the MMD Kolkata will resubmit the proposal after this 15-day period in next STCW Compliance Board meeting.</p> <p>Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting.</p>
4	In-principle approval for shifting of premises - M/s. FOSMA Maritime Institute and Research Organisation, Noida (MTI No. 103007)	<p>MMD Kandla gave the presentation on In principle approval and they have requested for the in principle shifting of this premises. The board decided if the specific documentation record correct and the specific recommendation by the respected PO taken on record to grant the same In principal approval.</p> <p>Decision: The decision of the PO, MMD, Kandla was accepted</p>
5	Swimming Pool and Waterbody inspection of M/s. Hoon Maritime Institute, Kolkata.	<p>MMD Kolkata gave the presentation, he has informed that they have ample natural water bodies and have a sufficient water reserve there. Photographs of that water body was shown to the board. so, there will not be any shortage of water in summer as well. Therefore the PO MMD Kolkata recommended for the same.</p> <p>Decision:</p>

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		The decision of the PO, MMD, Kolkata was accepted
6	M/s. Euro Tech Maritime Academy, COCHIN [Application No. 100826]:	PO MMD, Kochi has recommended for approval for enhancement of GME course. Decision: The decision of the PO, MMD, Kochi was accepted
7	M/s. Seven Islands Maritime Training Institute, Khopoli, MH [Application No. 100825]:	PO, MMD, Mumbai recommended to grant approval for one additional batch of GP rating course with capacity of 40 candidates per year. However, the existing approval of the ETO course (40 candidates for 2 batches), GME course (40 candidates for 1 batch), and Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties (20 candidates for 4 batches) may be deleted from the approval list. Decision: The decision of the PO, MMD, Mumbai was accepted
8	Strategy for increasing the share of Indian Seafarers from 12% to 20% Globally	DDG Training updated that the agency that we have engaged 3 BEES. Seafarer propagation during the NCC camp. Training branch may hire an advisory consultancy for aiming to reach the target by making the strategy and action plan.
9	Indian Merchant Navy Entrance Test / Draft Circular on IMU-CET	A centralized admission portal is proposed for all DGS-accredited MTIs, including those affiliated and not affiliated with IMU. This requires upgrading the existing MTI module and appointing a system integrator to conduct a study on how non-IMU institutions manage admissions and whether they use the IMU merit list. If integration with IMU's merit list is needed, an API must be requested. While IMU may have its own stance, DGS will proceed independently to address long-standing concerns. MTTSU, is recommended to lead the system study, referencing the original FRS/SRS developed with ARI. Development will only proceed once clarity is established on the four core modules of the upgraded MTI system.
10	Merchant Navy – An Ideal Career Option: [merged agenda on 'Rajdhani Republic Day Camp' with this agenda]	DDG Training informed that there are no updates on this.
11	STCW Compliance Board	A formal order for approval was shared with the Ministry on August 14 , followed by a meeting with their legal team on August 26 . Despite this, no formal response has been received from the Ministry. Now its decided that a reminder be issued to the Ministry seeking approval of the order, after which the MS Rule can be progressed.

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12	Revamped Maritime Training Institute Module on E-Governance Platform-FRS / SRS – helpline and escalation matrix	The e-Samudra vendor (CMS) has declined to develop the MTI and RPSL modules at the original bid rate, citing significant scope additions beyond the initial RFP. Given their embedded role and technical familiarity, a procurement note was issued on May 14, 2025, recommending that they be awarded the extended scope as a natural continuation, under the Directorate’s financial powers. While the Ministry has verbally indicated that the Directorate may decide independently, no formal approval has been received. The legacy system is technically inadequate for the required integration of grievance redressal, training tracking, and onboard monitoring. A formal decision is now needed to proceed with the vendor under revised terms.
13	Faculty Development Program	DG Sir stated that the faculty development program will be finalized with Virtual Guru agreeing to host the session on their platform. The only pending item is negotiation on the quoted price for three assessment certificates, which will be discussed in this week. Once finalized, the proposal will be submitted for approval, and a draft circular will be prepared to initiate the program formally.
14	Learning Management System	DG stated that the ADU e-learning support is ending, and a replacement system is needed. Attempts to onboard Tier-1 vendors have failed due to procedural and contractual constraints, especially with foreign entities. A new proposal from Virtual Guru offers an RO-certified LMS, potentially free of cost, but requires validation. IMEI and CMMI team is requested to assess the platform over the next two weeks, ensuring no financial or maintenance commitments to DG Shipping. If viable, it could be adopted with smart classroom specifications and continuous syllabus improvement, subject to expert review of its technical and pedagogical relevance. The LMS initiative may continue as an open-ended process, but clarity on the procurement approach is essential before proceeding.
15	Infrastructure improvement scheme at MTIs – One centre of excellence to be set up (MTI at Powai) and Maritime Training Institute Infrastructure Standardization / Categorization	DDG Training informed that meeting was conducted with principal of SCI MTI, where in it was decided that the study the financial viability of the Project need to be done.

