Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/1201/2025-C1 (Devp) 17-01-2026

Sub : Administrative Sanction for the Construction of Gate and Gate House at Kollam Port

An estimate for ₹1,62,00,000/- for constructing a new gate and gate house at Kollam Port had been received earlier from the Harbour Engineering Department, for which Administrative Sanction was granted as per G.O.(Rt)No.444/2019/F&PD under the budget head 5051-02-200-81 – Thangassery Port Development in June 2019. Based on this sanction, Harbour Engineering Department has completed works and bills amounting to ₹1,29,01,197/- have been released. Thus, an unspent balance of ₹32,98,803/- remains under the said Administrative Sanction.

Now an estimate for an amount of ₹24 lakhs has been submitted by the Executive Engineer, Harbour Engineering Department, for the construction of the Gate House at Kollam Port. (Copy enclosed). The Port Officer, Kollam has requested to provide approval for taking up the work as Phase-I, along with sanction for initiating tender procedures and arranging necessary funds, urgently.

The following components were originally proposed to be completed under the estimate which is submitted by HED

- Security Room – ₹18,26,528/-
- Compound Wall – ₹6,74,343/-
- Supplying & Fixing Cast Iron Gates – ₹7,00,000/-
- Interlock – ₹1,45,589/-
- Demolishing Existing Gate – ₹1,00,000/-

This matter is directly connected with port security. The SIB has repeatedly pointed out the lack of adequate security arrangements. Since the Administrative Sanction which was issued earlier in June 2019 has already lapsed, as it was issued more than three years ago, it is strongly recommended to issue an internal Administrative Sanction immediately and proceed with the work without delay. Simultaneously, the possibility of obtaining Administrative Sanction under Plan Fund may also be explored.

However, issuing Administrative Sanction for ₹24 lakhs does not fall under the delegation of powers of CEO, KMB, and therefore approval of Board is required. Considering the exigency of the matter, an internal AS has been issued so that the HED can start the tender process.

The same was put up for discussion of the 42nd Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime

Board held on 6th January, 2026.

<u>The Board after discussion has decoded the following:</u>

1. **Resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer, Kerala Maritime Board, in issuing internal Administrative Sanction for meeting the expenses towards the construction of the Gate House at Kollam Port, based on the estimate amounting to ₹24 lakhs submitted by the Harbour Engineering Department, from the General Fund.**
2. **Resolved further to approach the Government for obtaining Administrative Sanction from the budgetary allocation / Plan Fund for the said work.**

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No : HOKMB-TVM/525/2025-C5 **Date : 17-01-2026**

Board Order

Sub : Kerala Maritime Board- Leasing out of Kattadi ground at Bhatt Road Beach, Kozhikode to Kozhikode Corporation– Regarding.

Several parcels of port land in Kozhikode under the jurisdiction of the Kerala Maritime Board have remained idle for an extended period. One such parcel, known locally as "Kattadi Ground" behind the Bhatt Road beach bus stop, has been in long-term informal use by local children and the fisher folk community as a playground.Following a meeting held on 12.02.2025 with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Secretary of the Municipal Corporation, and the Chairman and CEO of the Kerala Maritime Board, it was agreed in principle to lease this land to the Kozhikode Municipal Corporation for formal development as a playground. The Corporation subsequently requested a lease of a plot measuring 90 metres parallel to the main beach and 70 metres parallel to Bhatt Road.

The CEO inspected the site and noted that the land is unsuitable for commercial development, enjoys strong local support for recreational use, and has been used as a playground for many years. Initially, an annual lease rent of 7.5lakh was proposed; however, the Mayor requested a nominal lease rent on the grounds that the development is solely for the benefit of the local fisher folk community and will not generate revenue for the Corporation. It was also noted that, the Board does not currently have the authority to approve leasing land at a nominal rent, and that any such decision would require Government approval.

In this matter, Shri. Thottathil Ravindran, MLA, submitted a petition to the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 13.10.2025, requesting that the said land be allotted by charging only a nominal fee. The Government, through letter No. 192/D2/2024/F&PD dated 29.10.2025, has directed that the matter be examined and a report be submitted.

The matter was discussed as agenda item no 6 in the 42th Board Meeting of the Kerala Maritime Board held on 6.01.2026

The Board, after discussion, has resolved that:-

1. The proposal to lease out the port land measuring approximately 90 metres x 70 metres at Bhatt Road Beach, Kozhikode, to the Kozhikode Municipal Corporation for a period of 30 years for development and use as a playground, at a nominal annual lease rent of ₹75,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Thousand only), be forwarded to the Government for approval, as leasing at nominal rent is beyond the delegated powers of the Board.
2. Resolved further that the land shall be used strictly for playground purposes, primarily for playing football. Any use of the land for purposes other than playing football shall be

subject to the prior concurrence of the Board. Any revenue generated from such approved use shall be remitted to the Kerala Maritime Board.

3. Resolved further that the Chief Executive Officer, Kerala Maritime Board, be authorised to submit the proposal to the Government with appropriate terms and conditions and to take further action based on the decision of the Government.

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Board Order as per the Decision No. 7 of
42nd Kerala Maritime Board Meeting

No : HOKMB-TVM/904/2025-C5 (Land) Date: 20-01-2026

Sub: Kerala Maritime Board-Grant of godown on Customs Road, Kozhikode under license conditions - fee concession Reg

A Port Godown situated on Customs Road within the Kozhikode Port limits was granted to Sri. Anas T., Thathammparambil (House), Kalanthode, Kozhikode, on monthly license conditions at a rate of ₹25,150/- as per quotation, with effect from 24/01/2019 (copy enclosed) with the yearly fee enhancement of 10% and 18% GST, license fee at the monthly rate of 32,645/- was remitted by the licensee at the Kozhikode Port Office up to 23/01/2020. The licensee has not remitted any license fee after 24/01/2020 in spite of the directions issued to him to remit the arrears.

As per Government Order No. 1278/2020/LSGD dated 29.06.2020, the Government had ordered grant of rent concession to institutions owned by Local Self Government Institutions/Development Authorities which could not be opened due to the lock down (copy enclosed).Since the above godown remained completely closed from 24 January 2020 to 23 January 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and lock down, Sri. Anas submitted an application requesting grant of fee concession for the said period.

Since the lock down connected with the COVID pandemic existed only for three months it is proposed that the concession of three months license fee (3x32645) Rs.97,935/-may be granted. For taking an appropriate decision on this application, the matter was referred to the Government (copy enclosed). However, the Government has not yet taken a final decision in this regard.

The same was put up for discussion in the 42nd Board meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 06th January, 2026 vides Agenda no: 7 Point for decision:

The Board after detailed discussion,

Resolved to waive the licence fee for a period of three months only, amounting to Rs.97,935/-, corresponding to the COVID-19 lockdown period, in accordance with the relevant

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BOARD ORDER

HOKMB-TVM/1265/2025-B2 **20-01-2026**

Sub: Granting of Leave without Allowance for 5years to Sri. Deepan Kumar. T, Officer-in-charge

Sri. Deepan Kumar. T, Officer-in-charge, Port Office, Kollam has requested sanction of Leave Without Allowance for a period of 5 years for acquiring the remaining sailing experience of 3 years, which is mandatory for the post of Officer-in-charge that he is presently holding.

As per the advice of the Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Government have appointed Sri. Deepan Kumar. T as Officer in charge in the Kerala Maritime Board vide G.O (Ms) No. 08/203/F&P dated 31/03/2023. He joined duty in the post on 13/04/2023 FN. While inviting applications for the post of Officer-in-charge, the Kerala Public Service Commission prescribed a specific period of sailing experience as an essential qualification for the post.

Sri. Deepan Kumar. T was appointed as Officer-in-charge in the Kerala Maritime Board after the constitution of Kerala Maritime Board and, as such, he did not attain the status of a Government Servant. The matter regarding his status is under the consideration of Government. As per part I, Appendix XII A of the Kerala Service Rules (KSR), Government employees are eligible for Leave Without Allowance for taking up employment within India or abroad. Even though he has not been conferred the status of a Government employee, he was recruited to the post of Officer-in-charge by the Government through the Kerala Public Service Commission.

The qualifications prescribed for the post are detailed below:

a. ***Certificate of Competency as Home Trade Master, issued by the Ministry of Transport with experience as Mate for not less than two years.***

OR

b. ***Certificate of Competency as Home Trade Mate, issued under the Merchant Shipping Act 1958 with experience as Mate for not less than three years.***

OR

c. ***Certificate of Competency as Second Class Master, issued under Inland Steam Vessel Act 1917, with three years experience as Third Officer or Junior Officer or its equivalent in Dredgers.***

Explanation:-*"The qualification of experience prescribed shall not apply in the case of Scheduled Caste candidates for direct recruitment. The candidate so recruited shall acquire the experience qualification after recruitment'.*

The requisite period of 3 years of sailing experience is not applicable in the case of scheduled caste candidates for direct recruitment, and such candidates are required to acquire the experience qualification after recruitment. Sri. Deepan Kumar. T belongs to the Scheduled Caste category. At present he holds a Chief mate Certificate of

Competency and has 11 months of sailing experience.

Therefore, in order to fulfil the mandatory 3 years of sailing experience prescribed by the Kerala Public Service Commission, he is required to acquire the remaining experience. This will benefit not only the Officer concerned but also the Kerala Maritime Board, as several posts such as Surveyor, Examiner and faculty positions that require a minimum qualification of Master (NCV) as prescribed under the IV Act 2021.

At present, Sri. Deepan Kumar. T is entrusted with the full additional charge of Port Officer, Azhikkal as the regular incumbent has proceeded on leave for one month. After completion of the said period, he may be sanctioned Leave Without Allowance for 5 years, if found eligible. Since he was recruited through the PSC and joined after the formation of the Board, there is a lack of clarity regarding the competent authority to sanction his leave, i.e., whether it should be the State Government or the Board. Therefore, it is requested that the Board may sanction the leave and report the matter to the Government.

The matter was placed before **the 42nd meeting (14th Meeting of the Reconstituted Board) of Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) held on 06th January, 2026** vide **Agenda no 8** for taking an appropriate decision.

After detailed deliberation, the Board

1. Resolved that Leave Without Allowance for a period of five years be and is hereby sanctioned to Sri Deepan Kumar T., Officer-in-Charge, Port Office, Kollam, for acquiring the remaining mandatory sailing experience, subject to eligibility and applicable rules.
2. Resolved further that the matter shall be reported to the Government for information and further orders, if any

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No: HOKMB-TVM/1117/2024-E1 **17-01-2026**

Sub : RFP Tender Development of Kerala Maritime Education & Edutainment Hub, Neendakara, Kollam

The Kerala Maritime Institute, Neendakara, is situated in a scenic waterfront location adjacent to the Neendakara Bridge. Spanning approximately 14.9 acres (6 hectares, 81 ares, and 25 square meters), the campus offers direct access to both the backwaters and the sea, making it an ideal setting for maritime education and training. In alignment with the Government's vision to transform Kerala into an education hub, the KMB started exploring the possibility for Public Private Partnership (PPP) model development of the Kerala Maritime Institute at Neendakara, Kollam. In the Hon'ble Governor's address to the Legislative Assembly of Kerala 25th January 2024 is planning to develop the two maritime institutes located in Kodungallur in Thrissur District and Neendakara in Kollam District as hubs of Maritime education in southern India.

Vide G.O. (Rt) No. 835/2024/F&P Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 29-11-2024, Government has accorded sanction for developing Kerala Maritime Institutes in Neendakara and Kodungallur as Centre of Excellence/University under the Public Private Partnership mode and to explore the possibilities of getting capable partners by floating Expression of Interest. Based on a project investment profile, an Expression of Interest (EOI) was floated on 24-10-2024 and the notification was provided in major newspapers including The Hindu, The Times of India and Malayala Manorama. As part of bringing together maritime experts, educators, and industry leaders to shape the future of maritime education and innovation, a major event named 'Kerala Maritime Education Conference (KMEC)' was conducted on 02-12-2024, at Kochi Bolgatty Palace in which 40 industry representatives were present. Subsequently, the EOI consultation meeting was conducted on 07-01-2025 at KTDC Mascot Hotel Thiruvananthapuram and in which 23 industry representatives participated. Based on the requests from potential proponents, the due date of submission of EOI was extended up to 01-02-2025. As on due date of submission, a total of 5 EOIs were received that include the proposals from

1. M/s USDC Global India Private Limited
2. M/s Mariners Educational Trust
3. M/s Educational and Charitable Trust of Archdiocese of Verapoly
4. M/s International Academy of Logistics Management (IALM)
5. M/s Sreesankaracharya Institute of Advanced Skills.

