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BOARD ORDER

File Nos: **HOKMB-TVM/437/2026-E3(IV)** **Date: 22-06-2026**

Sub: Exemption of Annual Survey and Registration Fees for Interceptor Boats/Vessels operated by the Coastal Police Department, Hydrographic Survey Wing and Kerala Maritime Board

The Motor Transport Officer, DHQ Kollam City, vide letter No. GL/693/MT/2025/DHQ dated 09.11.2025, sought clarification regarding the applicability of the revised service charges introduced via G.O.(Rt) No.540/2024/F&P dated 27.08.2024 for the annual survey of two interceptor boats, namely 'Darshana' (12 Tons, HCR QN 02) and 'Yoddha' (5 Tons, HCR QN 03), operated by the Kollam City Coastal Police Station. The Port Officer, Kollam, had initially mentioned a fee of ₹14,160 (inclusive of GST) per vessel based on the generalized rate structure for speed boats and recreational crafts outlined in the aforementioned Government Order.

The Police Department requested an exemption/clarification, noting that these vessels are dedicated entirely to national security, coastal protection, law enforcement, and the safety of fishermen, rather than commercial or recreational activities. Considering the operational urgency and the vital role played by the Coastal Police in assisting the Board with port security and joint enforcement inspections of Inland Vessels (IV), the Chief Executive Officer, KMB, issued an interim order on 25-04- 2026 to temporarily waive the survey charges for the specified interceptor boats referring to:

(i) Inland Vessels (IV) Act, 2021 [Sec. 12 (2)]: Stipulates that the State Government shall issue a certificate of survey upon receipt of payment of fees as may be prescribed by the State Government. The Board holds the administrative discretion to recommend modifications to these fee rules for state-owned assets and

(ii) Merchant Shipping (MS) Act, 2025 [Sec. 15 (5)] (Analogy for Governance): Statutorily exempts vessels belonging to the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, Customs, Central Armed Police Forces, and Police from registration fees and mandatory compliance frameworks applied to commercial crafts.

The Coastal Police and Hydrographic Survey Wing, consistently support KMB in executing enforcement activities, harbor mapping, and security protocols without levying any service charges on the Board. To ensure administrative uniformity across all Port Registries under KMB, it is proposed that the following categories of government-owned vessels be completely exempted from Survey and Registration Fees (while retaining standard penalties for HOKMB-TVM/437/2026-E3(IV) I/84541/2026 safety or operational violations to maintain regulatory oversight):

1. Vessels owned and operated by the Coastal Police / State Police Department engaged in coastal and port security.
2. Vessels owned by Government Organizations (such as the Hydrographic Survey Wing - HSW) dedicated to harbor mapping, bathymetry, and port pollution response.
3. Inland and maritime vessels owned, managed, and directly operated by the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB).

The matter was presented before 45th Board meeting for ratification vide Agenda Nos. 5 After detailed deliberations, the Board:

1. Resolved to ratify the interim order issued by the Chief Executive Officer exempting the following categories of vessels under the jurisdiction of Kerala Maritime Board from the payment of annual survey and registration fees:

i. Vessels owned and operated by the Coastal Police/State Police Department engaged in coastal and port security activities.

ii. Vessels owned and operated by Government Organizations, including the Hydrographic Survey Wing (HSW), engaged in hydrographic surveys, harbor mapping, bathymetry, port pollution response, and related public service functions.

iii. Inland and maritime vessels owned, managed, and directly operated by the Kerala Maritime Board.

2. The Board further directed the Chief Executive Officer to take up the matter with the Government and submit the necessary proposal for obtaining suitable Government orders in this regard.

Member Secretary

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BOARD ORDER

File Nos. **HOKMB-TVM/1110/2025-E2** **Date: 15-06-2026**

Sub: Recruitment of IV Surveyors and enhancement of upper age limit

The Kerala Maritime Board is the designated authority for the survey, certification, and registration of inland vessels in the State under the Inland Vessels Act, 2021 . To effectively discharge these statutory responsibilities and implement the Inland Vessels Survey and Certification Rules, 2022, it was necessary to engage qualified technical personnel on a contract basis. As authorized by the 37th Board Meeting on January 20, 2025 (vide Agenda No. 16), KMB was permitted to conduct interviews directly to avoid unnecessary expenditure and delays. Accordingly, applications were invited for one-year contract appointments for IV Surveyors and Naval Architects via Notification No. HOKMB-TVM/820/2024-E3 dated October 6, 2025.

However, the Board is currently facing a critical operational crisis due to an acute shortage of Inland Vessel (IV) Surveyors, which severely impacts day-to-day vessel registrations and statutory inspections. Following interviews conducted on December 16, 2025, the Board approved a rank list and subsequently issued contract-based appointment orders to the three shortlisted candidates: Mr. Biju George, Mr. Antony Syamala Aneesh Kumar, and Mr. Deepu Bhaskar. Although they were given a mandatory 15-day timeframe to report for duty, none of the candidates reported, causing that entire recruitment effort to fail. To manage the heavy ongoing workload, the Board initiated a fresh recruitment process, resulting in three new candidates being shortlisted for interviews. Notably, one of these applicants is Capt. Ajithakumaran Nair (Master NCV), who has previously served as an IV Surveyor with KMB and has already submitted his formal willingness to rejoin our service. Furthermore, taking into account that the Directorate General of Shipping (DG Shipping) permits seafarers to sail on board ships up to the age of 65 years, it is felt necessary to utilize the expertise of experienced marine professionals for surveying duties.

Therefore, it is proposed to extend the upper age limit for eligible candidates from 65 years to 68 years to ensure a wider and more sustainable pool of qualified applicants. At present, our notified surveying strength is limited to just five officers: Mr. Jofin Lukose (Surveyor with a Naval Architecture background, on contract), Mr. Nandakumar (Surveyor, on contract), Mr. Renjith M (Chief Engineer serving as Surveyor), Capt. Pratheesh KG Nair (Principal at KMI), and Mr. Mariaprone V (Engineer-cum-Dredger Master & Surveyor).

On a positive note, Capt. Jismon Jaicob, a regular staff member who was on long leave, has officially rejoined the service and now needs to be re-notified as a surveyor.
The matter was presented before 45th Board meeting for deliberation and consideration vide Agenda Nos. 6.

The Board, after detailed discussions:

1) Resolved to approve the selection and engagement of the three newly shortlisted candidates for appointment as IV Surveyors on contract basis, subject to fulfillment of the prescribed terms and conditions.
2) Resolved further to approve the enhancement of the upper age limit for engagement of eligible candidates from 65 years to 68 years, considering the nonavailability of experienced maritime professionals and the need to ensure adequate technical manpower for survey operations.
3) Resolved further to approve the re-appointment of Capt. Ajithakumaran Nair, former IV Surveyor of Kerala Maritime Board, on priority basis, considering his experience and willingness to rejoin service.
4) Resolved to accord sanction to forward a proposal to the Government for the formal notification of Capt. Jismon Jaicob as an IV Surveyor under the provisions of the Inland Vessels Act, 2021 and the rules made thereunder.

Member Secretary

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BOARD ORDER

File Nos. **HOKMB-TVM/1110/2025-E2** **Date: 15-06-2026**

Sub: Proposal for enhancement of the contract pay of Surveyors of Inland Vessels

The Kerala Maritime Board is the designated authority for the survey, certification, and registration of inland vessels in the State under the Inland Vessels Act, 2021. To effectively discharge these statutory responsibilities and implement the Inland Vessels Survey and Certification Rules, 2022, the 37th Board Meeting authorized KMB to conduct interviews directly to engage qualified technical personnel on a contract basis, aiming to avoid unnecessary expenditure and administrative delays. Accordingly, contract-based applications were invited under Notification No. HOKMB- TVM/820/2024-E3 dated October 6, 2025. Following the selection committee interviews, contract appointment orders were issued to three shortlisted candidates. However, none of the selected candidates reported for duty within the mandatory 15-day time frame, causing the recruitment effort in failure.

It is learned that, the primary reason for this recruitment failure is that our current contract remuneration is significantly low compared to prevailing market standards. There is currently an unprecedented boom in the Indian shipbuilding and maritime industry, creating an extreme demand for qualified marine and naval architect professionals. As a result, it has become exceptionally difficult to attract and retain qualified surveyors who suit our department's stringent technical requirements. To safely manage the heavy ongoing regulatory workload and prevent a total breakdown of vessel survey operations, as an immediate measure, the Board urgently requires to recruit a minimum of five more surveyors to bridge the gap until our departmental organogram is finalized and regular recruitments are made. Presently, our active, government-notified surveying pool is limited to just five officers, out of which only two are serving on a contract basis. In order to retain our existing contract personnel and successfully recruit the remaining required surveyors from the competitive marine market, it is absolutely essential to upgrade the pay structure. It is therefore proposed to enhance the consolidated monthly salary of contract IV Surveyors from the current ₹75,000/- to ₹85,000/-.

The matter was presented before 45th Board meeting for deliberation and consideration vide Agenda Nos. 7.

The Board, after detailed discussions:

Resolved to enhance the contract pay of serving Surveyors in KMB as well as Surveyors proposed to be recruited from ₹75,000/- (Rupees Seventy-Five Thousand only) per month to 85,000/- (Rupees Eighty-Five Thousand only) per month.

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HOKMB-TVM/1655/2024-A8(Audit) **Dated:20-06-2026**

Board Order

Sub: Transfer back of Funds from Kerala Maritime Board (KMB)to Kerala Maritime Society (KMS)

Kerala Maritime Society (KMS) did not have a separate Treasury Savings Bank (TSB) account. Hence,the maturity proceeds of fixed deposits of KMS maintained in various banks were deposited in the Treasury in the name of Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) to avail higher interest rates.

The details of such deposits were reported to the Board/Governing Body as follows:

- **Agenda No.27 of the 39thBoard Meeting held on 02.07.2025– ₹1.45crore**
- **Agenda No.15 of the 42nd Board Meeting held on06.01.2026 – ₹8.68crore**
- **Agenda No.12 of the3rd Reconstituted Governing Body Meeting of KMS held on13.03.2026- –** ₹0.35crore

Accordingly, a total amount of ₹10.48 crore (Rupees Ten Crore and Forty Eight Lakh only) belonging to KMS was transferred to KMB and kept in Treasury deposits .Subsequently ,a separate Treasury Savings Bank Account (TSB A/c No.799010100441709) has been opened in the name of Kerala Maritime Society on 16.03.2026,with Government approval dated 11.03.2026.

In view of the above, Kerala Maritime Board has transferred back an amount of ₹6.00 crore(Rupees Six Crore only) from its TSB account to the TSB account of KMS. The said amount has been placed in a Fixed Deposit (FD No. 799010503680153) for a period of 25 months in the name of KMS.The balance amount of ₹4.48crore (Rupees Four Crore and Forty Eight Lakh only), along with the interest accrued on the deposits,will be transferred to KMS either on maturity of the existing fixed deposits of KMB or as and when surplus funds are available with KMB.

The Board considered the proposal and took note of the transfer back of 6.00 crore out of the total 10.48 crore belonging to Kerala Maritime Society from the funds of Kerala Maritime Board and ratified the action taken.

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Board Order

No. :HOKMB-TVM/580/2026-C1 (Devp) 09-06-2026

Sub : Request for Qualification for Empanelment of Independent Engineer

The Kerala Maritime Board has undertaken efforts to revitalize and develop the underutilized assets, port lands, warehouses and other assets under KMB on Public Private Partnership mode to enhance revenue generation and to create employment opportunities across various sectors.