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16	“Sagar Mey Yog” - Wellness Module as a structured ‘Life Skill’ for each mariner	DG stated that five-year action plan is being prepared and will be presented to the Seafarers Welfare Committee. Coordination for these agendas will be managed by the designated officer, and necessary instructions will be shared with the concerned stakeholders.
17	“Sagar Mey Samman” Module	DG stated that five-year action plan is being prepared and will be presented to the Seafarers Welfare Committee. Coordination for these agendas will be managed by the designated officer, and necessary instructions will be shared with the concerned stakeholders.
18	Web Based Simulation	<p>DG Stated that the Technical Support Unit is responsible for the end-to-end execution of key digital initiatives, including the Learning Management System (LMS), web-based simulation modules, procurement and installation of integrated simulators at MTI Powai, and the revision of FRS/SRS documents. They are also tasked with managing the MTI module implementation, STCW Compliance Board digital platform, training website updates, and content review under DDG Training’s direction.</p> <p>DDG Training informed that the LMS RFP is currently prioritized, work on web-based simulators will commence next.</p>
19	Artificial Intelligence & Virtual Reality/ Immersive Technology strategy and road map in Training	MTTSU informed that the initial inputs received from the HIMT, Chennai of 3D models and video-based assessments, which require further review.
20	Safety First Culture – “सुरक्षा सवप्रथम- हमेशा”	Capt. Harinder Singh updated that the first safety video is ready and being shortened to around 7 minutes. The second video has been received and is under review. Four scripts have been shared, and work is ongoing on four videos. The mobile maritime safety platform is awaiting feedback from the second senior strategic advisor, with a reminder already sent. All video and content development activities are progressing as planned.
21	National Maritime Games	<p>Shri Bisen informed that the discussion with Ganpat University for hosting the next Maritime Games is going on for the necessary infrastructure, including accommodation and conferencing facilities.</p> <p>DG stated that the event be jointly supported by DGS, Ganpat University, MTIs, and potential CSR partners. Further discussions will be held with other institutes and stakeholders, including K2K. The event may be</p>

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		scheduled for February , or December if feasible. Branding, outreach, and logistics planning will follow once the hosting and funding model are finalized.
22	Maritime Domain- Growth and Transition Module	DG Stated that the "Technology and Just Transition Care" module is to be developed for MTIs and seafarers, with design responsibility assigned to the Technical Support Unit. MTTSU is requested to note this, and support will be extended from other technical branches. Additionally, Praveen Nair and Ravi Sikarwar will contribute guidance when available, especially once their examination reform duties allow.
23	Maritime Training Conclave- Annual	No updates in the matter.
24	Exposure visit for cadets and trainees - I.M.O Strategic Engagement- 'Catch them young	DG stated that the Section 8 is being stewarded by the designated officer, its formal constitution is essential before any further action can be taken.
25	Skill Development & Infrastructure Development Support Schemes - Central Government Ministry/ State Government State Maritime Boards/ Private Institutes support schemes	DG stated that five maritime training and capacity-building projects are being formalized for ongoing review: (1) a training institute at ITI Palghar with support from NUSI and near-free land access, (2) a proposed center in Navi Mumbai potentially funded by JNPA and supported by the Maharashtra government, (3) a specialized Indian Institute of Ports Management in partnership with IPA, Mumbai Port Authority, and Maharashtra Maritime Board, (4) conversion of Mormugao Port Hospital into a cruise training institute via PPP with Carnival Cruises, and (5) structured tracking and support for each project. These initiatives will be pursued based on institutional and financial feasibility.
26	Examination reforms [MTI Exit Examination / Ratings Exit Examination / CoC (Written and Oral)]	DG stated that a presentation on examination reform should be made to all Principal Officers (POs) and attending officers in the upcoming forum to ensure awareness and alignment. Shri Praveen Nair, who is leading the reform and has already presented to the Hon'ble Secretary, is requested to prepare and deliver this presentation next meeting.
27	Dynamic Batch Sizing	No updates in this matter
28	Placement Portal and Authentic job portal - R.P.S.L Module revamp-addressing Malpractices	No updates in this matter
29	Leveraging Technology	No updates in this matter
30	Comprehensive Review of STCW Convention and	DG stated that since concerns have been raised at the IMO level, and India may potentially host future