Based on the overwhelming responses received from the EOI and the Maritime Education Conference, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was prepared for the project which has existing but yet to finished structures and land parcels, with scope for brownfield and greenfield developments was suggested. The RFP in DBFOT (Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer) model was developed based on the model RFP documents published by Government of India and similar PPP project RFPs. Further the KMB officials have reviewed the tender documents including the RFP and draft Concession Agreement and approved the same. Then the tender documents were sent to the Government for concurrence on 06-June-2025. The tender document was then floated on 12-06-2025 through the e-tenders portal of Kerala. The decision to release the RFP and the documents published were ratified based on detailed discussion and deliberation in the 39th board meeting held on 02 July 2025. Wide publicity was ensured for the RFP through newspaper dailies including Malayala Manorama, The New India Express, Mathrubhumi and Times of India. Advertisements were also provided in social media channels, email campaigns and KMB Website. In the pre-bid meeting held on 11-07-2025, two firms M/s Kerala Mariners Trust and M/s Jain University participated.The due date of submission was extended two times based on the requests received from prospective bidders.

A meeting with Secretary Ports Department was held on 25-07-2025 to discuss on the details of the tender documents published. The tender was extended couple of times based on the requests from prospective bidders and as on due date of submission only one tender was received. In order to ensure enhanced participation, transparency and better value for time, the project was re-tendered on 26-08-2025 incorporating the changes made via corrigendum in the first tender. The changes made in the tender documents via corrigendum and the re-tender action was also informed to the Government on 27-08-2025. The re-tender process was also published via newspaper dailies including Mathrubhumi, New India Express, The Hindu, Times of India, Deshabhimani and through social media platforms, targeted email campaigns, and the official KMB website. Being a single submission received for the RFP, the project was re-tendered on 26-09-2025 in the e-tender portal and wide publicity was ensured. In the pre-bid meeting held on10-09-2025 three firms such as M/s Asian School of Business, M/s St. Albert's College and M/s Kerala Mariners Trust were attended. Despite the outreach efforts, only one bid was received by the submission deadline of 17-09-2025.

As the project was re-tendered, the technical bid submitted by the sole bidder was duly opened on 19-09-2025 in accordance with the established procedures. The bid was found to be submitted as a consortium with 6 members and the details are as follows;

Sl.No.	Name of the Consortium Member	Role	% of share	Brief Description
1.	Mr. ShemeerThazhePeedikayil	Lead Member	52%	Chairman of Sreesankaracharya Computer Center Pvt Ltd and an experienced professional in the field of Oil & Gas industry.
2..	M/s Sreesankaracharya Computer Center Pvt Ltd	Skilling Curriculum Planning & Implementation	26%	An established institute with 30 years of experience in skill training in related aspects of logistics, AI, Cyber Security etc.
3.	M/s Pambro International Pvt Ltd	Construction & Maintenance	1%	An infrastructure development firm in Tamil Nadu.
4.	M/s Kerala Mariners Trust	Academic Partner	1%	A non-profit organization recently incorporated.
5.	MrSajukumar K	Overall coordination in Other Permissible Developments	10%	A former government officer in Dept. of Fisheries with entrepreneurial experience.
6.	Mr. Rajan Gopalan Nair	Oversee the academic affairs	10%	Director & CEO of Sree Sankaracharya Institute of Advanced Skills with over 40 years of experience in various sectors.

Initial scrutiny of the documents submitted by the bidder was conducted by a committee chaired by Controller of Finance and Accounts and a few Shortfalls were noted in the bid submission and requested the bidder to submit the Shortfall documents. Accordingly, the bidder has submitted all the requested documents. Vide this office proceedings order No. HOKMB-TVM/985/2025-C1 (Devp) Dated 30-09-2025 a permanent Tender Evaluation Committee for all PPP Projects under Kerala Maritime Board was constituted with the approval of Government which includes the CEO- Vizhinjam International Seaport Ltd as chairperson, Joint Secretary- Ports Department, Additional Secretary- Tourism Department, Chief Engineer- Kerala Sports Foundation as external members and CEO, CFA, FO, MME as internal members from Kerala Maritime Board.

In order to conduct the detailed evaluation of the bid received, the Tender Committee chaired by CEO, VISL along with other 7 members was convened by CEO, Kerala Maritime Board on 27-10-2025 at KMB Head Office, Thiruvananthapuram. The Tender Committee evaluated the proposal submitted by the bidder and found as responsive and pre-qualified. Based on detailed discussion and deliberations, the Tender Committee has awarded a total of 51.25 marks under Technical Criteria for the bid received.

In view of the technical score exceeding the qualifying threshold value of 50% under the Technical Criteria, the Tender Committee has proposed to proceed with the opening of the Financial Bid. However, the Tender Committee has directed that before issuing the Letter of Award, a confirmation e-mail from the Chartered Accountants shall be collected regarding the authenticity of the documents certified by the

Chartered Accountants submitted as part of the bid submission and an e-mail consent from the four proposed team members shall be collected for considering their CVs as part of the proposal submitted in the bid. Both the documents have been collected and the update was intimated to the Tender Committee. Accordingly, the Financial Bid was opened on 01-12-2025, 11 am and found that the quoted revenue share percentage is 2.5%. In continuation of the letter that was sent to the Government, the update on the bid opening was shared with the Government for perusal and approval was sought to proceed with further actions.

The above matter was placed as Agenda Item No. 9 before the 42nd Kerala Maritime Board meeting for approval. After detailed discussion and deliberation, the Board:

1. ***Resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chief Executive Office, Kerala Maritime Board, in floating the RFP, re-tendering the project, evaluating the bids, and opening the Financial Bid for the Kerala Maritime Education and Edutainment Hub project at Neendakara, Kollam***
2. ***Resolved further that the Chief Executive Officer, Kerala Maritime Board, be authorised to take further action in the matter in accordance with Government approval and the provisions of the RFP and Concession Agreement.***

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Board Order

No. HOKMB-TVM/918/2025-C4 Date: 17-01-2026

Sub: **Vision 2031 – State Level Seminar of Ports Department – Final Vision Document**

As per G.O.(Ms) No. 6/2025/I&PRD dated 29.08.2025, Government have decided that all Departments shall conduct seminars on Vision–2031 for formulating policy documents relating to the developmental activities of the respective Departments for the ensuing five-year period, i.e., from 2026 to 2031. The Order also specifies the districts identified for conducting these seminars.

Accordingly, the seminar pertaining to the Ports Department was assigned to Kannur District, and the Chief Executive Officer, Kerala Maritime Board, was nominated as the Nodal Officer for coordinating with the various stakeholders.

In pursuance of the above, the Vision–2031 State-level Seminar for the Ports Department was conducted on 30th October 2025 at the premises of Azhikkal Port. The seminar was inaugurated by Shri V. N. Vasavan, Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Co-operation and Devaswom. As part of the programme, presentations by various stakeholders on the Vision–2031, panel discussions, and interactive sessions with the public were conducted. Around 500 participants, including 241 registered delegates, attended the seminar.

Based on the feedback received from the public, the vision of stakeholder agencies and the points that emerged during the panel discussions, a draft Vision Document was prepared and forwarded to Government for approval. A copy of the document was placed before the 42nd Board Meeting for information and discussions and **the Board, resolved to approve the draft Vision - 2031 Document with no further additions.**

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No. HOKMB-TVM/411/2025-C6 Date: 17-01-2026

Sub: Replacing the roofing sheets of the warehouse at Kollam Port

As decided in the 38th Board Meeting, Kerala Maritime Board entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with M/s Oceantide Marine Services LLP on 12th June 2025 for utilising the existing warehouse at Kollam Port as a Container Freight Station (CFS) and a common user Customs Bonded Warehouse.

Upon inspection, it was observed that the existing roofing sheets of the warehouse were completely damaged and beyond repair. Further, the rolling shutters were found to be rusted and deteriorated, rendering the godown unfit for commercial operations. Since urgent action was required to replace the roofing sheets and to hand over the warehouse to the firm in accordance with the MoU, estimates were invited from accredited agencies such as SILK, Nirmithi Kendra and the Harbour Engineering Department (HED) to execute the work on a war-footing basis.

SILK expressed its inability to undertake the work on a priority basis. Nirmithi Kendra submitted an estimate for ₹69,69,000/-, while the Harbour Engineering Department furnished an estimate for ₹66,00,000/- and assured completion of the work within one month.

In view of the above circumstances, it was instructed to award the work to the Harbour Engineering Department and ensure timely completion. Accordingly, an internal Administrative Sanction has been issued to the Port Officer, Kollam, for an amount of ₹66.00 lakh from the general fund of Kerala Maritime Board in this regard. A proposal has also been submitted to government for obtaining administrative sanction from the plan fund.

The matter was placed before the 42nd Board Meeting for deliberations and consideration and the Board, resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in issuing Administrative Sanction for an amount of ₹66.00 lakhs, as per the estimate submitted by the Harbour Engineering Department, from the General Fund of the Kerala Maritime Board and Resolved further to move the Government for obtaining Administrative Sanction from the Plan Fund.

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Board Order

No. HOKMB-TVM/685/2025-C6 Date: 21-01-2026

Sub: Appointment of Port Security Coordinator for coordinating the Security of ports in consultation with the security agencies and other stakeholders.

After the enactment of the Kerala Maritime Board Act, all posts that existed in the erstwhile Port Department have been classified as a *vanishing category*. Accordingly, these posts are deemed to be abolished upon the retirement of the incumbent on superannuation or when the post otherwise falls vacant. Fresh appointments to such posts can be made only after the approval of the Government-approved organogram.

The draft organogram has already been submitted to the Government and is presently under revision based on the queries raised by the Government. In the meantime, the Board is facing an acute shortage of manpower, with only **267 personnel in position against a sanctioned strength of 513 posts**. This critical situation was brought to the notice of the Government, and the Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) permitted the Board to engage the minimum staff required for normal operations through a transparent process, via the Centre for Management and Development (CMD). Accordingly, the Board has been managing its affairs with the assistance of essential contract staff, strictly limited to the minimum required for the routine functioning of the Board.

Over the last two to three years, the activities of the Board have increased manifold. Coastal security, of which port security is an integral component, has assumed heightened significance, particularly in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks in Mumbai in 2008. The Ministry of Home Affairs and other security agencies of the Union Government are closely monitoring coastal security matters, and regular security meetings and audits are being conducted at the levels of Port Officers, the State Intelligence Bureau (SIB), and other security agencies.

Coastal security issues in the State are reviewed periodically in the **State-Level Coastal Security Meetings**, chaired by the Additional Chief Secretary (Home) twice a year, as well as in the **Annual Joint Coastal Security Meeting**, jointly chaired by the Chief Secretary and the State Naval Chief.

At present, the Board does not have any officer with expertise in port security or coastal security to coordinate the security arrangements of "Other than major ports" and to liaise with other security agencies and stakeholders such as the Coastal Police, Fisheries Department, Kochi Port Authority, SIB, Coast Guard, Navy, etc. This deficiency was highlighted in the last Joint Coastal Security Meeting. The meeting, chaired by the Chief Secretary and the State Naval Chief, took note of this aspect and advised the Board to engage an expert in the field, preferably a retired officer from the Indian Navy or the Indian Coast Guard.

Accordingly, the matter was placed before the last Board Meeting as Agenda Item in the 39th Board meeting held on 02.07.2025. With the approval of the Board, **Commandant (Rted) Sreekumar G**, a recently retired officer of the Indian Coast Guard, who had been regularly attending Board meetings as a representative of the Coast Guard, was selected through a transparent selection process. The selection process included an interview conducted by a committee comprising the Chief Executive Officer, Kerala Maritime Board; the Assistant Inspector General, Coastal Police; and the Deputy Director, Fisheries Department.

Although the implementation of the **Inland Vessels Act, 2021**, including survey, registration, crew licensing, and enforcement, has been entrusted to the Board, no additional manpower has been sanctioned to carry out these functions. In the aftermath of the recent boat tragedy at Tanur, safety and safety-related issues in the inland vessel sector are being closely monitored by various agencies, including the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala and the Judicial Commission.

The Board has initiated several innovative measures to enhance safety and security in the inland vessel sector and to prevent accidents, including the development of electronic systems for survey, registration, and enforcement. Effective enforcement of the provisions of the Inland Vessels Act, 2021, and initiation of penal action against violations are integral to these efforts. However, the existing officers of the Board are already fully engaged in their regular duties, and the enforcement activities are being carried out with minimal available manpower.

With the recent enhancement of enforcement activities, coordination, monitoring, and review of such enforcement have become an immediate necessity. Hence, it is proposed that the officer selected for port security coordination may also be entrusted with the responsibility of **monitoring, coordinating, and reviewing the enforcement activities under the Inland Vessels Act, 2021**.

In light of the above, the matter was placed before the 42nd Board Meeting for deliberations and consideration and the Board, resolved to

1. **Ratify the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in n engaging**

Commandant (Rted) Sreekumar G as Port Security Coordinator, entrusting him with additional responsibilities under the Inland Vessels Act, 2021, and deputing him to Kollam Port instead of Alappuzha Port.