The Independent Engineer is a sine-qua-non component in the PPP model development envisaged. As per the draft Concession Agreement published along with Request for Proposal (RFP) for the PPP projects, the need and role of Independent Engineer have been clearly outlined. The Independent Engineer shall be a technical consultancy firm which shall be on boarded through a transparent and fair selection process. The cost and expense of the Independent Engineer for their services shall be borne by the Concessioning Authority and Concessionaire, equally. The Independent Engineer shall have domain experts in various fields that may include Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Environmental etc.

As a priority, it is proposed to associate the Independent Engineer for the following four PPP projects.

Sl. No	Name of the Project	Scope of the Project	Indicative Project cost (Rs Cr)
1	Ponnani Maritime & Industrial Hub, Malappuram, Kerala	Shipyard complex supporting shipbuilding and repair	125 Crores
2	Development of Lakefront Leisure and Entertainment Hub, Asramam, Kollam, Kerala	Leisure and hospitality hub	14 Crores
3	Development of 2.5 acres of prime land at South Beach, Kozhikode, Kerala	Mixed-use commercial, cultural, entertainment and hospitality complex	73 Crores
4	Kerala Maritime Education and Entertainment Hub, Neendakara, Kollam	Maritime institute along with an edutainment and tourism zone	246 Crores

The salient features of the RFQ shall include the following,

- An empanelment model of selection is being proposed for the selection of the Independent Engineer so that a list of interested firms can be made available, and price bid shall be invited from the shortlisted firms.
- Provisions shall be made to use the list of shortlisted firms to associate with future PPP projects of KMB.
- The process of empanelment shall be carried out once in a year and shall remain valid for 3 years.
- There shall be Key Personnels and Additional Experts in the Independent Engineer.

The list of Key Personnels shall include the following,

Sl.No.	Position	Minimum Educational Qualification	Minimum Work Experience
1.	Team Leader	B.Tech in Civil Engineering. Postgraduate in Management or Engineering or equivalent	Minimum 15 years overall experience in working in projects of Government / Public Sector in the areas of Tourism and Hospitality/ Port and Port-led Industry / Maritime and allied sector / Commercial and Infrastructure Minimum 5 years of experience in overall project management, monitoring and evaluation of projects, review of project reports, feasibility reports etc.
2.	Structural Expert	B.Tech in Civil Engineering. MTech in Structural Engineering	Minimum 10 years of post-qualification experience in structural design and supervision
3.	Geo technical Expert	B.Tech in Civil Engineering. MTech in Geotechnical Engineering	Minimum 10 years of professional experience in geotechnical investigations, soil mechanics, and foundation engineering.
4.	Environmental Expert	B.Tech in Civil Engineering. MTech in	Minimum 10 years of professional experience in environmental management and compliance.

		Environmental Engineering	

The list of Additional Experts shall include the following,

Sl.No.	Position	Minimum Educational Qualification	Minimum Work Experience
1.	Senior Civil Engineer (Project Manager)	B.Tech in Civil Engineering	Minimum5 years of professional experience in civil works design, supervision, and project management.
2.	Senior Electrical Engineer	B.Tech in Electrical Engineering	Minimum 5 years of professional experience in electrical design, installation, and supervision.
3.	Senior Mechanical Engineer	B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering	Minimum 5 years of professional experience in mechanical systems design, installation, and supervision.
4.	Support Engineer (4 personnels)	B.Tech in any domain (preferably Civil, Mechanical or Electrical)	Minimum 3 years of professional experience in engineering support functions such as site supervision, technical coordination, documentation and reporting.
5.	Contract Management Expert	Bachelor's degree in law or business	10 years of experience in procurement of contract management
6.	Domain Expert	Additional domain expertise should be provided based on requirements of the project, and the rate must be mutually agreed upon, with consideration given to years of experience (YOE)-related rates.	

- Technical Capacity: The Bidder shall have over the past 10 (ten) years have completed a minimum of 3 (three) Eligible Assignments.
  - Eligible Assignments: Project Management Consultancy (PMC)/DPR preparation & construction supervision consultancy /Owner's Engineer/ consultancy assignments for any of the sectors in Government/Private, that includes Tourism and Hospitality, Port and Port-led Industry, Maritime and

Allied sector, Commercial and Infrastructurewith a minimum project cost of Rs. 5 Crores (Five Crores) shall be considered as eligible assignments.

- Financial Capacity: The Bidder shall have received a minimum revenue of Rs. 25 (Twenty-five) lakhs per annum from professional fees from the above Eligible Assignments during each of the last 3 (three) financial years.

In this context, it is proposed to prepare and issue a Request for Qualification (RFQ) for empanelment of interested and eligible firms for the selection of Independent Engineers for PPP projects under KMB.

The same was put up for discussion of the 45th Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 29th May, 2026.

After deliberation, the Board :

1. **Resolved to enhance the minimum financial capacity requirement from 25 lakh to₹ 50 lakh per annum₹ from professional fees from eligible assignments during each of the last three financial year.**
2. **Resolved to approve the preparation and release of the Request for Qualification (RFQ) for the empanelment of Independent Engineers for PPP projects under Kerala Maritime Board, subject to the above modifications**

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Board Order

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Sub : Kerala Maritime Board – Eviction of Unauthorized Encroachments on Ponnani Port Land

The Government has already approved the establishment of a medium-scale shipbuilding unit at Ponnani Port through Public Private Participation, vide Order No. 3/2026/F&P dated 26.02.2026. However, extensive unauthorized encroachments on the port land are obstructing the implementation of the proposed project. In a meeting convened to discuss this matter, attended by the MLA, the District Collector of Malappuram and representatives from various departments including Maritime Board, directions were issued to the Police and Revenue authorities to take steps for evicting these encroachments.

Subsequently, a meeting was held on 17.01.2026 under the chairmanship of the District Collector, Malappuram, to discuss the issue in detail. During the meeting, representatives of the fishing workers were informed that the 9 acres of land presently occupied by illegally constructed fish storage rooms is essential for the functioning of the proposed shipbuilding unit. The representatives were also requested to identify a suitable alternate location for relocation of the fish storage rooms. The representatives suggested the eastern side within the Ponnani Fishing Harbour compound adjacent to the Canoli Canal as a suitable location. Based on the decision of the meeting, the Executive Engineer, Harbour Engineering Division, was entrusted with the preparation of an estimate for construction of a platform for the proposed sheds. Consequently, an estimate amounting to **₹91.10Lakhs** was prepared and forwarded by the District Collector for further action.

However, since it is not feasible to spend such a large amount from Government funds for constructing fish storage rooms for unauthorized encroachers, a letter dated 22.04.2026 was addressed to the Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, requesting immediate action against the unauthorized occupants, including initiation of legal proceedings and eviction of the encroachments, in order to facilitate the smooth implementation of the proposed ship building unit at Ponnani and to ensure coastal security. (Copy enclosed).

The same was put up for discussion of the 45th Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 29th May, 2026.

<u>After deliberation, the Board :</u>

1. **Resolved that Kerala Maritime Board shall initiate necessary eviction proceedings with the assistance of the Revenue and Police authorities to remove the unauthorized encroachments to get the land free from encroachment for the implementation of the project.**
2. **Resolved further to request the Government once again to issue appropriate directions to the Police authorities to extend all necessary support to Kerala Maritime Board in carrying out the eviction proceedings, considering the importance of the proposed shipbuilding project and to arrest unauthorised use of Port land for suspected nefarious activities**.

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Board Order as per the Decision No. 11 of
45th Kerala Maritime Board Meeting

No : HOKMB-TVM/1493/2024-D2 (TECH) **Date: 09-06-2026**

Sub: Social Media Marketing of Kerala Maritime Board – Revision of Extension Work Order issued to M/s. GG Net Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Alappuzha and Execution of Supplemental Agreement

As per the decision taken in the 38th Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board, M/s. GG Net Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Alappuzha was engaged through Kerala Startup Mission for managing the official social media platforms of Kerala Maritime Board (KMB), including Facebook, Twitter (X), LinkedIn, Instagram and YouTube, for a period of six 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. The contract expired on 05.01.2026.

During the contract period, the firm performed satisfactorily by strengthening KMB's digital outreach, disseminating public information and notices, showcasing the initiatives and services of KMB and improving stakeholder engagement. In view of the satisfactory performance and the continued requirement for social media engagement, the firm submitted a revised proposal seeking extension of the project period for an additional six months with a revised monthly commercial of Rs. 94,754/- inclusive of GST, reflecting a 10% enhancement over the existing agreement value considering the expanded scope of work.

The proposal was placed before the 42nd Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 06.01.2026 vide Agenda No. 35. The Board 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 considering the revised scope of work.

Accordingly, an extension work order was issued to the firm on 24.01.2026. Subsequently, while examining the draft supplemental agreement submitted by the firm, then it was observed that certain discrepancies in the issued work order. It was noted that although the

Board had sanctioned an overall enhancement of 10%, certain individual items exceeded the approved limit. Further, the paid campaign component costing Rs. 25,000/- included in the original agreement had been omitted in the extension work order, whereas an additional cost of Rs. 33,000/- had been introduced towards back-office staff.

In view of the above discrepancies, a meeting was convened on 02.05.2026. As per the Minutes of the Meeting, the Chairperson directed that:

- The 10% enhancement approved by the 42nd Board shall be strictly limited to each individual item in the original agreement.
- Billing for the extended period shall be based on the rates quoted in the original agreement with permissible enhancement limited to 10% item-wise.
- Cost towards back-office staff engaged as per the requirement of KMB may be considered separately subject to submission of proposal at reasonable rates in compliance with Government norms.
- Additional services beyond the agreed scope, such as voice-over, advanced graphics, enhanced video editing features, AI-based services, photography, videography etc., shall be treated as extra items and considered separately upon requirement and approval by KMB.
- The extension work order shall be revised accordingly and a supplemental agreement shall be executed without delay.

Accordingly, the Chief Executive Officer issued a letter dated 07.05.2026 to the firm explaining the circumstances necessitating revision of the issued work order. In response, M/s. GG Net Solutions Pvt. Ltd, Alappuzha. submitted a revised proposal with the following details:

1. All items in the original agreement have been revised by limiting enhancement to 10% over the original rates and the revised monthly commercial comes to Rs. 94,883.80/- inclusive of GST.
2. A designated Marketing Executive will be stationed at the Head Office of KMB. The remuneration proposed is based on Group 6 wages prescribed in the Kerala Gazette Notification issued under the Minimum Wages Act vide G.O.(P) No.5/2026/LBR dated 24.01.2026.
3. An additional amount of Rs. 20,000/- has been requested by the firm towards the above back-office staff for social media handling, management and updating of official websites of KMB.
4. Additional services such as advertising campaigns, graphic design, photography, videography, colour grading, AI video creation and advanced editing services beyond the agreed scope shall be provided only upon approval from KMB at additional cost.

The revised proposal has been examined in detail. Since the revised monthly commercial has been arrived at by limiting enhancement to 10% over each item of the original agreement, the same may be approved in compliance with the decision of the 42nd Board

Meeting.

Regarding the proposal for office staff remuneration, the firm has proposed the amount based on the Group 6 minimum wages prescribed in the Government Gazette Notification. However, as the services of the staff are required only for three days a week and based on actual requirement, it is proposed that remuneration may be regulated proportionately based on attendance and actual utilization, adopting the Group 6 monthly wage of Rs. 25,130/- as the basis.

Further, for services beyond the defined scope of the contract such as additional advertising, graphic design, video editing, photography, colour grading, AI video creation and videography, payment may be permitted subject to prior approval of the Board/Chairperson. It is also proposed to fix a ceiling limit of Rs. 5,000/- per occasion/service for such additional works.