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	Codes and India's Participation	discussions, the Chairman and Managing Director of Shipping Corporation of India has offered to chair a stakeholder meeting to escalate this to the Government of India. The STCW convention revision process is expected to evolve gradually, with draft chapters likely emerging around 2027–28 and final adoption by 2028–29. Further clarity will be sought from attending officers, including those participating in HTW.
31	IOCE- SmarT [Indian Ocean Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Maritime Transport] – India's green shipping revolution	DG stated that a presentation will be prepared and presented before the Director of ADB. Shri Praveen Nair, Shri A. Chakki and Shri Deependra Bisen should be present in the presentation.
32	Strategic Management Unit for Maritime Training	DDG Training informed that 2 resources have joined from IMEI but out of 2, one resources is associated with MTI. 2 Resources from CMMI has not joined yet
33	Data repository and analytical perspective statement	DG stated that MTTSU will collate all the data and monitor the KPI under Maritime domain.
34	Social Media Engagement	DG stated that Shri Praveen Nair and Shri Bisen both will made videos on the Training aspect of Merchant Navy covering awareness, Cheating, Fraud on all social media platform. DGS future stated that all POs messages should also be recorded
35	PO, MMD Jurisdiction wise institution wise folders (Pre-sea / Post-sea)	DDG Trg. informed that the MTI folders are ready, and it will uploaded in the New website.
36	CIP Folder – MMD Jurisdiction wise	DDG Trg. informed that the CIP folders are ready, and it will uploaded in the New website.
37	Training and Capacity Building of staff	DG stated that the training should be conducted for all the staff including MMD staff which include site visit, MTI visit, vessels, etc.
38	Admission portal unified for Non-Affiliated Institutes (Pre-sea and Post-sea)	DG stated that this matter should be clubbed with IMU agenda.
39	Open CDC issue - Merchant Shipping Notice No. 1 of 2018 dated 16.01.2018 on Implementation of the MS (CDC) Rules, 2017.	DG stated that the committee report on Indo Latin maritime must be finalized and routed through CS & NA and submitted to the Ministry.
40	Upgrade of all technology platforms like INDoS + CAS	DG stated that a dedicated sub-vertical meeting will be held during the training review to appraise

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	+ other technology related platforms for maritime training.	progress on technology integration and STCW-related initiatives. The MTTSU Unit will play a key role in presenting updates and coordinating efforts across modules. These updates will also be shared with the STCW forum for broader alignment.
41	Presentation on pendency of online in-principle approval and course approval of MTIs.	DDG STCW gave presentation on the pending applications. Jurisdictional POs submitted the updates/status
42	Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof	<p>Legal Consultant (Trg.) informed that the Cosmopolitan Technology matter was heard today, and a reply has been filed.</p> <p>As per DG’s earlier direction, a report has also been submitted to the Training Branch and DDG Training for review. In the Nandanam case, the reply affidavit has been filed before the Hon’ble court through retained counsel, and the hearing is scheduled for tomorrow. Updates will be shared with the STCW Compliance Board as the matters progress.</p>
43	Report to Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport	DDG (Trg.) informed that the reply prepared to the parliamentary committee questionnaire and submitted for approval on file.
44	Conducting surprised inspections	DDG STCW informed that a standardized inspection checklist for each maritime course is needed to support consistent compliance across all MMDS inspections. Currently, inspections rely on a generalized checklist from DGS Orders 5 and 7 of 2016. A course-specific checklist, common to all surveyors, will help ensure uniformity and assist newly appointed officers in conducting inspections effectively. This initiative should be taken up and finalized in coordination with all Principal Officers
45	Request for extension of contract of ADU e-learning between MTT and ADU	DDG (Trg.) informed that the request for extension of contract of ADU e-Learning. DGS requested for taking the matter on file
46	M/s. Urmila Institutes of Maritime Studies, Patna [Application No. 100775] and shifting of premises (from present location: 2nd Floor, Alankar Motor Complex, East Boring Canal Road, Patna, Bihar-800001 to New Location: Opposite	<p>Decisions:</p> <p>Based on the updated site photographs showing rectification of earlier deficiencies, the issue can be considered resolved. Out of 15 courses reviewed, 13 courses are recommended for approval as per PO’s assessment. The remaining 2 courses revalidation/upgradation for Engineer officer and Deck officers may be reconsidered when the institution applies for higher competency courses in the future.</p>

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