2. **Resolved further to approve the following duties proposed to be entrusted to the Port Security Coordinator:**
   i. **Port and coastal security coordination, inter alia, to:**
      - Review the action taken by Port Officers on the audit observations of the State Intelligence Bureau (SIB) and follow up on corrective measures.
      - Attend various State-level and inter-agency coastal security meetings.
      - Visit ports at least once a month to assess security arrangements.
      - Inspect ports under the jurisdiction of the Kerala Maritime Board to ensure compliance with prescribed security protocols.
      - Coordinate with security agencies and other stakeholders on coastal security matters.
      - Assist and advise the Fisheries Department on fishing harbour security.

   ii. **Monitor and review enforcement activities under the Inland Vessels Act, 2021, at various levels.**

   iii. **Perform any other duties as may be entrusted by the Board or the Chief Executive Officer from time to time.**

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/700/2025-C1 (Devp) 17-01-2026

Sub : Re-tender of 3 PPP projects with modifications.

1.Development of Lakefront Leisure and Entertainment Hub, Asramam, Kollam, Kerala

KMB envisions the development of 1.77 acres of land in Asramam as a first-of-its-kind tourism and recreation destination in the region, blending adventure, leisure, and hospitality in a uniquely serene setting. An Expression of Interest (EOI) was published on 12-12-2024 to invite preliminary proposals from interested parties for the development of the Lakefront Leisure and Entertainment Hub in Kollam. In response to the EOI, seven proposals were received. Subsequently, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released on 11-07-2025, followed by a pre-bid meeting on 11-08-2025. Despite significant interest shown during the pre-bid phase, no tenders were received by the submission deadline.

A re-tender, incorporating the comments and suggestions of potential bidders from the pre-bid meeting, was issued on 06-10-2025, and a pre-bid meeting for the re-tender was held on 17-11-2025. By the submission deadline, only a single bid was received. Upon evaluation by KMB officials on 03-12-2025, the bid was found to be non-responsive.

In order to ensure a wider participation and to ensure competition, it was decided to re-tender the project with a modification in the development obligation. The revival of the dredger, which had previously been a mandatory development obligation in the earlier tenders, has now been made optional.

Accordingly, the second re-tender was published on 22-12-2025 in e-tenders Kerala portal, with the due date for submission set as 09-01-2026.

2.Development of 2.5 acres of prime land at South Beach, Kozhikode, Kerala

The proposed development of 2.5 acres of prime land at South Beach, Kozhikode, Kerala, is a strategic initiative by the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) aimed at capitalizing on the immense popularity and commercial potential of Kozhikode beach.

To advance the initiative, KMB opted for a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model and conducted a preliminary market overview followed by the release of an Expression of Interest (EOI) on 27-12-2024. A pre-EOI conference was organized on 15 January 2025, collectively covering eight proposed projects in Kozhikode. The conference witnessed participation from 19 companies, reflecting strong industry interest. As on due date of submission, a total of 6 EOIs were received

Based on industry feedback and financial pre-feasibility assessments, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was formally issued on 20-08-2025. Wide publicity was ensured for the RFP through leading newspaper dailies. Advertisements were also provided in social media channels, KMB Website and email campaigns were also done. To facilitate bidder participation and ensure clarity on project requirements, a pre-bid conference was convened on 17-09-2025, which was attended by 12 firms.

The tender submission timeline was extended two times in response to requests from prospective bidders, ensuring wider participation and robust competition. As of the final due date of submission on 03-11-2025, a total of seven bids were received. The tender was duly opened on 05-11-2025. An initial scrutiny of the submitted documents was undertaken on 25-11-2025 by the officials of KMB chaired by the Controller of Finance and Accounts. During this review, certain shortfalls and deficiencies were identified in the bid submissions. To maintain fairness and transparency, all bidders were formally requested to provide the necessary shortfall documents within 7 days from 04-12-2025.

Upon evaluation of the received bids and shortfalls documents by the Tender Committee on 15-12-2025, it was noted that the total number of eligible bidders are less than 3. Therefore, the committee recommended that the project should be re-tendered to ensure wider participation. Accordingly, a retender was published on 22-12-2025 and the due date for submission is on 09-01-2026.

3.Development of Ponnani Maritime & Industrial Hub, Malappuram, Kerala

As part of exploring the possibilities for the development and revitalising the Ponnani Port area an Expression of Interest was floated on 02-05-2025. The project site is of 29 Acres and the existing port wharf, situated 500 meters upstream of the Bharathapuzha River's confluence with the sea. As on due date of submission, no proposals were received but later, a group named BlueGen Marine submitted a proposal for developing a shipbuilding yard. Further to the release of the EOI, an Request for Proposal was published in e-tender portal on 25-09-2025 and wide publicity was provided through leading newspaper dailies, social media and KMB website. During the pre-bid meeting held on 14-10-2025 two prospective investors participated. However, due date of submission only one bid was received.

In order to ensure wider participation and competition, it was decided to re-tender the project incorporating the suggestions received during the pre-bid meeting and interactions with prospective investors. The following are the major changes made in the re-tender RFP documents based on the discussion with client,

1. In the event that any offered land could not be utilised for any reason or handed over

to the Government for public purposes, the corresponding license fee shall be reduced at the rate of ₹6,615 per acre. (Rate per acre fixed by G.O. (Rt) No.28/2018/Fin, dated 08-03-2019.)

2. Flexibility for land reclamation, if required, shall be provided to the bidder as part of scope of the project within the port boundary and even adjacent areas with approval of Government. The developer/concessionaire has to borne all the costs related to the same.
3. Any additional land formed through processes such as accretion or reclamation shall be measured, and the license fee for such land shall be determined in accordance with rates applicable as per Government Orders issued from time to time.
4. A joint inspection shall be conducted annually by the Concessionaire and KMB, along with the Independent Engineer, to ascertain the extent of additional land formed.Since collecting 1% of the revenue share from the beginning of the commercial operations appears to be a huge burden to the concessionaire, it was decided to have a phased scale of revenue shares as follows.
   a. For the first five (5) years of the concession period, the revenue share be 0.5%.
   b. For the sixth (6th) and seventh (7th) years, the revenue share shall be 0.75%.

      - These rates are the minimum subject to the monetary limit of 1.5 Crores and these revenue share percentages will not be considered for the financial bid evaluation.

6. From the eighth (8th) year onwards, the quoted percentage shall not be less than 1% and a bidder who quotes the highest percentage over this 1% will be the criteria for the financial bid evaluation.

Accordingly, the project was re-tendered with the changes mentioned on 22-12-2025 with date of submission as 09-01-2026.

Further to the kind attention of the Board, it may be noted that based on G.O.(Rt.) No. 540/2024/F&P dated 27-08-2024, Government has approved rates for using the port land for various purposes in different port areas. The rates mentioned are moreover applicable for providing the port land for short-term seasonal and non-seasonal purposes like exhibitions, concerts, marriage functions, meetings etc.

In the case of tenders floated for the PPP projects, the Payments to the Authority consist of two components such as License Fee and Revenue Share. The License Fee is calculated as Rs 6,615 per acre per month as a land lease for major projects under PPP or other types, based on proceedings of the Director of Ports No. A2-5927/13 dated 29/03/2019 and the G.O. (Rt.) No. 28/2018/Fin dated 08-03-2019. Hence for all the tender floated in PPP mode with a concession period of 30 years and more, the license fee is derived as per this G.O is followed..

The same was put up for discussion of the 42nd Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 6th January, 2026.

<u>The Board after discussion has decoded the following:</u>

Resolved to ratify the decision taken by the Chief Executive Officer, Kerala Maritime Board, to re-tender the following PPP projects with modifications, in order to ensure wider participation and robust competition:

a) Development of Lakefront Leisure and Entertainment Hub, Asramam, Kollam, Kerala, with minor modification regarding the mandatory usage of the dredger owned by KMB.

b) Development of 2.5 acres of prime land at South Beach, Kozhikode, Kerala.

c) Development of Ponnani Maritime & Industrial Hub, Malappuram, Kerala.

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/155/2024-D2 (Tech) 17-01-2026

Sub : Administrative Sanction for Installation of Security Fencing at the seaward wharf, Vizhinjam

The Purser, Vizhinjam Port has reported that the security fencing installed on top of the breakwater at Vizhinjam Seaward Wharf has been completely damaged due to severe sea erosion and continuous wave action. It has also been reported that strong waves are forcefully overtopping the breakwater, posing a serious threat to port infrastructure and port assets.

The issue requires urgent and permanent remedial measures, failing which there is a high risk of damage to port properties. Further, the work forms an essential component of port security under the ISPS Code, and delay in execution may adversely affect compliance with international port security norms.

In compliance with the above, a PRICE estimate for ₹30,91,565/- (Rupees Thirty lakh ninety-one thousand five hundred and sixty-five only) has been obtained from M/s SIDCO, which is an approved agency as per the said Government Order. The estimate has been prepared strictly in accordance with the prevailing PRICE schedule.

Considering the urgent nature of the work, the potential risk to port infrastructure, and the mandatory requirement under the ISPS Code, it is proposed by the Port Officer, Kollam to accept the estimate submitted by M/s SIDCO and to include the work in the Working Group proposal. It is further proposed to accord Administrative Sanction for execution of the work by the CEO, KMB. The estimate amount for the installation of security fencing at Vizhinjam port submitted by M/s SIDCO is ₹30,91,565/-. As this amount exceeds the delegated financial powers of the Chief Executive Officer, Kerala Maritime Board, the matter is placed before the Board for consideration and approval.

Since there is a clear budget provision under Plan funds, KMB has to approach the Government for Administrative Sanction. Pending receipt of the same, considering the urgency and importance of the work, a provisional Administrative Sanction from the General Fund has to be issued to proceed with the work. Hence, the agenda is placed before the Board.

The same was put up for discussion of the 42nd Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 6th January, 2026.

<u>The Board after discussion has decoded the following:</u>

Resolved that the estimate for the installation of security fencing on the breakwater at the Seaward Wharf, Vizhinjam Port, submitted by M/s SIDCO, amounting to ₹30,91,565/-, be accepted and Administrative Sanction be accorded for the said work.

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/1655/2024-A8(Audit) **Date:17-01-2026**

Fixed Deposits of Kerala Maritime Society amounting to Rs: 8,68,00,000 (including interest) in the State Bank of India has been matured on 22.10.2025 and the amount has been credited to the bank account of KMS. In order to redeposit the amount, three banks (Canara Bank, Bank of Baroda and State Bank of India) were requested to offer their interest rates for depositing the matured value of Fixed Deposit. However, the rate offered by banks were lower than the prevailing interest rate for Fixed Deposit in Treasury. Accordingly, Treasury has been contacted to open Fixed Deposit in the name of Kerala Maritime Society. But treasury informed that Fixed Deposits can be accepted only from those who have TSB Account in Treasury.

It was also informed that the Special Treasury TSB Account No: 701021400000002 in the name of Kerala Maritime Society has been freezed by the Government as it was opened for the purpose of construction of Maritime Institutes and the balance of Rs: 1.6 crore available in that account has been taken back by Government. Hence. in order to open Fixed Deposit Account in the name of Kerala Maritime Society in the Treasury, il is required to open a new TSB Account which will take much time as Government sanction is required for the same.

Keeping amount in SB Account will result in the loss of interest. Kerala Maritime Society hasbeen vested with Kerala Maritime Board by Government and as and when deficiency in fund arises for KMS the same has been met from KMB fund. Hence, it is prudent to transfer the amount to Kerala Maritime Board and open Fixed Deposit in the name of Kerala Maritime Board and when Kerala Maritime Society requires funds, it can be returned to them /Fixed deposit for the same amount can be opened as and when TSB account opened in their name. Accordingly, the matured value of Rs. 8,68,00,000 of Kerala Maritime Society has been transferred to the TSB account of KMB and deposited in the name of KMB for 25 months for interest@7.5% (FD Certificate No.JL0949135 dated 27/11/2025) in the Principal sub-treasury, Thiruvananthapuram.

Action to redeposit the amount has been taken, to avoid loss of interest. Therefore, it was requested to ratify the action taken to redeposit the matured value of Fixed Deposit Rs. 8,68,00,000 of Kerala Maritime Society in the name of Kerala Maritime Board in Treasury.

The Board after discussion resolved to ratify the action taken to deposit the matured value of Rs.8,68,00,000 of Kerala Maritime Society in the name of Kerala Maritime Board in the Treasury to avoid loss of interest.

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Board Order as per the Decision No. 16 of 42nd Kerala Maritime Board Meeting

No : HOKMB-TVM/339/2024-D4(IT-Engr) **Date: 19-01-2026**

Sub: Various software application and IT services for the Kerala Maritime Board- Engagement of Uralungal Labour Technology Solutions (Private) Ltd. (ULTS) - Ratification of the action taken so far.