In the above circumstances, the subject was placed before the 45th Board meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 29th May, 2026 vide Agenda no: 11.

After detailed deliberation, the Board:

1. **Resolved to ratify the revision made to the extension work order issued to M/s. GG Net Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Alappuzha by limiting the enhancement to 10% on each individual item of the original agreement in compliance with the decision of the 42nd Board Meeting.**
2. **Resolved to approve the revised monthly commercial amount of Rs. 94,883.80 (Rupees Ninety-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Three and Paise Eighty only) inclusive of GST for the extended contract period of six months.**
3. **Resolved to approve the engagement of the designated office staff/Marketing Executive on requirement basis and permit payment proportionately based on attendance and actual utilization, adopting the Group 6 minimum wage notified by Government vide G.O. (P) No.5/2026/LBR dated 24.01.2026 as the basis.**
4. **Resolved to authorize payment for additional services beyond the defined scope of the agreement such as advertising campaigns, graphic design, photography, videography, colour grading, AI video creation and advanced editing services, subject to prior approval of Kerala Maritime Board, with a ceiling limit of Rs. 5,000/- per additional service/work.**
5. **Resolved further to accord sanction for issuance of the revised extension work order and execution of the supplemental/extension agreement with effect from the expiry of the original agreement, i.e., 05.01.2026.**
6. **Resolved further to permit M/s. GG Net Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Alappuzha to submit all pending bills for consideration and payment after execution of the supplemental agreement.**

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Board Order as per the Decision No. 12 of
45th Kerala Maritime Board Meeting

No : HOKMB-TVM/976/2023-D4 **Date: 09-06-2026**

Sub: Ratification of Administrative Sanction for Rs. 2,90,870/- (including GST) issued for managed cloud services provided by M/s KELTRON for the Official websites of KMB and KMI etc. through M/s. ULTS Pvt. Ltd.

The revamped Dredging Application Module developed for Kerala Maritime Board could not be hosted at the State Data Centre (SDC) due to the lack of CERT-In certification. As an interim arrangement, cloud hosting services were availed through AWS LightSail via M/s. ULCCS, Kozhikode, as per the Supply Order dated 19.10.2023. Subsequently, the Inland Vessel (IV) Application Module and the official websites of KMB and KMI were also hosted in the same environment to ensure uninterrupted public service delivery.

Government, vide G.O. (Rt) No. 87/2025/F&P dated 01.02.2025, accorded Administrative Sanction for continuing the hosting services until migration to SDC. The total expenditure incurred towards AWS hosting amounted to Rs. 24,18,292/-.

Based on the recommendations of the IT Technical Committee held on 18.06.2025, which observed that AWS hosting costs were comparatively high, KMB initiated steps to migrate the applications to a Government-supported cloud platform. Accordingly, M/s. KELTRON submitted a proposal for a Hybrid Cloud Solution with AWS Outposts at a monthly cost of Rs. 45,989/- (including GST) and an annual cost of Rs. 5,51,872/- (including GST).

A work order was issued, and the migration of the official website of KMB, micro website of KMB, official website of KMI, Dredging Application (including Ponnani Module), and Inland Vessel Application Module has been successfully completed by M/s. ULTS Pvt. Ltd. in coordination with KELTRON. The applications have been verified by KMB and are functioning satisfactorily without any reported issues.

However, during migration, it was observed that M/s. KELTRON does not provide Managed Services such as DevOps, Database Operations (DBOps), Cloud Operations (CloudOps), and backup management, as AWS Outposts primarily supports infrastructure services. These managed services are essential for ensuring smooth operation, security, and stabilization of the application modules, which are still under development and require continuous monitoring and support.

In this context, M/s. ULTS Pvt. Ltd., the developer of the application modules, was requested to submit a proposal for providing Managed Cloud Services. Accordingly, the firm submitted a proposal covering Application & Server Operations Support, DevOps, and Database Operations (DBOps) for a period of 12 months at a total cost of Rs. 2,46,500/- (excluding GST), amounting to Rs. 2,90,870/- (including GST @18%).

Administrative Sanction was accorded for an amount of Rs. 2,90,870/- (Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy only) for Managed Cloud Services, including Application & Server Operations Support, DevOps, and Database Operations (DBOps) of the Dredging Module, IV Module, and official websites of Kerala Maritime Board. Accordingly, the work order was issued to the firm for a period of one year.

In the above circumstances, the subject was placed before the 45th Board meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 29th May, 2026 vide Agenda no: 12.

After detailed deliberation, the Board:

1. Resolved to ratify the Administrative Sanction accorded by the Chief Executive Officer for an amount of Rs. 2,90,870/- (including GST @18%) towards managed cloud services comprising Application & Server Operations Support, DevOps and Database Operations (DBOps) for the Dredging Module, Inland Vessel Module and the official websites of Kerala Maritime Board and Kerala Maritime Institute.
2. Resolved further to ensure adequate data backup, disaster recovery and business continuity mechanisms in coordination with M/s. KELTRON as part of the cloud hosting and management framework.

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Sub : Preparation and Release of RFP for 2 PPP projects

The two project sites under Valiyathura and Kovalam-Vizhinjam non-major ports are currently underutilised and face a risk of potential encroachment. A substantial amount is being incurred as recurring costs towards the upkeep and maintenance by the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB). At the same time, the development of these sites and associated assets would require substantial capital investment. In view of these constraints and to unlock its economic potential in a sustainable manner, KMB proposes to undertake the development of these project sites through the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.

1. **Development of Prime Port Land encompassing the Port Office, Warehouses, Port Quarters, and Sea Pier at Valiyathura, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**

The proposed site for development spans approximately 4 acres of land adjacent to Trivandrum Domestic Airport which has immense potential to be developed into a Logistics Hub/Warehouse Facility or to be explored as a Tourism venture. The site can also be developed for Port Led Industries as well. The list of assets on the project site is listed below:

- Pier: 214m long
- Port Office: 14,950 Sq. Ft (approx.)
- Godown 1: 4530 Sq. Ft (approx.)
- Godown 2 & 3: 9563 Sq. Ft (approx.)
- Godown 4: 4080 Sq. Ft(approx.)
- Port Quarters: 5673 Sq. Ft(approx.)

The Expression of Interest (EOI) for the 'Development of Prime Port Land encompassing the Port Office, Warehouses, Port Quarters, and Sea Pier at Valiyathura, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala' was issued on 26 September 2025. On the due date of submission of EOI (10 November 2025), only 1 investor submitted the proposal. The same has been evaluated, and the RFP document is being conceptualized. Key points to be noted in the RFP document are as follows:

- Development Options: The selected bidder is expected to develop projects according to their vision from the potential development options listed below:
  - Logistics Park / Warehouses/ Freight Stations: Warehouse facility, Storage Yard, Small scale logistics park etc.
  - Tourism & Hospitality Ventures: Accommodation Facilities, Play & Leisure

    - Areas, Food & Social Spaces, Promenade & Open Spaces, etc.
    - Port Led Industries& Allied industries.
- The Request for Proposal (RFP) may be released in June2026.

2. **Development of 5 Acres of Port Land with Beachfront at Vizhinjam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**

The project site pans approximately 5 Acres of land and is in close proximity to the Vizhinjam International Seaport, Kovalam-Vizhinjam non-major port and Vizhinjam Fishing Harbour. The site features adequate road frontage and is connected to the main road. The site also has beach access towards the bottom part of the project site.

Expression of Interest (EOI) for the 'Development of 5 Acres of Port Land with Beachfront at Vizhinjam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala' was issued on 12 February 2026. On the due date of submission of EOI (30 March 2026), 3 investors have submitted the proposal. The same has been evaluated and the RFP document is being conceptualized. The key points to be noted in the RFP document are as follows:

- Development Options: Illustrative areas of potential development are listed below:
    - Port Led Industries/ Logistics Park / Warehouses/ Freight Stations/ Container Stack Yard / Tank Farms
    - Tourism & Hospitality Ventures
- The Request for Proposal (RFP) may be released in June 2026.

The same was put up for discussion of the 45th Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 29th May, 2026

<u>After deliberation, the Board :</u>

1. **Resolved to approve the preparation and issuance of Request for Proposal (RFP) documents for the projects "Development of Prime Port Land encompassing the Port Office, Warehouses, Port Quarters and Sea Pier at Valiyathura, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala" and "Development of 5 Acres of Port Land with Beachfront at Vizhinjam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala", incorporating the development options placed before the Board.**
2. **Resolved further that prior approval of the Government shall be obtained before issuance of the RFP documents for the above projects.**
3. **Resolved further that, in the event the Indian Navy formally expresses interest in the Vizhinjam project site and is willing to match the highest financial offer received through the RFP process, preference may be accorded to the Indian Navy considering the strategic and national importance of the proposed naval infrastructure, subject to applicable Government approvals and legal**

provisions.

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Board Order as per decision taken on Agenda No. 14 of 45th Kerala Maritime Board meeting

Sub: KMB- Authority of non-major ports in the State

The Secretary, Ports has requested to offer the remarks of the Board on the proposal from the MD VISL regarding the arrangements to be made to manage the Vizhinjam International port subsequent to the passing of the Indian Port Act-2025.

The proposal from the MD VISL is centred on two points:

A. Recognizing the statutory succession of the Kerala Maritime Board as the Authority (in place of Government of Kerala) for Vizhinjam International Seaport as per the Indian Ports Act, 2025.

B. Designation of VISL by way of delegation from the Kerala Maritime Board, as the Authority for the Vizhinjam International Seaport, empowered to act as the implementing agency for exercising the functions of the Port Authority both under the Indian Ports Act, 2025 and the Concession Agreement.

For offering remarks on the above proposal, following legal provisions are brought to the notice of the board:

i. Most relevant provisions in the Indian Port Act-2025 vis a vis the role of State Maritime Boards in the administration of the non-major ports

a. Section 3 (i) of the Act the Act shall **"apply to all port to which provisions of Port Act-1908** is applicable

b. Section 2 (b) **the authority in relation to the ports other than the major port means** the State Maritime Boards

c. As per Section 14 (2):

“All debts, obligations and liabilities incurred, all contracts entered into and all matters and things engaged to be done with or for the **State Government till the date of establishment or the date of notification of the State Maritime Board under sub-section (1) of section 13, shall be deemed to have been incurred, entered into or done by, with or for the State Maritime Board**, and all suits or other legal proceedings instituted by or against the State Government till the date of establishment or the date of notification of the State Maritime Board, be continued or instituted by or against the State Maritime Board.

d. Section 15 stipulates the **functions of the state Maritime Boards**

“Every State Maritime Board shall be responsible for the effective administration, control, and management of ports other than major ports within the territory of the respective State and for the said purpose”

“The State Maritime Board may, for the purposes of discharging its functions under sub-section (1), issue such directions from time to time, in writing, to any port or port officer, as it may consider necessary, and such port or port officer shall comply with such directions”.

e. Section 16 (2) which speaks about the dispute resolution committee also stipulates that:

An application for adjudication of any dispute referred to in sub-section (1) shall be made to the State Maritime Board in such form and manner as may be prescribed by the State Government and the State Maritime Board shall refer the application to the Dispute Resolution Committee.

ii. Most relevant provisions in the KMB Act-2017

a. Chapter I of the Kerala Maritime Board Act-2017 also states that:

***“The Act applies to all non-major ports in the State** to which Indian Port Act-1908 applies and State Government may by notification apply the provisions of this Act to any other non-major port to which the Indian Port Act is extended by the State Government under Section 4 of that Act and with effect from such date as may be specified in the notification”*

b. Chapter V “Property and Contracts” section 16 interalia states that:

(b) all debts obligations and liabilities incurred, **all contracts entered into and all matters and things engaged to be done by, with or for the government** immediately before such day, for or in connection with the purposes of the ports, shall be deemed to have been incurred, entered into and engaged to be done by, with or for the Board

<u>A. Remarks on suggestion (A) from VISL</u>

"Recognizing the statutory succession of the Kerala Maritime Board as the Authority (in place of Government of Kerala) for Vizhinjam International Seaport as per the Indian Ports Act, 2025"

The Maritime Board for the Kerala State has already been constituted vide KMB Act-2017. The enactment of the KMB Act has already brought the non-major ports under the authority of the KMB and as per Section 16(b) the Board has been made a party to the contract (on behalf of the Government) entered by the Government for the Vizhinjam International Port. The Section 14(2) of the Indian Port Act-2025 reiterates this.