The erstwhile Port Department, Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation, and the Kerala Maritime Society were merged to form the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) under the Kerala Maritime Board Act, 2017. Although the Act came into force in 2017, the first Board was constituted only in 2019. However, the functioning of the Board did not gain momentum initially due to considerable ambiguity regarding the framing of rules and regulations essential for its effective operation.

The situation began to stabilise only after the reconstitution of the Board in 2022. Since then, several necessary rules and regulations have been framed, while some are still under process. The Board is now steadily progressing towards establishing itself as a fully functional and efficient organisation with clear vision and mission.

Apart from the functions specifically entrusted to it under the Kerala Maritime Board Act, the Board was also required to undertake Inland Vessel–related activities as the successor to the erstwhile Port Department. However, neither funds nor functionaries were provided to the Port Department or to the successor Board for carrying out these responsibilities.

Following the tragic Tanur boat accident on 7 May 2023, in which 22 precious lives were lost and several others injured, the Government and various agencies, including the Hon'ble High Court, strongly criticised the Board for inefficiencies in managing Inland Vessel affairs. One of the principal findings and recommendations of the Hon'ble High Court and other agencies was that the survey and registration of inland vessels were being carried out manually, without the adoption of Information Technology–based systems.

Accordingly, the Board reviewed the IT applications then in existence and found that, although certain applications had been developed for the sale of dredged material (manual dredging), port services, and Inland Vessel registration, these systems were largely non-functional due to serious technical glitches. The developer, M/s C-DIT, was unable to rectify these issues satisfactorily. In view of this, it was decided that all existing applications, along with new applications for Maritime Institutes and related activities, should be developed through an authorised Project Management Consultant (PMC).

Considering the urgency of the matter and the directions of the Hon'ble Court, the 23rd Kerala Maritime Board meeting unanimously resolved to entrust the Project named "Revamping of existing website of Kerala Maritime Board (Phase I) and Resource Augmentation for the Technical Support of the Application Modules of KMB (Phase II)" to M/s. ULCCS. Accordingly, Administrative Sanction was accorded from Government for an amount of Rs. 32,61,000/- vide GO (Rt) No. 696/2022/F&PD dtd. 22/10/2022 on the basis of the proposal submitted from M/s. ULCCS. Also the departmental technical committee has accepted the proposal from M/s. ULCCS. Accordingly, the work order No. D2-4462/2022 dated 09/12/2022 has been issued to M/s. ULCCS and agreement has been executed between KMB and M/s. ULCCS. M/s. ULCCS was selected as the PMC based on the Government Orders GO (P) No. 453/2015/FIN dated 09/10/2015 and GO (Ms) No. 01/2016/ITD dated 18/01/2016, on a manpower (man-hour) basis covering the following components:

1. Revamping of the official website from Port Department to Kerala Maritime Board
2. Application for sale of dredged material
3. Inland Vessel registration and survey
4. Landing and Shipping Application

Initially, the Administrative Sanction envisaged restructuring and upgrading the existing applications developed by C-DIT. However, after preliminary assessment, ULTS reported that the existing applications could not be revamped for the following reasons:

1. The source code from C-DIT was not provided in a timely manner and the non-availability of compatible source code.
2. The platform used by C-DIT was obsolete and offered limited scope for enhancement
3. Applications of such scale and capacity required more robust and modern secure platforms

Further, the Inland Vessel applications had been developed based on the Kerala Inland Vessels Rules, whereas the Union Government had subsequently enacted the Inland Vessels Act, 2021 and notified various rules thereunder, particularly relating to manning, registration, and survey. These new rules differed substantially from the earlier framework, and mere revamping of the existing applications would not have yielded the desired outcomes.

After detailed deliberation, sanction was accorded to proceed with the development of entirely new applications on a man-hour basis.

During implementation, several issues relating to the applicability of the new rules at the field level emerged, and stakeholders raised genuine concerns before the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) . Recognising the validity of these concerns, multiple meetings were held with the IWAI at various levels to seek amendments to the rules. Consequently, several amendments were made, necessitating corresponding modifications in the software applications at each stage.

As the PMC engagement was on a man-hour basis, and given the imperative to apprise the Hon'ble High Court of the steps taken by the Board, the project was continued without obtaining formal technical sanction. Moreover, due to the continuously evolving rules and guidelines, it was not feasible to obtain technical sanction at each stage. Payments were effected periodically to the PMC based on bills and invoices, after verifying the manpower deployed for the work vis a vis development of application.

While development of the Landing and Shipping Application was in progress, the Union Ministry informed that it was developing a nationwide single-window system for port operations, in line with the mandate of the International Maritime Organization. As several features overlapped with the application under development by the Board, it was decided to halt further development of the Landing and Shipping Application at its then-current stage.

Similarly, during the development of the Inland Vessel Crew Licensing application, the Union Ministry launched a centralised portal for crew licensing, leading to the suspension of further development of that module. When the Inland Vessel Registration portal was nearing completion, the Union Ministry proposed a central portal for registration as well. However, considering that most inland vessels in Kerala are small-category vessels such as houseboats and shikkaras, the central portal was found unsuitable for State-specific requirements. Accordingly, the 38th Board meeting resolved to continue with its own portal and to share data with the central portal through API integration. This decision was communicated to IWAI, which endorsed the same as legally tenable.

During discussions on the IV registration and survey portal, it was further observed that the same data could be utilised for enforcement purposes. Consequently, it was decided to develop an Inland Vessel enforcement mobile application in lieu of the Landing and Shipping Application in Phase II. Details of these developments were submitted to the Hon’ble High Court and the Hon’ble Judicial Commission as positive measures undertaken to prevent future boat accidents. The Hon’ble Judicial Commission appreciated these efforts during its sittings.

Present Status of Projects:

Sl. No.	Project	Status
1	Official Website	Completed and launched; security audit in progress
2	Dredging Application	Launched; change requests under processing
3	IV Application – *“Kerala Nouka: The IV Connect”*	Launched; change requests under processing
4	Landing and Shipping Application	Development stopped following Union Ministry’s decision on single-window system
5	Maritime Institutes & IV Crew Licence	Crew licensing stopped due to central portal; institute modules progressing
6	IV Enforcement Mobile Application	Completed and ready for launch

Payments to PMC

Details of payments effected so far to the PMC are as follows:

Phase	Resource Augmentation for Technical Support Period	Amount in Rs.
Phase I	20% of Phase I	144196
Phase II	01-03-2023 to 25-03-2023	273679
Phase II	27-03-2023 to 30-04-2023	503086
Phase II	01-05-2023 to 25-05-2023	525749
Phase II	26-05-2023 to 25-06-2023	878315
Phase I	80% of Phase II	576784
TA	Feb -Aug 2023	44599
Phase II	26-06-2023 to 25-07-2023	780223
Phase II	26-07-2023 to 25-08-2023	502710
Phase II	26-08-2023 to 25-09-2023	125903
Phase II	26-09-2023 to 25-10-2023	389939
Phase II	26-10-2023 to 25-11-2023	477687
Phase II	26-11-2023 to 25-12-2023	430183
Phase II	26-12-2023 to 25-01-2024	471712
Phase II	26-01-2024 to 23-02-2024	594368
Phase II	26-02-2024 to 25-03-2024	334181
Phase II	26-03-2024 to 25-04-2024	383550
Phase II	26-04-2024 to 25-05-2024	387984
Phase II	26-05-2024 to 25-06-2024	409038
Phase II	26-06-2024 to 25-07-2024	505905
Phase II	26-07-2024 to 25-08-2024	502861
Phase II	26-08-2024 to 25-09-2024	123272
Phase II	26-10-2024 to 25-11-2024	528417
Govt AS Amount		3261000
Total Amount Paid from General Fund		9894341
Total Amount Recouped from Govt AS		2946408
Balance in AS		314592
The Outstanding Amount paid from General Fund		6947933

The Government Administrative Sanction amount is Rs. 32,61,000/-. An amount of Rs. 98,94,341/- has been paid to ULCCS from the General Fund till date. Against this, a total of Rs. 29,46,408/- has been recouped from the Government AS, leaving a balance of Rs. 3,14,592/- in the AS. Accordingly, the outstanding amount paid from the General Fund and yet to be recouped works out to Rs. 69,47,933/-. All payments were made from the General Fund after obtaining due approval of the Board. The 30th Board meeting had reviewed the current status of the project and unanimously decided to request for a revised Administrative Sanction from the Government after collecting the revised proposal of the developer for the successful completion of the remaining modules.

When the project was nearing completion, the Finance Wing observed that continuation of manpower-based development without technical sanction could attract audit objections. It was also unclear whether technical sanction was mandatory for manpower-based software development, as the volume of work could not be quantified in advance and frequent rule amendments necessitated repeated changes in the modules.

After detailed examination, it was decided that further payments should be made only after obtaining technical sanction. Accordingly, the matter was placed before the Technical Committee pertaining to the implementation of various IT, Electronics & Digital Projects under Kerala Maritime Board, which opined that projects exceeding Rs. 50 lakhs requires the approval of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Government.

Since budget provision exists under the Plan Fund for Inland Vessel–related activities, it was also noted that the entire expenditure for these applications could be met from the Plan Fund. Therefore, it was decided to submit a detailed proposal to Government explaining the reasons for proceeding without technical sanction, along with justifications for expenditure beyond the amount covered by Administrative Sanction, and to seek technical sanction. After obtaining such sanction, the matter may be placed before the next Additional Working Group. If Government is not inclined to meet the expenditure from the Plan Fund, the additional expenses may be met from the General Fund, as the revenue generated through these portals is credited to the General Fund.

At present, the PMC has suspended all activities citing non-payment of outstanding dues, and has informed that its management has decided not to proceed further without clearance of pending payments. The details of pending bills are as follows:

Phase	**Resource Augmentation for Technical Support Period**	**Amount**
Phase II	26-11-2024 to 25-12-2024	593962
Phase II	26-12-2024 to 25-01-2025	496434
Phase II	26-01-2025 to 25-02-2025	427973
Phase II	26-02-2025 to 25-03-2025	79661
TA	Sept 2023 - July 2024	41950
	Total Amount	1639980

The total pending amount towards Resource Augmentation for Technical Support, including Phase II services and TA charges, amounts to Rs. 16,39,980/-. Also one tax invoice is yet to be submitted by the firm.

Despite repeated requests from the Board to continue work with assurance of payment within 15 days, the PMC has expressed its inability to proceed, stating that the matter is a policy decision of its management. Consequently, several prestigious projects of the Board and the State are now stalled at the final stage. Kerala is presently the only State to have developed such comprehensive portals and an enforcement application, and IWAI has advised other States to emulate this model. It is therefore imperative to complete these projects at the earliest.

These applications are crucial for streamlining the survey and registration of inland vessels and for effective enforcement of the Inland Vessels Act. Once fully operational, these applications will result in significant enhancement revenue to the General Fund in the form of fees and penalties.

In view of the above, the subject was placed before the 42nd Board meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 6th January, 2026 vide Agenda no: 16.

After detailed deliberation, the Board:

1. **Ratified the action of the CEO in proceeding with the development of five applications utilizing the General Fund, with due approval of the Board.**
2. **Resolved further to approach the Government for revised Administrative Sanction to meet the expenditure from the Plan Fund.**
3. **Resolved to approve release of pending payment to the PMC to complete the enforcement application and change requests in other projects.**
4. **Resolved further to approach the Technical Advisory Committee of the Government to accord Technical Sanction for the project.**

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Board Order

Sub : Kerala Maritime Board –Financial Bid Opening for three PPP projects– Regarding.

As part of the RFPs invited for the PPP model development of various projects under KMB, vide this office proceedings order No. HOKMB-TVM/985/2025-C1(Devp) Dated 30-09-2025 a permanent tender evaluation committee for all PPP Projects under Kerala Maritime Board was constituted with the approval of Government. The Tender Committee is comprised of the CEO- Vizhinjam International Seaport Ltd as Chairperson, Joint Secretary- Ports Department, Additional Secretary- Tourism Department, Chief Engineer- Kerala Sports Foundation as external members and CEO, CFA, FO, MME as internal members from KMB. Accordingly, the meeting of the Technical Committee was convened on 15th and 18th December 2025 at KMB Head Office to evaluate five projects.

Based on detailed deliberations and discussions, the Tender Committee has recommended that the financial bids of the following three projects shall be opened without any further clarifications, as there were sufficient bidders who have successfully met the required technical criteria.

1. Development of Multimodal Transit Yard at North Beach, Kozhikode, Kerala
2. Development of Wayside Amenities Centre at Beach Road, Kozhikode, Kerala
3. Development of Marine Park, Ponnani, Malappuram, Kerala

The Tender Committee's assessment of the three projects is summarized in the following points.