Since the **Port Act, 2025** has already been notified, and as per its provisions, the Board is the designated authority for all non-major ports.

Hence no separate action is needed for the suggestions made by the VISL as the Board has already been made the statutory successor of the Government as Authority of the Vizhinjam Port way back in 2017 itself. The Indian Port Act-2025 has reiterated the authority of the Board.

In this regard it is submitted that having said these, there is no administrative arrangement to bring these legal provisions into force in spite of the detailed proposal from the Board vide its letter no. HOKMB-TVM/1438/2024 dated 16-01-2025

<u>B. Remarks of suggestion (B) from VISL</u>

"Designation of VISL by way of delegation from the Kerala Maritime Board, as the Authority for the Vizhinjam International Seaport, empowered to act as the implementing agency for exercising the functions of the Port Authority both under the Indian Ports Act, 2025 and the Concession Agreement".

As per the existing Acts and Rules, this cannot be implemented. The central act has not given any power to the board to subdelegate the authority entrusted on it. Without a specific provision in this regard

sub-delegation of the powers cannot be done. Hence it seems that the State Government cannot enact a law or frame rules to transfer/delegate the Board's authority to another agency.

Moreover, it is understood that the VISL is a company constituted for the project execution and it neither possess the expertise nor the legal mandate to act as the authority. The Board, on the other hand, has been constituted through legislation and comprises experts responsible for the management of non-major ports.

The way left out seems that the State Government should either seek an amendment to the Central Act or equip VISL with the necessary mandate if it intends for the agency to function as the authority to manage Vizhinjam Port. However, it is a well-known fact that having multiple authorities performing the same function will not support maritime development and would defeat the very purpose of establishing the Board. Hence the Board need not recommend such a move.

Leave apart the hurdles in developing the sector, as of now, the board is facing a lot of difficulties in managing the affairs, especially when the union ministry and other agencies ask for the data related to the non-major ports. As far as they are concerned only maritime board is the authority in the state. However, since there are multiple agencies like VISL, Malabar Port and SEZ, Kottayam port, Hydrography Wing, Harbour Engineering Department etc. functioning of the same field the collection of data and correlating the same is huge task involving unnecessary procedures.

In our strong opinion all these agencies shall be brought under one umbrella by making Board as the single authority with separate wings for management of separate institutions.

That said, the Board has no objection to entrusting the authority of Vizhinjam Port to another agency, provided the existing law of the land permits such an arrangement. To the best of our knowledge, the current legal framework does not allow this. Only through an amendment to the central legislation, State Government can consider giving any delegation to VISL.

The matter had earlier been placed before the Board as Agenda No. 16 in the 44th Meeting of the Kerala Maritime Board held on 18.04.2026. However, in the absence of the Chief Executive Officer, VISL, the Board had deferred consideration of the item for detailed discussion in the subsequent meeting.

The matter was again placed before the 45th meeting of Kerala Maritime

Board on 29/5/2026 as agenda No.14 and the Board examined the proposal submitted by VISL and the relevant provisions of the Indian Ports Act, 2025 and the Kerala Maritime Board Act, 2017.

The Board observed that:

- The Indian Ports Act, 2025 designates the State Maritime Board as the authority for all non-major ports within the State.
- The Kerala Maritime Board, constituted under the Kerala Maritime Board Act, 2017, is already the statutory authority for all non-major ports in Kerala, including Vizhinjam International Seaport.
- All rights, obligations, liabilities, and contracts of the Government relating to such ports stand transferred to the Kerala Maritime Board in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- The existing legal framework does not provide for the sub-delegation of statutory authority by the Kerala Maritime Board to any other agency.
- VISL, being a project implementation company, does not possess statutory backing to function as the Port Authority.
- The existence of multiple authorities discharging similar functions may result in administrative and operational inefficiencies.

During the discussions, the Chief Executive Officer, VISL, stated that while the existing legal framework does not permit delegation of statutory authority by the Kerala Maritime Board to VISL, an appropriate institutional mechanism may be evolved to bring VISL as a separate unit under the overall control and supervision of the Kerala Maritime Board in alignment with the provisions of the Indian Ports Act, 2025. He further pointed out that, at present, no agency in the State exercises comprehensive control over the affairs of Vizhinjam International Seaport and that adequate mechanisms are required to ensure regular monitoring of the operations of the Concessionaire by Government agencies, for which sufficient provisions are presently unavailable in the Concession Agreement.

After detailed deliberations, the Board

Resolved as follows:

1. To note that the Kerala Maritime Board is the statutory authority for all non-major ports in the State, including Vizhinjam International Seaport, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Ports Act, 2025 and the Kerala Maritime Board Act, 2017.

2. To observe that no separate action is required for recognizing the Kerala Maritime Board as the authority for Vizhinjam International Seaport, as

the same is already established under the existing legal framework.

3. To decide that the proposal for delegation of statutory authority to Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited (VISL) cannot be implemented under the current legal provisions, as there is no enabling provision permitting sub-delegation of such powers.

4. To recommend that, if delegation of such authority is considered necessary, the Government may examine the matter through appropriate amendments to the relevant legislation, in consultation with the Government of India.

5. Resolved further that a detailed discussion on the above matter may be undertaken at the Government level.

Member Secretary/Chief Executive Officer

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No: HOKMB-TVM/1117/2024-E1 **07-06-2026**

Sub Progress in Development of Kerala Maritime Institute, Neendakara into Maritime Education & Edutainment Hub under PPP mode

1. Background and Project Vision

The Kerala Maritime Institute (KMI), 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 Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) explored the feasibility of developing KMI Neendakara under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. This aligns with the Hon'ble Governor's address to the Kerala Legislative Assembly on January 25, 2024, which emphasized plans to develop the state's two maritime institutes—located in Kodungallur (Thrissur District) and Neendakara (Kollam District)—as premier hubs of maritime education in Southern India.

2. Expression of Interest (EOI) Process

• Government Sanction: Vide G.O. (Rt) No. 835/2024/F&P dated November 29, 2024, the Government accorded sanction to develop the Kerala Maritime Institutes in Neendakara and Kodungallur as Centres of Excellence/Universities under the PPP mode, authorizing KMB to invite Expressions of Interest (EOI) to identify capable partners.

• EOI Floatation: Based on a project investment profile, an EOI was floated on October 24, 2024, with notifications published in major national and regional newspapers, including The Hindu, The Times of India, and Malayala Manorama.

• Stakeholder Engagement:

- Kerala Maritime Education Conference (KMEC): Conducted on December 2, 2024, at the Bolgatty Palace, Kochi, to bring together maritime experts, educators, and industry leaders. The event was attended by 40 industry representatives.

- EOI Consultation Meeting: Held on January 7, 2025, at the KTDC Mascot Hotel, Thiruvananthapuram, with 23 industry representatives in attendance.

• EOI Submissions: Following requests from potential proponents, the submission deadline was extended to February 1, 2025. By the due date, a total of five (5) EOIs were received from the following organizations:

- M/s USDC Global India Private Limited
- M/s Mariners Educational Trust

- M/s Educational and Charitable Trust of the Archdiocese of Verapoly
- M/s International Academy of Logistics Management (IALM)
- M/s Sreesankaracharya Institute of Advanced Skills

3. Request for Proposal (RFP) and Tendering

Driven by the strong response from the EOI and the conference, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was prepared. The project scope encompasses brownfield and greenfield developments utilizing existing unfinished structures and vacant land parcels. The RFP was designed under the DBFOT (Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Transfer) model, utilizing model RFP documents from the Government of India and similar successful PPP frameworks.

First Tender Call

• Review & Approval: KMB officials reviewed and approved the tender documents, including the RFP and the draft Concession Agreement. The documents were forwarded to the Government for concurrence on June 6, 2025.
• Floating of Tender: The RFP was published via the Kerala e-tenders portal on June 12, 2025. This action was formally ratified during the 39th KMB Board Meeting on July 2, 2025. Wide publicity was achieved via major newspapers (Malayala Manorama, The New Indian Express, Mathrubhumi, and The Times of India), social media campaigns, email outreach, and the official KMB website.
• Pre-Bid Meeting: Held on July 11, 2025, with two participating firms: M/s Kerala Mariners Trust and M/s Jain University.
• Outcome: Although the deadline was extended twice at the request of prospective bidders, only one bid was received by the final due date.

Re-Tendering Process

To ensure enhanced participation, transparency, and optimal value, a meeting was held with the Secretary of the Ports Department on July 25, 2025. It was decided to re-tender the project.

• Second Call (August 26, 2025): The project was re-tendered (incorporating previous corrigendum updates), and the Government was officially intimated on August 27, 2025. Publicity was again extended across regional and national dailies (Mathrubhumi, The New Indian Express, The Hindu, The Times of India, and Deshabhimani).
• Third Call (September 26, 2025): Because the initial re-tender still yielded a single submission, the RFP was re-tendered once more on September 26, 2025, to maximize outreach.
• Pre-Bid Meeting: Held on September 10, 2025, where three entities attended: M/s Asian School of Business, M/s St. Albert's College, and M/s Kerala Mariners Trust.
• Final Bid Receipt: Despite extensive outreach, only one bid was received by the final submission deadline of September 17, 2025.

4. Technical Evaluation

The technical bid submitted by the sole bidder was opened on September 19, 2025. The bid was submitted by a 6-member consortium with the following structure:

Sl. No.	Name of the Consortium Member	Role	% Share	Brief Description
1	Mr. Shemeer Thazhe Peedikayil	Lead Member	52%	Chairman of Sreesankaracharya Computer Center Pvt. Ltd.; experienced

				professional in the Oil & Gas industry.
2	M/s Skilling Curriculum Planning & Implementation Pvt. Ltd.	M/s Sreesankaracharya Center Pvt. Ltd.	26%	Established institute with 30 years of experience in skill training across logistics, AI, cybersecurity, etc.
3	M/s Pambro International Pvt Ltd	Construction & Maintenance	1%	Infrastructure development firm based in Tamil Nadu.
4	M/s Kerala Mariners Trust	Academic Partner	1%	Recently incorporated non-profit organization.
5	Mr. Sajukumar K	Overall Coordination in Other Permissible Developments	10%	Former Government Officer in the Department of Fisheries with entrepreneurial experience.
6	Mr. Rajan Gopalan Nair	Academic Affairs Oversight	10%	Director & CEO of Sree Sankaracharya Institute of Advanced Skills; over 40 years of cross-sector experience.

Evaluation Outcome: An initial scrutiny by a committee chaired by the Controller of Finance and Accounts noted minor shortfalls. The bidder promptly submitted the required shortfall documents upon request. Subsequently, the permanent Tender Evaluation Committee for PPP Projects, constituted vide order No. HOKMB-TVM/985/2025-C1 (Devp) dated September 30, 2025, met on October 27, 2025. The committee includes:

- Chairperson: Chief Executive Officer, Vizhinjam International Seaport Ltd.
  - External Members: Joint Secretary (Ports Dept.), Additional Secretary (Tourism Dept.), Chief Engineer (Kerala Sports Foundation).
  - Internal Members (KMB): Chief Executive Officer, Controller of Finance & Accounts, Finance Officer, Mechanical Marine Engineer.

The committee evaluated the proposal, deemed it responsive, and pre-qualified the bidder with a Technical Score of 51.25 marks, successfully crossing the 50% qualifying threshold.

5. Financial Evaluation and Project Award

Since the bidder cleared the technical threshold, the Tender Committee recommended opening the financial bid, subject to collecting direct email verifications from the certifying Chartered Accountants and email consents from the four proposed key team members regarding their CVs. KMB successfully gathered these validations and updated the committee.

- Financial Opening (December 1, 2025): The financial bid revealed a quoted revenue share of 2.5% to the Board, in addition to a fixed annual license fee of 1.90 Crore (plus applicable taxes). This outcome was reported to the Government for approval and placed before the 42nd KMB Board Meeting for information and ratification.

- Government Approval: Vide G.O. (Ms) No. 5/2026/F&P dated March 2, 2026, the Government granted permission to KMB to execute the agreement and commence the project under Sections 22(b) and 22(c) of the Kerala Maritime Board Act, 2017. The license concession period is set for 30 years (with an option to extend for an additional 15 years, if required).

- Letter of Award (LOA): The CEO of KMB issued a Letter of Award (LoA) vide proceedings dated March 5, 2026. The Letter of Award was formally presented to the

Consortium's Lead Member, Shri Shemeer Thazhe Peedikayil, on March 10, 2026, at the KMI Neendakara Library Hall, in the presence of Dr. Sujith Vijayanpillai, Hon'ble M.L.A. for Chavara.

6. Current Status and Extensions

• First Extension Request: On April 19, 2026, the Lead Member cited delays in registering the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) and requested an extension to execute the agreement. KMB approved the request on April 20, 2026, directing the consortium to maintain the project schedule with the following timelines:

- SPV Incorporation: Complete remaining formalities to register "Kerala Institute of Maritime and Technologies Pvt. Ltd." immediately.
- Bank Guarantee: Promptly submit the required Bank Guarantee under the newly formed SPV's name upon receiving the Certificate of Incorporation.
- Execution of Agreement: Schedule the formal agreement signing for May 10, 2026.

• Second Extension Request: On May 8, 2026, Mr. Shemeer T. P. requested a further 30-day extension. KMB has granted this extension, shifting the final deadline for agreement execution to June 9, 2026.

The above matter was placed as Agenda Item No. 15 before the 45th Kerala Maritime Board meeting for approval. After detailed discussion and deliberation, the Board:

Resolved to ratify all actions taken by the Kerala Maritime Board, including giving extension, considering genuine reasons attributed to developing the Kerala Maritime Institute, Neendakara, into a Maritime Education & Edutainment Hub under the PPP mode.

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Subject: Commencement of Powerboat Handler (Remote/Tiller) Training Courses in Kerala under the Draft Inland Vessels (Special Category and Canal Cruise Boats) Rules 2025

There is a growing demand among powerboat operators in Kerala for structured training and certification for operating small vessels, particularly those below 10 metres in length. At present, the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) does not conduct any formal training programme for such operators.

Currently, these training programmes are mainly conducted by the National Institute of Water Sports (NIWS), Goa. However, due to distance, travel and accommodation costs, and limited accessibility, many operators and stakeholders in Kerala are unable to undergo such training.

Kerala has extensive inland waterways, backwaters, tourism zones, fishing harbours, and coastal areas where a large number of small vessels are regularly operated. In the absence of structured training, there is a gap in ensuring safety, standard operating practices, and regulatory compliance.

In this context, and in line with the Inland Vessels Act, 2021, and the Draft Inland Vessels (Special Category and Canal Cruise Boats) Rules, 2025, it is proposed that Kerala Maritime Board may commence training courses for powerboat operators through its institutes, using existing infrastructure. The following courses are proposed:

- Powerboat Operator - Tiller Control
- Powerboat Operator - Remote Control

The training syllabus and practical modules will be broadly aligned with the standards followed by the National Institute of Water Sports to ensure quality and uniformity.

The Kerala Maritime Board already has basic infrastructure such as speedboats and waterfront facilities for conducting the training. However, since “Tiller Control Powerboats” may not be available at all campuses, it is proposed t hire such boats on a rental basis (hourly/daily) whenever required for practical training. This ensure flexibility and cost effectiveness.

The proposed initiative will provide accessible and affordable training within the State, improve safety and operational standards, and strengthen the role of KMB as a training and certifying authority.

Since the Draft Inland Vessels (Special Category and Canal Cruise Boats) Rules, 2025, are yet to be notified, it is proposed that KMB may issue a Course Completion Certificate to candidates who successfully complete the training. A formal license may be issued after the notification of the Rules.

The above matter was placed as Agenda Item No. 16 before the 45th Kerala Maritime Board meeting for approval. After detailed discussion and deliberation, the Board:

1. Resolved to approve the introduction and commencement of Powerboat Operator (Remote Control) and Powerboat Operator (Tiller Control) Training Courses at the institutes under Kerala Maritime Board.

2. Resolved to approve the adoption of training syllabus and standards broadly aligned with those followed by the National Institute of Water Sports (NIWS), Goa.

3. Resolved to permit the utilization of existing Kerala Maritime Board infrastructure, including speedboats, waterfront facilities and other available training resources, for conducting the training programmes.

4. Resolved to authorize the hiring of Tiller Control Powerboats on a rental basis, as and when required, for practical training purposes.

5. Resolved to approve the issuance of a Course Completion Certificate to candidates who successfully complete the training programme and, upon notification of the Draft Inland Vessels (Special Category and Canal Cruise Boats) Rules, 2025 or the corresponding notified Rules, issuance of the prescribed licence/certification in accordance with the statutory provisions.

6. Resolved further to inform the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) regarding the commencement of the proposed training programmes and obtain their views/guidance, if required, in view of their role as the statutory authority under IV Act 2021.

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Sub : Execution of Agreement with M/s Travancore Precision Components Pvt. Ltd. (Consortium) for the Development of Ponnani Maritime & Industrial Hub, Malappuram under PPP mode.

Kerala Maritime Board had invited tender for the "Development of Ponnani Maritime & Industrial Hub, Malappuram" under PPP mode through e-tender and newspaper publication. The RFP was initially issued on 25.09.2025 and subsequently re-tendered on 22.12.2025 after incorporating suggestions received during the pre-bid discussions and based on the approval of the 41st Board Meeting held on 03.11.2025.

Two bids were received in the re-tender from

(1) M/s Lee Builders Private Limited and

(2) M/s Travancore Precision Components Pvt. Ltd. (Consortium).

The Technical Evaluation Committee chaired by Shri. Sreekumar K. Nair, CEO, VISL, evaluated the bids and found that only M/s Travancore Precision Components Pvt. Ltd. (Consortium) secured the qualifying Technical Score above 50. Accordingly, the Financial Bid was opened on 29.01.2026 and the bidder quoted a Revenue Share of 1.45%.

Government vide GO(Ms) No. 3/2026/F&P dated 26.02.2026 accorded sanction to proceed with the project and execute the Agreement with the successful bidder. Accordingly, the project was awarded to M/s Travancore Precision Components Pvt. Ltd. (Consortium).

During discussions on the Draft Concession Agreement (DCA), the project proponent raised various concerns and sought clarifications on several provisions of the Agreement. The proposed additions and modifications required detailed examination from legal, financial and administrative perspectives to safeguard the interests of Kerala Maritime Board and avoid future disputes. Accordingly, the last date for execution of the DCA, earlier extended up to 12.05.2026, was further extended up to 18.05.2026.

The same was put up for discussion of the 45th Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 29th May, 2026.

<u>After deliberation, the Board :</u>

1. **Resolved to ratify the actions taken by Kerala Maritime Board for execution of**

the Concession Agreement with M/s Travancore Precision Components Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad (Consortium) on 18.05.2026 for the development of the Ponnani Maritime & Industrial Hub, Malappuram under PPP model

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/517/2026-C1 (Devp) 09-06-2026

Sub : Administrative Sanction and Fund for the Reconstruction/Repair of Damaged Rubble Protection Wall Near Wharf at Beypore Port – Reg.

Due to the monsoon, damages were caused to the rubble protection wall situated near the wharf at Beypore Port. In this regard, the Port Officer, Kozhikode had requested the Assistant Executive Engineer, Harbour Engineering Department, Beypore, to prepare and submit an estimate for carrying out the reconstruction/repair works of the damaged rubble wall. Accordingly, the Harbour Engineering Department submitted an estimate amounting to ₹22,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs only) for carrying out the said work.

Subsequently, based on the request of Port Officer, Kozhikode, orders were issued sanctioning an amount of ₹22 lakh under the General Fund head of account "2090 – Repair and Maintenance of Building". Further, a letter has also been addressed to Government requesting Administrative Sanction and allocation of funds for the work.

However, as per GO(Ms) No.22/2023/F&P dated 21.11.2023 regarding delegation of powers, the Chief Executive Officer does not have the delegated authority to accord Administrative Sanction for such works exceeding ₹10 lakhs. Formal AS has been issued by the CEO for undertaking the work considering the urgency pending receipt of regular AS from Government from Plan Funds. Once the AS is issued by the Government, KMB will move for recoupment of Plan funds to the General Fund.

The same was put up for discussion of the 45th Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 29th May, 2026.

<u>After deliberation, the Board :</u>

1. **Resolved to ratify the Administrative Sanction accorded for the work of reconstruction/repair of the rubble protection wall near the wharf at Beypore Port for an amount of 22,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Two Lakh only)₹ and the allocation of funds under the General Fund Head of Account "2090 – Repair and Maintenance of Building."**

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NO TO DRUGS

HOKMB-TVM/8/2024-A6 **09-06-2026**

BOARD ORDER

Sub: Appointment of Internal Auditors for the period 2024-25 and 2025-26

As per Section 84 (2) of Kerala Maritime Board Act 2017, the accounts of the Board shall be audited once in every year and if so, required by the Government concurrently with the compilation of such accounts by an Auditor appointed by the Government in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. Apart from this, there is no separate audit by the C&AG as there is no mandate in the C&AG's DPC Act, 1971 to audit the transactions of the Board. Internal Audit of the transactions of the Board is a prerequisite for good governance and to ensure internal control. Considering the above facts, the Board in its 30th meeting held on 15th January 2024 (Agenda-10) resolved to entrust the Internal Audit work to the Institute of Public Auditors of India (IPAI), an organization of the retired officers of the office of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (for which C&AG is the patron)

Accordingly, IPAI has been requested to quote their fees for conducting the Internal Audit of KMB, Head Office and the units under it including two institutes. The IPAI has conducted study of volume of transactions at KMB Head Office and audit of Port Office at Vizhinjam by utilizing 17 party days (audit party comprises three officers) for which they have claimed consultation fees of Rs. 116,900/- (at the rates fixed by IPAI) and daily allowance of Rs. 20,000/-. Based on the preliminary audit, IPAI submitted a proposal for conducting internal audit of Head Office and all units (including two Institutes) of Kerala Maritime Board for five years from 2019-20 to 2023-24 simultaneously for a total audit fee of Rs. 12.50 lakh+ applicable taxes. In addition to the fees, daily allowance @ Rs. 450 per person and Room Rent @ Rs. 700 per day per person (whenever they are staying outstation for audit) and actual travelling expenses also has to be paid. This fees was in addition to the fees of Rs. 116,900/- and daily allowance of Rs. 20,000/- claimed for preliminary study. The proposal has been placed before the Board in its 33rd meeting held on 3rd May 2024 (Agenda No.14), and the Board approved the proposal to appoint the IPAI as Internal Auditors to conduct internal audit for five years 2019-20 to 2023-24 for the quoted audit fees of Rs. 12.50 lakh+applicable taxes and reimbursement of actual out of pocket expenses.