1. Multimodal Transit Yard, North Beach, Kozhikode

o Technical Scores above threshold: M/s Hilite Holdings, M/s Gateway Security Group, M/s Faizal Traders.
o Financial bids opened on 26-12-2025:
▪ M/s Hilite Holdings – 4%
▪ M/s Gateway Security Group – 34% (Highest Bidder)
▪ M/s Faizal Traders – 23%

2. Wayside Amenities Centre, Beach Road, Kozhikode

o Qualified bidders: M/s Hindustan Petroleum, M/s Indian Oil Corporation
o Financial bids opened on 26-12-2025:
▪ Hindustan Petroleum – 0.64%
▪ Indian Oil Corporation – 1.25% (Highest Bidder)

3. Marine Park, Ponnani, Malappuram

o Sole qualified bidder: M/s Akbar Travels of India Pvt Ltd
o Financial bid opened on 26-12-2025: 1% (Highest Bidder)

These subject matters were discussed as agenda item number 17 in the 42th Board Meeting of KeralaMaritime Board held on 06.01.2026.

The Board, after discussion, has resolved to:-

1. Ratified the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer, Kerala Maritime Board, in floating tenders for the above projects.

2. Ratified the opening of financial bids and the selection of the following highest bidders:
• Multimodal Transit Yard – M/s Gateway Security Group
• Wayside Amenities Centre – M/s Indian Oil Corporation
• Marine Park, Ponnani – M/s Akbar Travels of India Pvt. Ltd.

3. Ratified the action taken in forwarding the proposals to the Government for obtaining formal approval.

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Board Order

No. HOKMB-TVM/1093/2025-C4 Date: 17-01-2026

Sub: **Request received from Shri. Krishnakumara Rajan – Use of tug boat at Beypore Port –reg.**

Capt. K P Rajan, former Port Director, Port Officer, Kozhikode and Managing Director, Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation expired on 22.10.2025. As per his last wish, the family requested the permission for the use of tug boat at Beypore port for the immersion of his ashes on the day of his *sanjayanam* on 26th October 2025.

Upon inquiry, the Port Officer reported that a tug operation was already scheduled at Beypore Port on 26th October 2025. Accordingly, the Chief Executive Officer, KMB approved the request made by the family and sanctioned the use of tug boat for the said purpose.

The matter was placed before the 42nd Board Meeting for consideration and the Board unanimously, **ratified the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in this regard is reported the matter before the Board.**

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/242/2024-C3 (Devp) 30-01-2026

Sub: **Payment of second installment to NIIST for conducting EIA study related to Beypore Capital Dredging and other updates reg**

Kerala Maritime Board had submitted a proposal for inclusion of the Beypore Port dredging project under the Sagarmala Scheme. The Sagarmala Cell advised resubmission of the proposal after obtaining the requisite Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) clearances. Accordingly, the National Centre for Earth Science Studies (NCESS) was entrusted with the task of mapping the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) status, and CSIR–NIIST was entrusted with the preparation of the EIA study.

The payments made to these agencies were placed before the 41st Board. The follwing latest updates regarding the project were brought to the notice of Board.

1. CSIR–NIIST submitted the first draft EIA Report on 26.11.2025.
2. CSIR–NIIST requested an extension of time up to 15.06.2026 for completion of the remaining tasks of the EIA study. They stated that the delay occurred primarily due to the absence of the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Kerala during the relevant period, which resulted in non-issuance of the Terms of Reference (ToR) within the stipulated time. Issuance of the ToR is essential for proceeding to subsequent stages of the study and for obtaining statutory approvals.
   Considering the justification furnished by CSIR–NIIST and the fact that the delay was due to reasons beyond their control, Kerala Maritime Board granted an extension of time up to 15.06.2026 for completion of the remaining tasks, as per the provisions of the MoU.
3. As per the payment schedule stipulated in the MoU, the first instalment, amounting to 50% of the total contract value, was released to CSIR–NIIST as advance upon signing of the MoU. CSIR–NIIST subsequently requested release of the second instalment, being 30% of the total amount (₹24 lakhs), i.e., ₹7,20,000/- plus GST, payable upon submission of the draft EIA/EMP report. Considering the request, the second instalment was released on 15.12.2025.
4. The 159th meeting of SEIAA approved the Standard Terms of Reference under Category 7(e) – Ports, Harbours, Breakwaters, and Dredging.

The above matters were submitted for the kind information of the*42nd Board meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 06th January 2026 vide Agenda no: 19. The Board discussed the matter and noted the same.*

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BOARD ORDER

No : HOKMB-TVM/1204/2025-E3(IV) **16-01-2026**

Sub: **Participation of Kerala Maritime Board in the 8th Edition of India Boat & Marine Show (IBMS) 2026**

The India Boat & Marine Show (IBMS) is India's premier expo for the boating and marine sector. The upcoming 8th edition is scheduled to be held from January 29 to 31, 2026, at the Bolgatty Palace Event Centre, Cochin. The Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) has been formally invited to participate in the 8th Edition of the India Boat & Marine Show (IBMS) 2026, providing an opportunity to sensitize stakeholders, including boat builders and operators, regarding the Inland Vessels Act, 2021, and related Rules.

The Kerala Maritime Board has developed innovative measures such as electronic systems for vessel registration, survey, enforcement, and crew licensing. The event would also allow showcasing these initiatives to the boating and inland vessel sector.
A stall was been offered at a subsidized rate of ₹50,000/- plus GST for a 9 sq. m area. The total estimated cost for participation, including brochures, banners, LED wall, sound system, and other related expenses, is ₹4,53,590/- (including GST).

The Board after discussion,
Resolved to accord approval for the participation of Kerala Maritime Board in the 8th Edition of India Boat & Marine Show (IBMS) 2026, to be held from 29th to 31st January 2026 at Cochin, and to sanction an amount of ₹4,53,590/- (Rupees Four lakh fifty-three thousand five hundred and ninety only) towards stall charges and related expenses.

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Board Order
as per the Decision No. 21 of 42nd Kerala Maritime Board Meeting

No: HOKMB-TVM/440/2025-D1 (Tech) Date: 03-02-2026

Subject: Condemnation and removal of Tug Boat/ Unidentified Vessel/ Shipwreck "As is where condition is" lying in present berthing position at Pambayimoola, Edakochi, Ernakulam.

A PIL (WP(PIL) No. 19/2025) was filed before the Hon'ble High Court by Edakochi Samskarika Vedi regarding an abandoned shipwreck at Pambayimoola (part of Vembanad Lake), Edakochi causing environmental and public health issues. In compliance with court directions, inspection and gauging were carried out, and the scrap value of the vessel was assessed at ₹ 39,88,500/- as per the survey report prepared by the Assistant Executive Engineer (M), Kollam.

The above matter had been placed in the 41st Kerala Maritime Board Meeting as agenda no. 30 for necessary decision. After deliberation, the Board ratified the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in defending the case in the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(PIL) No. 19/2025. Also approved the survey report of Rs. 39,88,500/- fixed as the scrap value of the unidentified vessel/shipwreck.

Accordingly, the Port Officer, Alappuzha, invited auction procedures through M/s MSTC (the government e-commerce platform) on 18/10/2025 & re-auctioned on 11/11/2025, and the amounts of bids received were Rs. 17,00,000/- and Rs. 15,00,600/-, respectively. As the amount of bids was much less than the value of the scrap estimated by the Mechanical Wing of KMB, the same were rejected by M/s MSTC. Accordingly, a re-survey was made, and a revised survey report with a salvage value of ₹ 25,20,000/- has been prepared by the Assistant Executive Engineer (M), Kollam.

In view of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala for urgent removal of the tug, again an auction was done on 19/11/2025 by the Port Officer, Alappuzha, through M/s MSTC with the revised survey report value, and the firm named Mr. P.J. Johnson & Sons had quoted Rs. 26,21,500/-; but they withdrew from the auction without paying the amount within the stipulated date.

Meanwhile, an estimate for an amount of Rs 9,05,000/- was prepared by the Assistant Executive Engineer (M), Kollam, using PRICE 3.0, and an Administrative Sanction was issued from the General Fund for removing the wreck from the lake and taking it to the shore. Then an e-tender was also quoted simultaneously from the Head Office on 06/12/2025 under the title "Tender for Mobilisation of Tug Boat/Unidentified Vessel/Shipwreck from present berthing position at Edakochi to Nearest Yard/Place and Docking using air bags at yard" for the urgent removal of this vessel from its current position. No one participated in the e-tender (tender no. HOKMB-TVM/440/2025-D1 (Tech)/2025-26/11 dated 06/12/2025) invited from the headquarters.

Following the interim order issued by the Hon'ble Kerala High Court in the above matter, considering the urgent situation, a re-auction was conducted through MSTC on 12/12/2025 by the Port Officer, Alappuzha, with the revised survey report value. In the re-auction held on 12/12/2025, only an amount of Rs. 14,26,001/- was quoted, and so it was again rejected by M/s MSTC.

On the basis of the above, an offline tender/auction (tender No. HOKMB-TVM/440/2025-D1 (Tech)/2025-26/10 dated 19/12/2025) was invited from the Head Office on 19/12/2025 for the urgent disposal of the tugboat in its current condition. Only one sealed tender was available. No one else participated in the auction procedure.

The sealed tenders received before 12 noon on 22/12/2025 were opened, examined and evaluated by the members of the Committee constituted under Board Order HOKMB-TVM/972/2024-D1 (Tech) No. dated 05/02/2025 at 3 pm on that day.

The details of the available tender are given below:

Tabulation statement of Tenders Received			
Sl No.	Name & Address of Bidder	Amount Quoted	Remarks
1	M/s Hazan Hajee & Co. 20/8/674, Khadheeja Court, Bunder, Manglore-575003, Karnataka	Rs. 20,15,000/-	Excluding GST

The Committee has directed to conduct a negotiation with the firm, M/s Hazan Hajee & Co., Karnataka, which quoted Rs. 20,15,000/- in the tender available as per the above and to enquire into the possibility of increasing the amount before accepting the tender. It is also stated that the award of work can be issued within 5 working days after the payment is made.

On the basis of the above, a negotiation was done with the firm, and accordingly, they have submitted the revised rate of Rs. 20,50,000/- (Twenty Lakhs Fifty Thousand Rupees only) plus applicable GST (18%).

Under the above circumstances, on 26/12/2025, it was informed that the final offer submitted by M/s Hazan Hajee & Co., Karnataka, amounting to Rs. 20,50,000/- plus 18% GST, has been accepted. The total amount payable comes to Rs. 24,19,000/- (Rs. 20,50,000/- + 18% GST). An amount of Rs. 2,00,000/- has already been remitted towards the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD); hence, the firm is directed to remit the balance amount of Rs. 22,19,000/- at the earliest to the general fund account of KMB.

The above matter has been placed on 42nd Kerala Maritime Board Meeting as decision no. 21 for necessary decision.

The Board noted that a PIL (WP(PIL) No. 19/2025) was filed regarding an abandoned vessel at Pambayimoola causing environmental and public health concerns. Inspections and surveys were conducted, and multiple auctions/tenders were carried out. After negotiations, M/s Hazan Hajee & Co., Karnataka, offered a final rate of ₹20,50,000/- plus 18% GST, totalling ₹24,19,000/-, with an EMD of ₹2,00,000/- already remitted.

After detailed deliberation, ***The Board***

1. ***Ratified the CEO's actions regarding the High Court case (WP(PIL) No. 19/2025) and steps taken for vessel removal.***
2. ***Resolved to approve awarding the work to M/s Hazan Hajee & Co. at the quoted rate of ₹20,50,000/- plus 18% GST.***

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Board Order

Sub:-Re-designation of the post of Finance Management Trainee-reg
Ref:-Minutes of the 42nd Board Meeting(Agenda No.22)

The employees working in the post of Finance Management Trainee have submitted applications stating that the name / designation may hamper their future prospects for appointment elsewhere, since the experience in the Kerala Maritime Board is described as a trainee and request taking appropriate action to change the designation suitably as "Cost and Management Accountant" or other suitable titles in other organizations.

In the above circumstances, the matter is placed before the 42nd Board meeting for deiberation and consideration.

The Board noted that the employees working as Finance Management Trainees have requested a change in designation, as the current title may affect their future career prospects. These employees, recruited on contract basis, are CMA qualified (Inter/Final) and handle all finance management duties of the Board, including preparation of annual financial statements, filing of IT and GST returns, and other statutory compliance tasks.

The Board recognized that the performance of these staff members is exemplary and their roles are critical for maintaining a robust financial accounting system at KMB. However, their current designation "Trainee" does not accurately reflect the level of responsibility and 'expertise involved.

It was also noted that this re-designation is purely nominal, intended to align the title with professional qualifications and responsibilities, and does not entail any increase in pay, allowances, or other financial benefits.

After detailed deliberation, the Board resolved that

1. All Finance Management Trainees who have successfully qualified the CMA Intermediate examination shall be re-designated as Junior Manager (Finance).