The internal audit of head office and all units of KMB have been completed by the Institute of Public Auditors of India and submitted their unit-wise separate reports on completion of each audit. Corrective action on the reports has been taken by obtaining replies from the individual offices and conducting meeting with the concerned officers. Later the internal Auditors submitted the consolidated internal audit report for five years from 2019-20 to 2023-24. The report along with action taken on the report was submitted to the Board in the 39th meeting held on 2nd July 2025. The report and action taken thereon has also been forwarded to government on 08/03/2026.

As against Rs.1,16,000 approved by the Board an amount Rs.1,14,344/- has been paid towards audit fees for carrying pilot audit at Vizhinjam and Head Office and Rs. 20,000/- has been paid towards out of pocket expenses. As against fees of Rs 12,50,000/- approved by the Board for Internal Audit of Head office and all other offices under KMB (including two Institutes) an amount of Rs 12,38,351/- has been paid. Further Rs 5,77,000/-has been paid towards reimbursement of actual out of pocket expenses (excluding Rs 20,000/- paid for preliminary study). The IPAI has successfully completed the internal audit for 5 years and submitted their report in time.

Considering the good quality of work, they were requested to offer their rates for audit for the financial year 2024-25 also vide email dated 05/11/2025. The IPAI vide letter no. IPAI/KC/25-26/436 dtd 06/11/2025 submitted their offer for Rs.6,60,000 + Applicable GST (Rs. 4,50,000+ GST towards fees, Rs 1,92,000 towards tour daily allowance, Rs. 1000/-for editing each report and travelling allowance in actual). This fee was felt to be high. Further the financial year 2025-26 was also over. Hence, it was found economical to conduct audit for financial year 2024-25 and 2025-26 together. Accordingly, IPAI were requested to furnish offer for two year audit vide letter no. HOKMB/TVM/08/2024/A8 dtd 31/03/26. They have submitted revised offer, based on the required number of days suggested by KMB, for Rs.4,99,500+Applicable GST (Rs 3,37,500+ GST towards fees, Rs. 1,44,000 towards tour daily allowance, Rs. 1000/-for editing each report and travelling expense in actual). This fee is found to be very reasonable. Even if an ICMA (inter) qualified person is appointed for audit, the annual salary payable will comes to Rs.4,53,600/- (@Rs. 37,800 per month) plus additional tour expenses.

Considering the above facts, it is requested that, the Board may kindly consider to appoint the Institute of Public Auditors of India (IPAI), an organization of the retired officers of the office of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (for which C&AG is the patron) for the internal audit of the offices of Kerala Maritime Board for two Financial years 2024-25 and 2025-26 at their agreed fees of Rs.4,99,500 + applicable GST and actual travelling expenses.

In addition to the regular internal audit, follow up of observations in internal audit, answering paras in the earlier inspection reports of the Accountant General, paras in the Report placed in the legislature, PAC Reports on State Finance and Audit Reports are also essential. Further, concurrent internal audit of transactions in the Head Office will help to rectify mistakes, if any, in time. Hence, IPAI, being experienced in these matters, have been requested to offer their rates for providing these services by attending this office on need basis, probably five to ten days in a month. They offered their C&AG approved rate of Rs. 2125/- per day as and when the officer attend the office. Expenditure on this count may come to Rs.10,625/- to Rs.21,250/- per month. Hiring a person for these works on contract may cost much above this amount.

The matter was placed before the 45th meeting of Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) held on 29th May 2026 vide Agenda no 19

The Board after discussion unanimously:

1. Resolved to entrust the Institute of Public Auditors of India (IPAI) with the internal audit of the offices and units of Kerala Maritime Board for the Financial Years 2024-25 and 2025-26 at the agreed fee of Rs 4,99,500/- (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Five Hundred only) plus applicable GST and actual travelling expenses.

2. Resolved further to avail the services of an officer from the Institute of Public Auditors of India (IPAI) for audit-related works, follow-up of audit observations and concurrent audit of the Head Office at the rate of Rs. 2,125/- per day, as and when such services are required by Kerala Maritime Board.

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BOARD ORDER

HOKMB-TVM/469/2026-B1(ESMT)

Sub: Proposal for appointment of staff for Port Security Co-ordinator to assist him in security related matters

As per decision taken in the 39th meeting of Kerala Maritime Board (vide Agenda No.26), Comdt. Sreekumar.G retired from Indian Coast Guard was appointed as Port Security Co-Ordinator as per Order No. HOKMB-TVM/685/2025-C6 Dtd. 19-12-2025 of the Chief Executive Officer and ratified by the 42nd meeting of Kerala Maritime Board (vide Agenda No.12). For administrative convenience, the Port Security Co-ordinator has been given additional charge of Port Officer -in charge, Alappuzha and Registering Authority(IV & KIV). Although Port Security Co-ordinator was appointed, he has not been provided with any staff for carrying out the Port-Security Co-Ordination duties, wherein he has to attend himself /depute staff who is conversant with ISPS /Port Security System to attend various security meetings held by Police/ SIB/ ICG/ IN Also records related to Security mock drills, other security arrangements need to be maintained. Therefore a proposal has been submitted by the Port Security Co-Ordinator to recruit/select an Ex- service man(JCO/Havildar rank) to assist him.

As per the provisions of Kerala Maritime Board Act-2017, recruitment against the sanctioned posts in the erstwhile Port Department has been stopped and the existing posts stands abolished when the incumbent employees leave service on superannuation or by any other methods. Act also stipulates that the Board shall make its own organogram for future functioning and posting shall be made accordingly. Accordingly the draft organogram was prepared and submitted to government for approval. However the government returned the same for further clarification in some points. Since more additional works are entrusted with the Board afterwards, the Board is revisiting the draft and the same will be submitted to government shortly for approval.

However, the functioning of the Board requires the bare minimum staff as there has been no new recruitment as such against the existing posts. Moreover ,with the formation of the Board the activities have become manifold especially after entrusting the implementation of the provisions of IV Act also, with the Board. Many professional employees are required as the Board has to handle a lot of tax-related issues as well as to implement projects. As per GO(Ms) No. 01/2023/F&PD dated 11/01/2023, the Government sanctioned seven posts for temporary appointment in KMB. In a meeting convened by the Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) on 26/12/2022, the Chairperson noted that only seven posts were sanctioned out of the requested 20. It was decided to submit a proposal linked to posts transferred from the Port Department, considering vanishing posts due to retirement. Until approval, a manpower consultancy service like CMD (Center for Management Development) would be approached for professionals on contract basis, i.e, pay based on orders issued from the Finance Department .

Therefore, it is recommended to appoint an Ex-service man of JCO/Havildar rank through KEXCON on contract basis to assist the Port Security Coordinator, as proposed by him who is holding the charge of the Port Officer,Alappuzha and Registrar of Inland Vessels , strictly in accordance with the rules governing contract appointments especially the conditions stipulated in GO(P) No.54/2025/Fin dtd. 19/04/2025, such as giving a gap of one day after one year, an affidavit should be obtained stating that "no plea for permanent appointment will be raised" and that condition should be incorporated in the agreement . The designation of the post may be named as "Assistant to the Port Security Coordinator " and remuneration may be fixed as maximum monthly contract pay of ₹23,360/- as per category III of GO(P)No.24/2026/Fin Dtd.18/02/2026. The matter may also be intimated to the Government.

The matter is placed before the 45th meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on29th May 2026vide Agenda No 20

The Board after discussion unanimously:
Resolved to give approval for engaging a qualified Ex-serviceman of JCO/Havildar rank through KEXCON on contract basis for a period of one year, extendable based on merit and requirement, in the designation “Assistant to the Port Security Co-ordinator” to assist him in security-related matters, with a maximum monthly consolidated pay of 23,360/- as ₹ per Category III of G.O.(P) No.24/2026/Fin dated 18.02.2026, strictly adhering to the rules governing contract appointment stipulated in G.O.(P) No.54/2025/Fin dated 19.04.2025.

Member Secretary

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Board Order

No. HOKMB-TVM/952/2024-C4 Date: 09-06-2026

Sub: **Relocation of Pants planted as part of Compensatory Afforestation at Kozhikode Beach Premises**

The Assistant Forest Conservator, Kozhikode, has informed that, as per G.O. (Rt) No. 507/2018/F&WLD dated 07.12.2018, 1,290 tree saplings were planted at the Kozhikode beach premises. It was further requested that the area be cleaned, damaged saplings re placed with new ones, and fencing installed for the protection of the saplings.

The Port Officer, Kozhikode, has reported that the Forest Department has issued a letter for handing over the protection of the aforesaid saplings, as the three-year maintenance period undertaken by the Forest Department was completed on 24 March 2024. At present, the trees exist in an area measuring 57 × 50 m² out of the total plantation area of 57 × 80 m².

The Port Officer has further reported that the land identified for planting additional trees is the same land proposed by KMB for the establishment of a Car Parking Project under PPP mode. The trees were planted as part of the compensatory afforestation programme undertaken in connection with the felling of trees for the NH 6 6 *Vengalam–Ramanattukara* Bypass Road development project. It has also been reported that no sanction for the above activity is available in the records maintained at the Port Office.

In the above circumstances, directions have been issued to the Port Officer, Kozhikode, to inform the Forest Department that the area is proposed to be developed for commercial purposes under the PPP model and that the plants in the existing area have been destroyed. Accordingly, the Forest Department may be requested to relocate the plantation to another suitable location so as to facilitate the proposed commercial development of the area.

In view of the above, the matter is reported before the 45th Board Meeting and after detailed deliberations, the Board Resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in directing the Port Officer, Kozhikode, to issue a communication to the Forest Department requesting relocation of the trees to another suitable location for facilitating the proposed development project.

Member Secretary/ Chief Executive Officer

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No. HOKMB-TVM/3391/2022-B3 Date: 09-06-2026

Sub: **Establishment of Coastal Cruise/Passenger Vessel Service Connecting Non – Major Ports in Kerala**

The Kerala Maritime Board invited Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for the operation of coastal cruise and passenger vessel services in Kerala with the objective of promoting and expanding coastal tourism in the State, and the same was reported before the 34th Board meeting held on 27th June 2024. The project envisaged establishing connectivity between Kerala and nearby destinations such as Goa, Maharashtra, Lakshadweep, Kanyakumari, and Mangaluru.

The proposed services were intended to operate either under the "Nefertiti" model or through joint ventures with experienced private operators in the cruise tourism sector. In this regard, a preliminary meeting was convened on 19 July 2024 at the Government Guest House, Kochi.

Kerala Maritime Board accepted the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the Promotion of Cruise Tourism forwarded by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. Although several private operators initially expressed interest in the project, they later withdrew, citing concerns regarding commercial viability.

In line with the strategic vision of the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) and the Inland Waterways Authority of India's (IWAI) draft MoU dated 24/10/2024 for the promotion of cruise tourism, KMB decided to initiate cruise shipping operations connecting non-major ports in Kerala. The initiative also envisages the construction of cruise vessels and collaboration with maritime boards of Karnataka, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, and Maharashtra to facilitate connectivity among non-major ports. The Project Management Unit (PMU) of KMB was entrusted with conducting a feasibility study for the proposed project.

Expert opinions obtained in this regard indicated the need for a comprehensive financial analysis prior to proceeding further. Accordingly, it was decided to undertake a detailed financial analysis of the project and to keep the current proceedings in abeyance until the study is completed.

Additionally, two private shipping operators, namely Middle East Holidays LLP and Oshin Shipping Pvt. Ltd., submitted proposals for cruise operations connecting non-major ports in Kerala. Middle East Destinations LLP submitted an Expression of Interest for operating luxury cruises from Beypore Port. The proposal was placed before the 43rd Board Meeting held on 18th February 2026, and the Board granted permission for cruise operations for a period of up to two years or until the PPP-based development of the port is materialized, whichever is earlier.

Further, Oshin Shipping Pvt. Ltd. submitted a proposal for operating cruise services from Kollam Port to Colombo. A letter of permission was issued for the same, and the decision was subsequently ratified during the 43rd Board Meeting held on 18 February 2026. The two proposals are currently under the consideration of the Board, and discussions are being conducted in this regard.

In view of the above, the matter is reported before the 45th Board Meeting for and after detailed deliberations, the Board

1. ***Resolved to keep the proposal for establishing coastal cruise and passenger vessel services connecting non-major ports, including the proposal for acquisition or construction of cruise vessels by Kerala Maritime Board, in abeyance pending completion of a detailed financial analysis and assessment of commercial viability.***
2. ***Resolved further that the ongoing initiatives involving private operators for conducting cruise operations from ports under Kerala Maritime Board may continue in accordance with the approvals already granted and applicable conditions.***

Member Secretary/ Chief Executive Officer

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Board Order

No. HOKMB-TVM/1204/2024-C2 Date: 09-06-2026

Sub: Transfer of Subject "Development of Coastal Shipping and all related activities" from CSIND to Kerala Maritime Board

A meeting was held on 22.08.2024 under the Chairmanship of the Principal Secretary, Ports Department, regarding the transfer of the subject "Development of Coastal Shipping and all related activities" from the Coastal Shipping & Inland Navigation (CSIN) Department to the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB).

During the meeting, the Special Secretary, CSIN, informed that the Coastal Shipping & Inland Navigation Department functioned under the Water Resources Department and that there are presently no exclusive projects for coastal shipping. It was further informed that the Department's primary responsibility is to improve inland waterways by upgrading them to the standards of National Waterways, which is a priority initiative of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The Department is also engaged in canal rejuvenation activities, and the Chief Engineer concerned with the Kuttanad Package has been entrusted with additional charge relating to these activities.

The Special Secretary further informed that the activities of the Department are being implemented through a SPV namely Kerala Inland Navigation Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (KIL), with the Managing Director of CIAL serving as its Managing Director. It was also stated that the Coastal Shipping & Inland Navigation Department has KSINC and IURC (Integrated Urban Rejuvenation of Canals) functioning as its PSUs. Further, it was informed that the Hon'ble Chief Minister has already approved the transfer of the above subject, and that there is presently no separate budget allocation for the same.

The Chairman, KMB, informed the meeting that upon transfer of the subject to the Ports Department, KMB would be responsible for handling the related activities, and that adequate manpower and budgetary provisions would be required for effective implementation.

After detailed discussions, the meeting decided to proceed with the transfer of the subject to the Ports Department and further resolved that the matter of manpower and budgetary allocation may be taken up with the Finance Department after the transfer of the subject to KMB.

Now, the Government has sought the opinion of KMB regarding the transfer of the above subject to the Ports Department and the consequential amendments proposed in the Rules of Business, as detailed below:

i. Coastal Shipping & Inland Navigation Department to be renamed as Inland Waterways Development and Navigation Department (IWDND)
ii. Inland Waterways Development and Navigation Department to be allocated the following entries:

1. Development and Regulation of Inland Waterways for shipping and Navigation except Notified National Waterways, and infrastructural facilities and operations therein, and all matters related to National Waterways in the State.
2. Policy and Development of appurtenant land of National waterways and other Inland waterways, and in coastal areas directly connected to Inland waterways.
3. Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation.

iii. Entry under VIII. Fisheries and Ports Department in B. Ports be amended to insert a new item to be numbered 6. “Development of Coastal Shipping and all related activities”.

In fact, even though the coastal shipping is not a subject that has been assigned to the Board, we have taken so many initiatives for vitalising the coastal shipping operations as no other agencies were taking initiatives in this regard.

In light of these developments, the matter is reported before the 45th Board meeting. ***After detailed deliberations, the Board resolved to;***

1. ***Inform the Government that the Kerala Maritime Board has no***

objection to the proposed amendments to the Rules of Business and the transfer of the subject "Development of Coastal Shipping and all related activities" to the Ports Department.

2. ***Request the Government to take necessary steps for incorporating suitable amendments to the Kerala Maritime Board Act, 2017, so as to include the development of coastal shipping and allied activities among the functions and duties of the Kerala Maritime Board.***
3. ***Inform the Government that adequate and dedicated budgetary allocations may be provided annually to the Kerala Maritime Board for undertaking various initiatives projects and developmental activities relating to coastal shipping, upon transfer of the subject.***

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NO TO DRUGS

HOKMB-TVM/520/2025-A7 **09-06-2026**

BOARD ORDER

Sub: Updation of KYC details in respect of Current Account No. 32480010218 maintained at State Bank of India, Thiruvananthapuram Main Branch and authorization of signatories.

Government of Kerala enacted the Kerala Maritime Board Act, 2017 (Act 16 of 2017) for the constitution of the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) for the administration, control and management of non-major ports in the State. As per Section 16(a) of the said Act, all properties, assets, funds, and rights vested in the Government for port purposes immediately before the appointed day stand transferred to and vested in the Board.

Accordingly, Government, vide G.O.(P) No. 20/2019/F&PD dated 02.05.2019 (S.R.O. No.316/2019), ordered the transfer and vesting of all such properties, assets, funds, and rights with the Kerala Maritime Board.

In continuation of the process of identifying and consolidating the assets and funds of the erstwhile Director of Ports, it was observed that Government, vide G.O.(Rt) No.677/2012/F&PD dated 28.07.2012, had accorded sanction for opening a Current Account with State Bank of India, Thiruvananthapuram Main Branch in the name of the Director of Ports for issuing an Letter of Credit(LC) for meeting the cost of a crane procured from M/sLiebherr.

The said account (Current Account No. 32480010218) has remained non-operational for along period. On verification with the Bank, it is understood that the account presently has a balance of ₹10 lakh and six fixed deposits amounting to approximately ₹3.5 crore.

The Bank has now requested the Kerala Maritime Board to update the KYC details of the said account and to designate authorized signatories for its operation.

In the above circumstances, the matter is placed before the Board for consideration and approval to update the KYC details of the Current Account No. 32480010218 maintained at State Bank of India, Thiruvananthapuram Main Branch, and to authorize the following officers to operate the account:

- Controller of Finance and Accounts (CFA)
- Finance Officer (FO)
- Mechanical Marine Engineer (MME)

with the condition that any two of the above shall jointly sign for operation of the account, including signing of cheques.

The 45th Board after discussion unanimously resolved to:

1. **Approve the updation of KYC details in respect of Current Account No. 32480010218 maintained at State Bank of India, Thiruvananthapuram Main Branch.**
2. **Authorize the Controller of Finance and Accounts (CFA), Finance Officer (FO), and Mechanical Marine Engineer (MME) as joint signatories to operate the account, with any two of them authorized to sign.**

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Board Order

No: HOKMB-TVM/508/2026-E1	07-06-2026

Sub : Consideration of contract extension for Smt. Vijitha K.V., Junior Finance Manager, Kerala Maritime Institute, Kodungallur

The Kerala Maritime Institute, with campuses at Kodungallur and Neendakara, operates under the supervision of a Principal and supporting staff.

To manage specialized financial requirements, specifically GST filing, audit procedures, and the financial administration of the new Inland Vessel training courses, the institute identified a critical need for dedicated financial expertise.

Consequently, as per Board Order No. HOKMB-TVM/26/2024-Eldated 02/02/2024, Smt. Vijitha K.V (sourced from the Ernakulam chapter of ICWAI) was initially appointed on a contract basis for a period of one year with a consolidated monthly pay of 20,000/-.

Her responsibilities included systematic bookkeeping, banking operations, preparation of statutory returns, and Tally-based accounting for both institutes.

In recognition of her indispensable contributions, the Principal of KMI, Kodungallur, previously recommended an extension of her contract along with a salary enhancement. This proposal was approved on 29th May 2025 and subsequently ratified during the 39th Board Meeting (Agenda Item No. 18). A formal Board Order was issued on 10th July 2025, revising her current monthly consolidated salary to 25,000/-.

The Principal has now reported that Smt. Vijitha K.V continues to manage the Finance section efficiently. However, her current remuneration remains lower than that of other Junior Finance Managers holding similar positions across comparable organizations. To ensure parity and retain her valuable services, the Principal has requested a formal renewal of her contract for another year, alongside an upward revision of her salary.

As her previous contract term was expiring on 22/05/2026 and her day-to-day involvement in ongoing GST filings, audit procedures, and Inland Vessel course administration is critical, the Chief Executive Officer issued proceedings dated 20/05/2026, extending her tenure until a definitive decision could be made by the Board in its next meeting. Since an enhancement of contract pay was given to her as per a Board decision, the request for pay parity may be considered later.

The above matter was placed as Agenda Item No. 25 before the 45th Kerala Maritime Board meeting for approval. After detailed discussion and deliberation, the Board:

1) Resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in granting temporary extension of the contract appointment of Smt. Vijitha K.V. pending formal approval by the Board

2) Resolved further to approve the extension of the contract appointment of Smt. Vijitha K.V. as Junior Finance Manager for a further period of one year with effect from 23.05.2026, inclusive of the temporary extension already granted by the Chief Executive Officer, on the existing terms and conditions.

Chief Executive Officer/Member Secretary

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/554/2025-B3(LA) **09-06-2026**

Sub : Proposal for establishing Sand Purification Plant at Kasarkode

In the 39th Board meeting, approval was given for floating an Expression of Interest (EoI) for establishing Sand Purification Plant (or Plants) at Kasarkode. Instead of inviting EoI, floating of Request for Proposal (RFP) was required. The Board was informed that the appropriate procurement method for the project is through a Request for Proposal (RFP)/Tender process and that the reference to "Expression of Interest" in the earlier agenda was inadvertent.

For floating the RFP/tender, the rate of purified sand had to be fixed and thus a proposal was placed before the 43rd Board meeting held on 18.02.2026, for fixing the rate of purified sand at Azhikkal and to effect the same for the proposed plant at Kasaragod also. The proposal was submitted to Government and Government accepted the proposal vide GO(Rt) 243/2026/F&P dated 13/03/2026 fixing a selling price of Rs.2000 plus GST plus Royalty for the purified sand to be sold by the plant operator.

Project Management Unit has submitted the draft of Request for Proposal (RFP) and Concession Agreement. The same was placed before 45th Board held on 29th May 2026 vide agenda no 26, for approval and permission was sought for floating tender throgh Government of Kerala e-Procurement System. The Board was also intimated about the proposal to substitute the EoI process with an RFP/Tender process.

The Board examined the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) and draft Concession Agreement and

1. Resolved to approve the change from the Expression of Interest (EoI) process to the Request for Proposal (RFP)/Tender process for the establishment of the Sand Purification Plant at Kasaragod.
2. Resolved further to approve the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) and the draft Concession Agreement for the project.
3. Resolved further to accord permission to float the RFP/Tender for establishing the Sand Purification Plant at Kasaragod through the Government of Kerala e-Procurement System and to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to take necessary follow-up action in this regard in accordance with the applicable rules and procedures.