2. All Finance Management Trainees who have successfully qualified the CMA Final examination shall be re-designated as Deputy Manager (Finance).

3. This re-designation is purely nominal, reflecting the professional qualifications and responsibilities of the staff to support their future career prospects.

4. No additional remuneration, allowances, monetary benefits or promotion shall be provided for this re-designation, and their existing contract pay and terms shall remain unchanged.

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/1149/2025-E1 **17-01-2026**

Sub: Resumption of the KIV certificates as Second Class Master I and II, Engine Driver 1 and II For conducting training classes for obtaining license to operate Special category vessels (House Boat, Pleasure boats, Shikkara Boats etc.)

The Inland Vessels Act, 2021 and the Inland Vessels (Manning) Rules, 2022 prescribe the mandatory training courses and certification requirements for operating mechanised inland vessels. The Act and the Rules also provide for conversion courses to validate certificates issued under the erstwhile Kerala Inland Vessels (KIV) Rules so as to make them compliant with the new statutory regime.

Pursuant to the in-principle approval accorded by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) during an Advisory Committee meeting, the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) initiated conversion courses at its Maritime Institutes at Kodungallur and Neendakara.

As per the Inland Vessels (Manning) Rules, 2022, Rule 19(3),

"Existing Ratings or Lascars serving on Inland Vessels shall be allowed to serve as Ratings. or Lascars and given minimum 2 years of time to undergo new training program."

Subsequently, through a draft amendment to the said Rules, the cut-off date for conversion has been extended up to March 2027. Further, the Hon'ble High Court, in a writ petition filed by stakeholders, has ordered that existing licenses may continue to be valid unless cancelled otherwise (order dated 31.05.2025). The Rules were thereafter amended in March 2025, and on 28th November 2025, a pre-publication draft of the Inland Vessels (Manning) Rules, 2025, proposed to be framed under the Inland Vessels Act, 2021, was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3(i). Under the Inland Vessels Act and the Manning Rules, a new applicant seeking a license is required to obtain a Master Class-III certificate, which is the entry-level qualification. This requires completion of a General Purpose Rating (GPR) course of three months' duration followed by three years of sea service experience.

However, the majority of mechanised vessels operating in Kerala are small and medium vessels such as houseboats, shikkara boats, and other pleasure crafts operating exclusively in inland waters. The licensing requirements prescribed under the new Rules are disproportionately complex for such vessels. If implemented in their present form, these provisions are likely to adversely affect the entire inland vessel industry in the State. Further, long-duration training and experience requirements are not practically warranted for the operation of such small and medium vessels confined to inland waters.

Earlier, certificates such as Lascar and Serang were issued under the KIV Rules for operating these vessels. Following the notification of the Inland Vessels Act, 2021 and the Inland Vessels (Manning) Rules, 2022, issuance of such certificates has become legally impermissible. This issue was repeatedly taken up with IWAI, and as a result, a draft set of Special Category Vessel Rules has been formulated, wherein small vessels, including houseboats, have been included. In line with the erstwhile KIV framework, KMB has proposed short-term training courses for issuing licenses to operate such Special Category Vessels. The draft Rules published by the Ministry now vest the State Government with the power to prescribe training courses for Special Category Vessels.

It is pertinent to note that the inland vessel sector in Kerala is already facing an acute shortage of licensed crew. In the absence of duly qualified personnel, vessel owners and operators may be compelled to engage unqualified crew, posing a serious risk to passenger safety. Although houseboat owners and other stakeholders have repeatedly requested the revival of KIV-based licensing, KMB is presently unable to accede to such requests due to legal constraints.

In this context, the Chairperson, Kerala Maritime Board, has addressed a detailed letter to the

Chairman, IWAI, highlighting the above issues and seeking permission to restart training courses and issue certificates under the KIV Rules until the Special Category Vessel Rules are formally notified.

In this regard, attention is invited to Section 114 of the Inland Vessels Act, 2021, which provides as follows:

1. The Inland Vessels Act, 1917 stands repealed.

2. Not withstanding such repeal:

(a) Any notification, rule, regulation, bye-law, order or exemption issued under the repealed enactment shall, insofar as it is not inconsistent with the provisions of the 2021 Act, continue to be in force unless and until revoked, and shall be deemed to have been issued under the corresponding provisions of the new Act.

Further, Section 2 of the Act, dealing with the application and scope of the provisions, specifies that Chapter VI relating to manning requirements shall apply to Special Category Vessels as well. However, Chapter VII, Section 42(2), stipulates that requirements relating to construction, design, survey, registration, manning, qualification, competency, or any additional requirements shall be such as may be prescribed by the Central Government.

At present, due to the transition in the statutory framework, the following critical issues are being faced at the field level in the vessel crew licensing sector, with direct implications for passenger safety:

- New licenses cannot be issued to eligible candidates willing to undergo training.
- Serang licenses cannot be issued to holders of Lascar licenses granted under the KIV Rules.
- Licence holders who have completed the prescribed sea service cannot be upgraded to higher levels under the KIV Rules.

In order to mitigate these issues, the following course of action is proposed to place before the 42nd Board meeting for approval and implementation:

1. The basic crew license courses for Special Category Vessels, as envisaged in the proposed Special Category Vessel Rules, may be commenced immediately. Since the KIV Rule already stipulates the crew license for vessels, there seem to be no legal hurdle in conducting such courses. The syllabus for such courses may be prescribed by the Board and subsequently notified as Rules upon formal publication of the Special Category Vessel Rules by the Union Ministry.

2. Promotion exams as per KIV Rules may be conducted, and licenses may be upgraded under the KIV framework.

3. Such licenses may thereafter be converted into licenses under the Inland Vessel Rules within the time limits prescribed by the Central Rules.

The above matter was placed as Agenda Item No.23 before the 42nd Kerala Maritime Board meeting for approval. After detailed discussion and deliberation, the Board :

1. ***Resolved to approve the commencement of basic crew license training courses for Special Category Vessels such as houseboats, pleasure boats, shikkara boats, and similar inland vessels, pending formal notification of the Special Category Vessel Rules by the Government of India, invoking provisions of Section 114 of the IV Act.***
2. ***Resolved further to permit the conduct of promotion examinations and upgradation of licenses in accordance with the provisions of the Kerala Inland Vessels (KIV) Rules 2010, considering the transitional statutory framework and operational requirements of inland vessels in the State.***
3. ***Resolved further that the licenses issued or upgraded under the KIV framework shall be converted into licenses under the Inland Vessels Act, 2021 and Rules made thereunder by conducting conversion courses.***

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Board Order

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Sub : Fixation of Selling Price of Purified Sand at Azhikkal Sand Purification Plant

Government vide G.O. (Ms)44/2019/F&PD dated 20/12/ 2019 entrusted Port Department/KMB to identify the best agency for setting up a sand purification plant at Azhikkal similar to the one established at Ponnani, through a transparent tender process. In the 29th Board Meeting, permission was given to call Expression of Interest (EOI) and accordingly Centre for Management Development (CMD) was entrusted to call the EOI and CMD published the same in the prominent dailies and in the websites of KMB and CMD.

In response to CMD's invitation of Expression of Interest dated 25/11/2023, two firms participated viz. M/s Faizal Traders Pvt. Ltd. and M/s K.K. Builders. M/s Faizal Traders Pvt. Ltd. quoted highest percentage of price for sand than the basic price fixed by Government. On this basis, it was decided in the 30th Board Meeting to award the project to M/s Faizal Traders Pvt.Ltd. But subsequently they backed out from the proposal and their EMD was forfeited. Consequently the bid was awarded to the 2nd highest bidder, M/s MMI-KKB(JV) who quoted 9.55% above the basic price fixed by Government of Kerala. And subsequently an agreement was prepared with mutual consent and was forwarded to Government. Government granted approval for the agreement vide GO (Rt) 774/2022/F&P dated 07/11/2024 and the agreement was executed on 27th November 2024. As per the agreement the sand purification plant shall be commissioned only after the EIA clearance is received.

Also a selling price has to be fixed by the government at which the bidder is liable to sell the sand to public. Since the EIA clearance by SEIAA was required; the proposal was not put up to the government for fixing the price of purified sand to public. Now SEIAA has given clearance for manual dredging for 5 years vide their 159th meeting. So now the government has to be approached for fixing the selling price of the sand.

At Ponnani, the rate of dredged material fixed by Government, is 1227.60 per ton.

i.e.,

LSGD share	Rs.92/-
Labour charge	Rs.615/-

KMB Share	Rs.520.60/-
Geology	Nil
Total	**Rs.1227.60/-**

And the rate at which Rajadhani Minerals sell purified sand to public as per G.O. (Rt)864/2023/F&P dated 31.10.2023 is Rs.2044.35+GST per ton.

At Azhikkal, the rate of dredged material fixed by govt vide G.O. (Ms)39/2018/F&PD dated 26.10.2018 is Rs.1490/-
i.e.,

LSGD share	Rs.100/-
Labour charge	Rs.665/-
KMB Share	Rs.645/-
Geology	Rs.80/-
Total as fixed by Govt	Rs.1490/-
Additional rate quoted by Concessionaire in %	**9.55%**
Total rate of dredged material	**Rs.1544.66**

Apart from this, the Board is taking steps to explore the scope to start one or two dredged material purification plants in Kasargode. The sale price of dredged material to the concessionaire will be decided on the basis of the existing formula. Those who quote the highest percentage will be selected through a transparent bidding process. The selling price of purified sand for the Kasargode plant shall also be fixed as that of Ponnani plant.

The matter was placed before before the 42nd Board meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 06th January 2026 vide Agenda no: 24. The Board discuused the matter and resolved to:

1. To approve fixing the selling price of purified sand to be sold by M/s MMI–KKB (JV) from the Azhikkal Sand Purification Plant at ₹2,044.35 per tonne plus applicable GST, being the rate applicable at the Ponnani Sand Purification Plant.
2. Resolved further that the same selling price of₹2,044.35 per tonne plus applicable GST shall be adopted for purified sand from the proposed sand purification plant(s) in Kasargode.
3. Resolved further that the Chief Executive Officer, Kerala Maritime Board is authorised to send the proposal to the Government of Kerala for approval.

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Sub : Sale of dredged material in Bund 1 Azhikkal

The dredged material obtained through mechanical dredging at Azhikkal was stored in two bunds at Azhikkal Port. The dredged material in Bund No. 2 was tendered six times and was finally awarded to Sri Padappil Shafik through the sixth tender. However, the dredged material stored in Bund No. 1 could not be sold, as no bidders participated in the tender process.

In the 35th Board Meeting, it was resolved that if no bidders emerged even in the 6th tender, the dredged material would be allotted free of cost for land filling to infrastructure projects such as those of NHAI. This decision was communicated to the Government, and accordingly, the Government, vide Order GO(Rt) No. 792/2024/F&P dated 14.11.2024, approved the proposal and accorded consent to the Board to utilize the material for any public purpose.

Subsequently, Sri. Padappil Shafik, who obtained the tender for Bund 2, expressed willingness to purchase the dredged material stored in Bund 1 also, at a rate of ₹141 per tonne. Since the dredged material in Bund 1 had already been tendered six times without success, it was decided to sell the material to Sri. Padappil Shafik at ₹141 per tonne, without resorting to a further tender process.

The action of the CEO in selling the dredged material to Shri Padappil Shafeek at ₹141/- per ton, without resorting to a further tender process – considering that the material had been tendered six times earlier without success – was placed before the 42nd Board meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 06th January 2026 vide Agenda no: 25. The Board discuused the matter and noted the same.

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BOARD ORDER

No : HOKMB-TVM/1110/2025-E2 **Date : 16-01-2026**

Sub: Recruitment of IV Surveyor and Naval Architect on Contract Basis for implementation of Inland Vessels Act, 2021

To discharge the statutory functions relating to the survey, certification, and registration of inland vessels under the Inland Vessels Act, 2021, the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) initiated the process of contract-based recruitment for the posts of **IV Surveyor** and **Naval Architect**. As authorised by the 37th Board Meeting, interviews were conducted directly to avoid delay and additional expenditure. Applications were invited as per notification dated 06.10.2025, and eligible candidates were shortlisted after scrutiny. Interviews were held on 16.12.2025 at the KMB Head Office by a panel comprising the **CEO, KMB**, **Deputy Director of Ports** and **Commanding Officer, ICGS Vizhinjam.**

The candidates were evaluated by three examiners and rank lists were prepared. For the post of IV Surveyor, candidates ranked I and II were found suitable for appointment, with Rank III to be considered if required. For the post of Naval Architect, though two vacancies were notified, only one eligible candidate attended the interview and was recommended for appointment. The selected candidates would be eligible for the revised consolidated contract pay of ₹75,000 per month as approved by the 41st Board Meeting.

After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee and accorded sanction for appointment of the selected candidates to the posts of IV Surveyor and Naval Architect on contract basis, subject to the terms and conditions prescribed by the Kerala Maritime Board.

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BOARD ORDER

HOKMB-TVM/1284/2024-E3 **02-02-2026**

Sub: **Revision of contract extension dates for Surveyors and update on the appointment of Surveyors under the Inland Vessels Act, 2021 and rules made there under**

The Kerala Maritime Board, as the authority for implementation of the Inland Vessels Act, 2021, requires qualified Surveyors for statutory surveys and technical approvals. At present, these functions are being carried out by Surveyors engaged on contract basis. As per S.R.O. 35/2025 dated 09.01.2025, Sri Nandakumar V.K. and Sri Jofin Lukose were appointed as Surveyors on contract for one year with effect from 12.09.2024, and their contracts were due for extension from 12.09.2025. However, the 39th Board Meeting extended their contracts from 31.05.2025 and 13.07.2025 respectively, based on their initial dates of engagement, which was not in accordance with the notified terms, necessitating revision of the earlier decision.

Following amendments to the Inland Vessels (Survey & Certification) Rules, 2022, permanent KMB employees have become eligible for appointment as Surveyors and related proposals are pending Government notification. The matter was placed before the Board for information and for revising the earlier decision to extend the contracts of Sri Jofin Lukose and Sri Nandakumar V.K. for a further period of one year with effect from 12.09.2025.

After detailed discussion, the Board:
Resolved to revise the earlier decision and approve the extension of contracts of Sri Nandakumar V.K. and Sri Jofin Lukose as Surveyors on contract basis for a further period of one year with effect from 12.09.2025, in accordance with the terms of the original notification (S.R.O. 35/2025).

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HOKMB-TVM/332/2023-C3 (Devp) 17-01-2026

Sub : Financial Bid Opening for Maritime Enclave at Port Bungalow, Kozhikode

The Technical Committee convened on 15-12-2025 has reviewed the bids received for Maritime Enclave at Port Bungalow, Kozhikode. The proposed development of the Maritime Enclave at Port Bungalow, Kozhikode, is a strategic initiative by the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) aimed at capitalizing on the immense popularity and commercial potential of Kozhikode beach.

The area is declared as a public –semi public category zone as per the Town plan and we have requested the Corporation to convert this as a commercial zone to ensure full fledged commercial utilization. However, since no positive reply was received in this regard, it was decided that the development will be undertaken on the basis of the present categorization.

To advance the initiative, KMB opted for a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model and conducted a preliminary market overview followed by the release of an Expression of Interest (EOI) on 09-03-2024. A pre- EOI conference was organized on 05-04-2024, in Kozhikode. The conference witnessed active participation reflecting strong industry interest. As on due date of submission, a total of 12 EOIs were received.

Based on industry feedback and financial pre-feasibility assessments, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was formally issued on 02-07-2025. Wide publicity was ensured for the RFP through advertisements in leading newspaper dailies, in social media channels, KMB Website and email campaigns were also carried out. To facilitate bidder participation and ensure clarity on project requirements, a pre-bid conference was convened on 30-07-2025.

The tender submission timeline was extended in response to requests from prospective bidders, ensuring wider participation and robust competition. As of the final due date of submission on 25-08-2025, a total of four bids were received. The tender was duly opened on 29-08-2025.

An initial scrutiny of the submitted documents was undertaken by the officials of KMB chaired by the Controller of Finance and Accounts. During this review, all four bids were identified to be non-responsive.

In order to ensure wider participation, transparency, and better value for time, the project was re-tendered on 15-10-2025, incorporating the changes made via corrigendum in the first tender. The due date of submission was 03-11-2025 and no bids were received on bid due date. Therefore, the due date was extended to 21-11-2025, and two bids were received. The bids were duly opened on 24-11-2025.

A scrutiny of the submitted documents was undertaken on 29-11-2025 by the officials of KMB. During this scrutiny meeting, it was found that the bid submitted by M/s AXYZ Ventures Pvt Ltd was not responsive as it lacks key Appendices such as Appendix 4 and 5. In the case of remaining bidder which was a consortium of two Mr. Muthodath Chemmata Saleem (Lead Member) and Mr. Aboobacker Kallan, the majority of the documents were found to be submitted while certain shortfalls in the bid submissions were identified. So, it was decided to collect the necessary shortfall documents from the Bidder within 7 days from 03-12-2025.

Following receipt of the shortfall, a detailed note was prepared and shared with the Tender Committee. The Committee, chaired by Shri. Sreekumar K Nair, CEO, Vizhinjam International Seaport Ltd (VISL), convened on 15-12-2025 to carry out a detailed technical evaluation. It was noted that only one of the two bidders were responsive. On detailed technical evaluation, the Committee has raised certain concerns regarding the financial capacity values submitted by the Bidder, as the same were found to be derived from the credentials of the Bidder's partnership firms. The committee opined that since Bidder is an LLP, the credentials of its partnership firms may be considered for evaluation. However, to ensure credibility, the committee suggested that clarification should be obtained via email from the Chartered Accountant who had initially certified the financial capacity. Accordingly, based on the credentials submitted by the Bidder, the technical committee has awarded a technical score of 42 out of 100.As per clause 3.4.1 in the RFP, it was mentioned that Financial Bids shall be opened only for those Bidders who achieve a minimum Technical Score (Ts) of 50.

On further discussions and deliberations, the Tender Committee has noted that the project was re-tendered with an adequate amount of publicity, and the chance of getting further competitive bids was found to be minimal. *As per clause 3.4.2 of the RFP, it was stipulated that "the Authority reserves the right to fix a lower technical score/annul with the Bidding Process if the number of bidders scoring 50 or more is less than 3."* Furthermore, the chance of getting any more bidders in the event of a re-tender is also very remote.

Based on the above circumstances, it was recommended by the Tender Committee to open the financial bid subject to the following conditions

i. A satisfactory clarification on the Financial Capacity values from the Bidder's Chartered Accountant who had initially certified the financial capacity.
ii. Approval from the Board of KMB shall be obtained for lowering the Technical Score from a minimum of 50 to 45.

Accordingly, a clarification regarding the Financial Capacity was sought after from the Bidder and the same was received on 25-12-2025 which was found to be satisfactory. As per the evaluation, the Bidder has earned a technical score of 42 only and the bidder has to be considered as technically qualified invoking clause 3.4.2 of RFP by the Borad.

In between Government also has informed that the request of the board to convert the public- semi public categorization of the project area to a commercial one will be considered during the revision of the town plan, and the file is under process at Government level. It may be noted that since the revenue share is ensured in the project, we will get more revenue if the project proponent is able to develop it on a commercial zone.

The same was put up for discussion of the 42nd Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 6th January, 2026

<u>Point for decision:</u>

Resolved that the sole technically responsive bidder for the Maritime Enclave at Port Bungalow, Kozhikode, who scored 40 out of 100, shall be considered as a qualified bidder under Clause 3.4.2 of the RFP.

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/1328/2025/E1 **17-01-2026**

Subject: - **Basic Fire fighting practical training- Tie up arrangement with Coimbatore Marine College, Cochin Signing of MoU with M/s CMC, Kochi, and Training fees per candidate cost**

The Government of Kerala launched the Maritime Institute with an aim to impart quality education and training to the students in Maritime studies. In order to achieve this objective, various trainings are being conducted at Kerala Maritime Institutes at Kodungallur and Neendakara.

The Maritime Institute under the Kerala Maritime Board is responsible for conducting various Courses like Serang, IV Master, IV Driver and Engineer for the candidates who intend to join IV sector throughout India. The syllabus and the training materials are specified by Inland Water Authority of India. The courses offered by the institutes shall be in accordance with Inland Vessel Manning Rule 2025.

The Kerala Maritime Institute at Kodungallur and Neendakara are the most prestigious Marine Institutes under the Kerala State Maritime Board. Every Inland Vessel navigation training institutes established by the State Government or Central Government shall have to comply with the requirements of Schedule 1 (Standards for approval of training institutes) by 31st December 2026.

As per schedule (1) part 2, firefighting mock-up at our own facility or tie up arrangement is a mandatory requirement for conducting FPFF training, which is a part of BST.

The objective of the mock drill is to train the candidate so that the response during an emergency is smooth and effective.

Learning Outcome of Mock Drill training

- Purpose of conducting mock drill
- Common safety problems at workplace
- Ways to conduct mock drill
- Escape plan in case of emergency
- Implementation of emergency plan
- To make people aware of hazards around them
- Ways to handle hazardous substances
- Enhance resource capabilities

As a part of maritime training, swimming and firefighting practical classes are included in the new pattern of imparting training to IV candidates, which is in line with STCW rules. As of now there is no such facilities like swimming pools, fire mocks, etc. to impart practical training to students. A huge amount of capital expenditure is required to be invested for these facilities, and it is communicated to the Govt. to take steps for funds and fabricate a Fire mock and construct a swimming pool in the Kerala Maritime Institute in a timely manner.

The proposal received from M/s Cochin Shipyard is already expired. As per their agreement, "they had agreed to provide Fire Fighting Training Classes for the students on a payable basis for an amount of Rs 1,650/- + 18% GST ie, Rs. 1947/- (including rates of lunch, tea/snack) per candidate for one day. Despite sending so many mails to M/s. Cochin Shipyard training institute they never responded to extend the present agreement. Accordingly, the Chairperson has directed the head of the Institutes/Principal to contact Coimbatore Maritime College, Cochin to provide a tie-up facility with KMI for conducting practical training. The Principal of M/s Coimbatore Maritime College has approved the cost of Rs.750/- per head (all inclusive) for the training on mutually agreed schedules.

As the training cost quoted by M/s Cochin Shipyard Ltd. was too high, it is suggested that KMB may authorise M/s CMC (DG Shipping approved institute) at a cost of ₹750/- per candidate. ***The above matter was placed as Agenda Item No. 29 before the 42nd Kerala Maritime Board meeting for approval. After detailed discussion and deliberation, the Board :***

Resolved to approve the tie-up arrangement with M/s Coimbatore Maritime College, Kochi, at a cost of Rs.750 per candidate for conducting basic firefighting practical training and authorised the signing of an agreement between Kerala Maritime Institute and M/s CMC, Kochi.

Member Secretary/Chief Executive Officer

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Board Order

No. HOKMB-TVM/280/2024-C2 Date: 17-01-2026

Sub: Shifting of Existing Customs Notification of Leeward Wharf to the Seaward Wharf at Kovalam - Vizhinjam Port

A detailed proposal seeking extension of the existing Customs-notified facility at the Leeward Wharf of Kovalam–Vizhinjam Port to include the Seaward Wharf was submitted to the Customs Department on 18.12.2022. In response, the Joint Commissioner, Customs Preventive Unit, Cochin, pointed out two deficiencies at the Seaward Wharf, namely the absence of an electronic weighbridge and inadequate generator capacity to ensure uninterrupted power supply. Both requirements have since been complied with, and a compliance report was forwarded to the Customs Department on 20.03. 2025.

As no further official communication was received from the Customs Department, a D.O. letter was issued to the Commissioner of Customs on 10.11.2025. Subsequently, as instructed by the Superintendent and Inspector of Customs during their inspection of the port facilities on 19.11.2025, details of the port area, including geographical coordinates, were forwarded on 04.12.2025.

It has now been unofficially conveyed by the Additional Commissioner of Customs that notification of the Seaward Wharf as an extension of the Leeward Wharf is not feasible due to the existing security issues at the Leeward Wharf, and that the Leeward Wharf would need to be de-notified prior to notifying the Seaward Wharf.

At present, the Leeward Wharf at Kovalam–Vizhinjam Port does not have any access control measures. The gate to the wharf area remains open at all times due to protests from local fishermen, rendering the wharf unsuitable for any operational activities.

In view of the fact that the Leeward Wharf is not being utilized for any activities and that the Kerala Maritime Board intends to develop and use the Seaward Wharf for future EXIM operations, a proposal has been submitted to the Customs Department to shift the existing customs notification of the Leeward Wharf to the Seaward Wharf so as to enable the commencement of operations from the seaward wharf immediately and ensure effective utilization of public funds already invested.

Considering the urgency of the matter, the CEO has requested the

Commissioner of customs to shift the existing customs notification from the leeward wharf to the seaward wharf if the extension of the notification to the second wharf is a time consuming and cumbersome process.

In light of the above, the matter was placed before the 42nd Board Meeting for deliberations and consideration and the Board, **resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in requesting the Commissioner of Customs to shift the existing customs notification from Leeward Wharf to the Seaward Wharf at Kovalam – Vizhinjam Port and authorize proceeding to obtain customs notification for the Seaward Wharf to facilitate future EXIM operations.**

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Board Order

Sub:-Extension of contract period of Drivers-reg
Ref:-Minutes of the 42nd Board Meeting(Agenda No.31)

As per the decision taken in the 35th Board Meeting, the following drivers were appointed on contract with a monthly consolidated pay of 20,065/- for a period of one year. Their contract period expired on 17/10/2025, but they have continued in service and are performing their duties satisfactorily. It is therefore proposed to extend their contract for a further period of one year, with a monthly consolidated remuneration of ₹21,070(as per Go(p) no.54/2025/Fin dtd.19/04/2025), strictly in accordance with the rules governing contract appointments.

1.Sri. Dileep. S, Port Office, Alappuzha

2.Sri.Ganesan. V, Head Office, TVM

3.Sri. Vineeth.R, Head Office, TVM

The above contract postings are inevitable for the normal functioning of the Port Office & RA Office in Alappuzha and the KMB Head Quarters. In the above circumstances, the contract period of the above drivers may be extended for one more year.

In the above circumstances, the matter is placed before the 42nd Board meeting for deliberation and consideration.

After deliberation, the Board

Resolved to extend the contract period of the above drivers for a further period of one year, with a monthly consolidated pay of ₹21,070/- (as per GO(P) No.54/2025/Fin dtd. 19/04/2025), strictly adhering to rules of contract appointment.

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HOKMB-TVM/27/2024-A6 17-01-2026

As per Sec 80 of the KMB Act, the Board shall, on or before the thirty-first day of January in each year, hold a special meeting at which the Chief Executive Officer of the Board shall present an estimate of the income and expenditure of the Board for the next Financial Year in such a form as the Government may specify. A copy of such estimate shall be sent by post or otherwise to each member of the Board so as to reach him not less than ten clear days prior to the date appointed for the special meeting referred to in Sub Section (1).

As per the provisions of the Act, an estimate under three parts, viz., **Receipts & Expenditure under General Fund, Receipts & Expenditure under Capital and Receipts & Expenditure under Plan Fund (Revenue & Capital),** for the year 2026-27, are prepared and presented before the Board for detailed examination, approval and transmission to Government as per decision.

The same was put up for discussion in the 42nd Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 06.01.2026 vide Agenda No. 32.

*After discussion, the Board unanimously resolved to approve the **Budget for the Financial Year 2026–27**, prepared in three parts, and forward the same to the Government for approval as required under **Section 80(4) of the Act**.*

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/1156/2025/E1 **17-01-2026**

Sub : Revising the honorarium payment structure for visiting faculties & qualified officers of Kerala Maritime Board

Pursuant to the in-principle approval accorded by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) during a meeting with the IWAI Hydrographic Chief, the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) has initiated revalidation courses and conversion courses at KMI, Kodungallur, and Neendakara. As per the new pattern of the Inland Vessel Training System, the syllabus and course materials were prepared by the IWAI and the Indian Maritime University (IMU).

The first revalidation course was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Ports on 09.11.2023. The honorarium paid to the faculty for one session (3 hours) is Rs.3000/-. This was decided by the former Chairman, KMB, during his meeting with the Campus Manager and staff in 2018.

As per the 30th Board meeting of the Kerala Maritime Board, the honorarium of external faculty was revised to Rs.3500/- and for qualified officers of the Kerala Maritime Board, it was Rs.2000/- including TA & DA.

Now the honorarium payment structure need to be revisited due to the following reason.

1. 50% fees concession is allowed to SC/ST candidates. Hence there is a tendency of rate of revenue to fall in due course, particularly for courses of long duration.
2. Student enrollment dropped since the time limit of certificate validity extended to 2027 by the Union Government. Hence the institute is forced to conduct classes with less strength for clearing the long-pending applications.
3. GP Rating course of 3 months duration has already commenced and preparatory courses of 1 month duration are expected to commence during the first week of February, 2026. The honorarium of Rs.7000/- per day for external faculty (as decided in the 30th Board meeting) is viable only for short-duration courses. For courses framed with a duration of one month and above, hourly remuneration may be fixed at Rs.1000/- per hour for external faculties and Rs.650/- per hour for qualified officers of the Board, and Rs.600/- per hour for Domain experts /Academic experts and instructors.

Accordingly, it is proposed that:

a. **For Inland Vessel related courses**

- Master Mariners and Chief Engineers (FG/NCV) be paid Rs 1,000 per hour

(External/visitng faculty),
- Qualified Kerala Maritime Board officers may be paid Rs 650 per hour.
- Academic/Domain Experts and Instructors be paid Rs 600 per hour.

b. **For Courses under Harbour Craft Rules**

For courses under the Harbour Craft Rule 1970, visiting faculty may be paid Rs 750/- per hour, and qualified KMB staff Rs 500/- per hour.

Consequently, for a day of IV Rule 2022 classes:

- Master Mariners/Chief Engineers (FG/NCV): Rs 6,000/-
- KMB staff: Rs 3,900/-,
- Academic/Domain Experts/Instructors: Rs 3,600/-.

For HCR 1970 classes per day:

- Visiting faculty: Rs 4,500,
- KMB staff: Rs 3,000.

Empanelment of faculties, instructors, Domain experts & Academic Experts at KMI, Neendakara and Kodungallur

A list categorizing the qualified faculty, instructors, and domain experts, along with their qualifications, is attached herewith.

VISITING FACULTIES

Sl. No	Name of Faculty	Qualification	Area of Teaching
1.	Capt. M.K Soman	Master Mariner F.G Indos No. 00NL3045 CDC NO. A74629	Nautical
2.	Capt. K.G Arunan	Master Mariner NCV CDC No.BY 73100	Nautical
3.	Capt. K. Padmanabhan	Master Mariner NCV COC No. A74489 INDOS: 00NL9736	Nautical
4.	Capt. Jaideep N. Nair	Dredge Master Grade I	Dredging
5.	Cap. Abraham V. Kuriakose	Master Mariner FG	Nautical
6.	Capt. K.S Jayaram	Master Mariner NCV	Nautical
7.	Capt. Sebastian	Master Mariner NCV	Nautical
8.	Shri. Ajith G. Pillai	Chief Engineer	Engineering

9.	Shri. Jayaprakash	Chief Engineer	Engineering
10.	Shri. Anoop N. Pillai	Chief Engineer	Engineering
11.	Shri. Jewels	Chief Engineer	Engineering
12.	Shri. Nishi	Bosun	Seaman ship practicals
13.	Capt. Sreekumar K.J	Dredge Master	Nautical
14.	Shri.Ashok Kumar K.E	Master Mariner NCV	Nautical

Kerala Maritime Board Staff

Sl. No	Name of Faculty	Qualification	Area of Teaching
1.	Capt. Pradeesh K.G Nair (Principal, KMI)	Master Mariner NCV	Nautical
2.	Capt. Hari Achutha Varrier Port Officer, Kozhikode	Master Mariner FG	Nautical
3.	Capt. Jismon Jacob Registering Authority /Port Officer, Alappuzha	Master Mariner NCV	Nautical
4.	Capt. Aswani Prathap Deputy Director of Ports, KMB	Master Mariner FG	Nautical
5.	Shri Maria Prone Vincent Asst. Executive Engineer, KMB	Chief Engineer	Engineering – Marine
6.	Capt. Arun Kumar Officer in Charge, Head office, KMB	Master Mariner NCV	Nautical
7.	Shri. Alex G. Thomas Campus Manager, KMI, Neendakara	M. Tech	Engineering – Marine
8.	Shri. Ayyappankutty Exam Coordinator IV, Alappuzha	M.Tech, (VICT)	Engineering - Marine
9.	Shri. Baburaj K Training Coordinator, KMI, Kodungallur	BFSC (Nautical Science) – 4 years graduation holder IV 1st Class Master INDOS No:13ZL6296 CDC No: MUM219443	Nautical

10.	Shri. Ginoy P.P Wharf Supervisor KMI, Kodungallur	Certificate in food production (BA Degree holder)	Elementary cooking

Domain Experts / Instructors

Sl. No	Name of Faculty	Qualification	Area of Teaching
1.	Shri .Joseph Arul Ravi AGM Cochin Shipyard	Mechanical Engineer	Dry docking, Engineering
2.	Shri . Praveen Kumar	(VICT) Indian Coast Guard GMDSS	Radio & Navigation
3.	Shri. Sojan	Navy	Practicals
4.	Dhanya V.S	BA Hindi, B Ed, KTET-Category I&III TTC in Hindi 15 years teaching experience	Hindi
5.	Greeshma C.S	M Sc Mathematics , B Ed K TET – Category II	Mathematics

Note: Academic instructors/faculty for subjects like computer science, mathematics & Hindi will be selected from qualified faculty as per availability.

Proposed faculty honorarium structure for Inland Vessel Training as per IV Rule 2022

Visiting Faculty Master Mariner/Chief Engineer	Rs.1000/hour
Qualified KMB Staff	Rs.650/hour
Domain Experts / Academic Experts / Instructors	Rs.600/hour

Proposed faculty honorarium for HCR 1970 Training

Qualified Visiting Faculty	Rs.750/-
Qualified KMB Staff / Academic Experts	Rs.500/-

The above matter was placed as Agenda Item No.33 before the 42nd Kerala Maritime Board meeting for approval. After detailed discussion and deliberation, the Board:

Resolved to approve the revised honorarium payment structure for faculty, instructors and qualified officers engaged in Inland Vessel Training (IV Rules 2022) and Harbour Craft Rule (HCR 1970) courses, as follows:

- ***IV Rules 2022 courses : External/visiting faculty – Rs.1,000 per hour; qualified KMB staff-Rs.650 per hour; domain/academic experts/instructors-Rs.600 per hour***

- ***HCR 1970 courses: Visiting faculty-Rs.750 per hour; qualified KMB staff-Rs.500 per hour***

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BOARD ORDER

No. HOKMB-TVM/1306/2025-E3(IV) **30-01-2026**

Sub : **Complaint raised by Neptune Water Sports Stating the Operational Difficulties facing to them due to Non-Cooperation from Kodungallur Port Office**

A complaint from Mr. Mesh Manoharan, Proprietor of Neptune Water Sports was presented before the Board meeting, regarding operational difficulties at Kodungallur Port Office, including delays in vessel registration and renewals compared to other ports. Following an online consultation with the OIC, KMB, and the Port Conservator, the issues were examined. One key concern related to the levy of survey charges for imported vessels, where the complainant argued that fees should not apply for periods when the vessels were operating outside the State. The Board considered the matter and noted that the concern is genuine.

After discussion and deliberation, the Board :
Resolved to approve that for imported foreign mechanised inland vessels, survey charges shall be calculated from the date of import, subject to verification of relevant documents, instead of the manufacturing date applicable to all other vessels made in India for registration.

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Board Order as per the Decision No. 35 of
42nd Kerala Maritime Board Meeting

No : HOKMB-TVM/1493/2024-D2 (TECH) **Date: 17-01-2026**

Sub: Social Media Marketing of Kerala Maritime Board – Extension of Contract of M/s GG Net Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Alappuzha and Revision of Commercials – Reg.

Based on the decision taken in the 38th Board Meeting of the Kerala Maritime Board, in order to strengthen the digital outreach and public engagement of KMB, M/s GG Net Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Alappuzha was engaged through the Kerala Startup Mission for managing the official social media platforms of KMB, including Facebook, Twitter (X), LinkedIn, Instagram, and YouTube. The initial contract was for a period of six (6) months with effect from 06-07-2025, at a monthly rate of Rs. 86,258/- inclusive of GST, with a total contract value of Rs. 5,17,548/- inclusive of GST, and is due to expire on 05-01-2026. Payments amounting to Rs. 1,47,323/- have been made for services rendered from July 2025 to October 2025. Bills for November 2025 onwards are pending submission, and the total expenditure for the contract period is expected to be approximately Rs. 3.2 lakhs.

During the contract period, the firm has performed satisfactorily by strengthening KMB's digital presence, disseminating public information and notices, showcasing the Board's initiatives and services, and improving engagement with stakeholders. In view of the satisfactory performance of the firm and the requirement for continued social media engagement, M/s GG Net Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Alappuzha has submitted a revised proposal seeking extension of the project period by an additional six (6) months, with a revised monthly commercial of Rs. 94,754/- inclusive of GST, reflecting a 10% enhancement over the existing agreement value. The enhancement is justified due to expansion of scope, including YouTube-based long-form content, continued deployment of dedicated manpower, and alignment with KMB's Vision 2031 communication objectives.

In view of the above, the revised proposal submitted by M/s GG Net Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Alappuzha was placed before the 42nd Board meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 6th January, 2026 vide Agenda no: 35.

The Board after detailed deliberation, resolved to:

1. **Extend the contract of M/s GG Net Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Alappuzha, for an additional six months for managing the social media marketing activities of KMB.**

2. **Sanction the proposed enhancement of 10% over the total value of the previous agreement by accepting the revised monthly commercial amount of Rs. 94,754/- inclusive of GST or otherwise, considering the change in the scope of work.**

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