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NO TO DRUGS

Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/1595/2024-E1 **07-06-2026**

Sub Ratification of request for withdrawal of application for DG-approved courses and status of refund request from the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS)

The Kerala Maritime Board was constituted under the Kerala Maritime Board Act, 2017, for the management of non-major ports and maritime institutes in the State. At present, the Board operates two maritime institutes at Kodungalloor and Neendakara.

In the 37th meeting of the Board (Agenda No. 12), it was resolved to apply for approval from the Directorate General of Shipping for conducting Basic Safety Training (BST) courses at the Kerala Maritime Institute, Kodungalloor. Accordingly, an application fee of ₹3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakh only) was remitted to the Directorate General of Shipping.

However, the structural stability inspection report dated 30.7.2025 submitted by the National Institute of Technology Calicut, which had been entrusted with the assessment pursuant to the decision taken in the meeting convened by the Chairperson during the site visit in 2023, revealed that the existing buildings were structurally unfit for conducting the proposed courses. The report further indicated that reinforcement and renovation of the existing structures would involve substantial expenditure.

Subsequently, detailed discussions were held with the expert team from NIT Calicut and technical experts from Nirmithi Kendra and the Harbour Engineering Department. Based on these consultations, it was concluded that construction of new administrative, academic, and hostel blocks would be a more viable and sustainable option than reinforcing the existing structures. It was also observed that the existing buildings did not possess mandatory statutory clearances from authorities such as the Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority and the concerned Panchayat authorities.

Meanwhile, a new maritime institute is being developed at Neendakara under the PPP model for conducting marine-related courses. At the same time, the Board is required to immediately commence the newly introduced Inland Vessel-related courses, which have significant employment prospects for students from Kerala. In this background, it was decided that the Kodungalloor campus may be retained exclusively for Inland Vessel-related courses for the time being and that new buildings may be constructed in a phased manner by demolishing the existing unsafe structures without disrupting the conduct of classes. Conducting of DG-approved classes may be considered only after the completion of the new building.

Considering the serious structural safety concerns, the absence of CRZ clearance, and the decisions taken by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer had addressed the Government vide letters dated 17.01.2026, 10.03.2026, and 30.04.2026, seeking approval for the demolition of the existing hostel block and for the urgent construction of a new building as the first phase.

Since the proposed DG Shipping-approved courses are not intended to be conducted at the Kodungalloor institute for the time being, the Chairperson also addressed a D.O. letter dated 24.01.2026 and a reminder dated 04.04.2026 to the Directorate General of Shipping requesting withdrawal of the application and refund of the application fee of ₹3,00,000/-.

However, the Directorate General of Shipping, vide letter dated 06.05.2026, informed that the request for withdrawal of the application could not be acceded to, as the institute had already been inspected in accordance with the prescribed procedure after receipt of the application. The Directorate further stated that, as per the applicable Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), the application fee is non-refundable since it covers the administrative and processing services already rendered. The Board was also advised to submit a fresh application after the completion of the new infrastructure and upon ensuring full compliance with all statutory provisions and DG Shipping requirements. Hence, based on the advice of the DG Shipping, the fee can be adjusted when the fresh application for the DG Shipping courses are submitted to them after completing the construction of new buildings.

The above matter has been placed as Agenda No. 27 before the 45th Kerala Maritime Board meeting for ratification. After examining all the factors relating to the issue, the board:

1) Resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chairperson and the Chief Executive Officer in seeking withdrawal of the application for DG Shipping-approved courses in view of the structural safety concerns and infrastructure constraints at Kerala Maritime Institute, Kodungalloor.

2) Resolved further to take note of the decision of the Directorate General of Shipping regarding the non-refund of the application fee of Rs.3,00,000/- and the advice that the amount may be adjusted against a fresh application to be submitted after completion of the proposed new infrastructure and fulfillment of all statutory and regulatory requirements.

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/1724/2024-E1 **07-06-2026**

Sub Consideration of contract extension for Shri Vernin Varkey, Exam Coordinator currently posted in Kerala Maritime Institute (KMI), Kodungallur

Shri Vernin Varkey was selected through a transparent recruitment process by the Centre for Management and Development (CMD) under Notification No. CMD/KMB/002/2024 dated 24/07/2024 as IV exam coordinator to coordinate the activities in connection with the conduct of IV-related courses and its exam. He was provisionally appointed on a contract basis for one year with a consolidated pay of 36,000/- per month, and he officially joined duties on 19/05/2025.
The candidate has efficiently managed the following critical activities during his tenure:

- Data Management: Finalised data entry for KIV certificates at Azhikkal, Beypore, and Kodungallur Port of Registries.
- Verification: Conducted physical verification of records for Lascars, Serangs, Drivers, Masters, and Engineers to ensure accuracy.
- Examination & Operations: Provided essential support to the Chief Examiner for KIV exams and coordinated training schedules at KMI, Kodungallur.
- General Coordination: Maintained administrative records and ensured timely completion of departmental tasks.

The original contract period of the incumbent employee is due to expire on 18/05/2026. The Principal of the Kerala Maritime Institute (KMI), Kodungallur, has recommended an extension of the contract along with a salary increase, citing the contributions as "indispensable."

Since the incumbent is presently engaged in the very important activity of the digitization of all the existing certificates issued by the Kerala Maritime Board, which has to be continued and completed urgently, the Chief Executive Officer, vide proceedings dated 17/5/2026, has extended the tenure for a further period until the decision on the agenda item in this regard are decided in the next Board meeting.

The above matter has placed as Agenda No. 28 before the 45th Kerala Maritime Board meeting for ratification. After detailed discussion, the Board:

1) Resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in granting temporary extension of the contract period of Shri Vernin Varkey pending formal approval of the Board.
2) Resolved further to approve the extension of the contract appointment of Shri Vernin Varkey as IV Exam Coordinator for a further period of one year with effect from 19.05.2026, inclusive of the temporary extension already granted by the Chief Executive Officer, on the existing

terms and conditions or as per the applicable Government orders governing contract appointments.

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o : HOKMB-TVM/547/2026-C2 (Devp) Date : 09-06-2026

Board Order

Subject : Kerala Maritime Board – Participation of Kerala Maritime Board in the Maritime India Conference & Expo 2026 (MICE 2026) as "State Partner"

FICCI, with the support of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, is organizing the 4th Edition of Maritime India Conference & Expo2026 (MICE 2026) from 02nd to 04th November 2026 at Hall 4, Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai.

The earlier editions of the Maritime India Conference & Expo held in 2012, 2014 and 2025 were also organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Indian Ports Association (IPA). The conference has evolved into one of India's premier maritime events bringing together policymakers, port authorities, logistics stakeholders, maritime industry leaders, technology providers and investors from India and abroad.

The three-day conference and exhibition is envisaged as a major platform for collaboration, networking and promotion of maritime initiatives. The event will feature keynote addresses, panel discussions, CEO/CXO roundtables, focused policy dialogues, B2B/B2G interactions and exhibitions showcasing next-generation maritime and logistics technologies and solutions.

FICCI has invited Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) to participate in the event and to associate as a "State Partner" for the conference. The proposed partnership package is valued at ₹15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs only) plus applicable taxes.

The benefits offered under the "State Partner" package include the following:

1. Representation of senior officials in:

 * Business Session
 * B2G/G2G interactions
 * Roundtable Sessions

2. Exhibition Benefits:

* 72 sq.m. raw exhibition space
* Additional exhibition space at discounted rates

3. Branding and Visibility:
   * Prominent display of KMB logo in conference backdrops, banners, hoardings, promotional materials and publications
   * Display of logo on Maritime India 2026 website with link to KMB website.
   * Display of logo in promotional advertisements, invitations and event emailers
   * Acknowledgement in "Thank You Partner" displays and exhibition passes
4. Delegate and Networking Benefits:
   * Six complimentary delegate passes

   * Two exclusive dinner invitation cards
5. Promotional Benefits:

   * Promotion through FICCI social media platforms
   * One full-page colour advertisement and one-page profile in exhibitor catalogue.

Participation in the event is expected to provide Kerala Maritime Board with an opportunity to showcase the maritime initiatives of the State, ongoing and proposed port development projects, PPP model development initiatives of non-major ports, coastal shipping opportunities, logistics ecosystem and investment potential of Kerala before national and international stakeholders.

Further, the event is expected to facilitate interaction with port operators, logistics companies, investors, maritime technology providers and other stakeholders, thereby enhancing the visibility of Kerala's maritime sector and supporting the ongoing efforts of Kerala Maritime Board towards development of non-major ports through PPP mode.

The matter was placed before the 45 th meeting of Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) (14th Meeting of the Reconstituted Board) held on 29th May 2026 vide Agenda no 29 for discussion. The board after discussion unanimously,

Resolved to approach the Government for obtaining necessary approval for participation in the event and for sanction of the required funds from the Plan Fund for meeting the participation expenses, including the State Partner fee of 15,00,000/- plus applicable taxes.

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No : HOKMB-TVM/435/2026-C2 (Devp) Date : 10-06-2026

BOARD ORDER

Subject : Kerala Maritime Board – Consideration of the recommendations of the High-Level Committee (HLC) on Non-Financial Regulatory Reforms regarding exclusion of notified Customs holidays from demurrage charge Calculations in ports under the jurisdiction of the Kerala Maritime Board.

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, vide letter No. PD-12019/18/2026-PD-IV dated 08.04.2026, has requested the Chief Executive Officers of all State Maritime Boards to furnish inputs on the recommendations of the NITI Aayog High-Level Committee on Non-Financial Regulatory Reform.

The recommendation under consideration is as follows, "Exclude Customs holidays from demurrage charges calculation."

As per the recommendation, demurrage charges are presently levied on cargo remaining in port premises beyond the free period, even during notified Customs holidays when Customs clearance activities are either suspended or significantly restricted. It has been pointed out that such delays are beyond the control of traders/importers and therefore continuation of demurrage charges during such periods may not be justified.

The Ministry has proposed that all port authorities may revise their Scale of Rates to exclude notified Customs holidays from demurrage charge calculations and that the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) may standardize the notification and treatment of Customs holidays.

The matter was placed before the 45 th meeting of Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) (14th Meeting of the Reconstituted Board) held on 29th May 2026 vide Agenda no 30 for discussion. After detailed deliberations, the Board resolved to request Government to accord approval for excluding notified Customs holidays from the calculation of demurrage charges in Ports under the jurisdiction of Kerala Maritime Board and to issue necessary orders in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

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BOARD ORDER

Sub: Enhancement of wages of Daily Wage/Contract employees

As per the provisions of Kerala Maritime Board Act-2017, recruitment against the sanctioned posts in the erstwhile Port Department has been stopped and the existing posts stands abolished when the incumbent employees leaves service on superannuation or by any other methods. Act also stipulates that the Board shall make its own organogram for future functioning and posting shall be made accordingly. Accordingly the draft organogram is prepared and submitted to government for approval. However the government returned the same for further clarification in some points. Since more additional works are entrusted with the Board afterwards, the Board is revisiting the draft and the same will be submitted to government shortly for approval.

However, the functioning of the Board requires the bare minimum staff as there has been no new recruitment as such against the existing posts. Moreover, with the formation of the Board the activities have become manifold especially after entrusting the implementation of the provisions of IV Act also, with the Board. Many professional employees are required as the Board has to handle a lot of tax-related issues as well as to implement projects. As per GO(Ms) No. 01/2023/F&PD dated 11/01/2023, the Government sanctioned seven posts for temporary appointment in KMB. In a meeting convened by the Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) on 26/12/2022, the Chairperson noted that only seven posts were sanctioned out of the requested 20. It was decided to submit a proposal linked to posts transferred from the Port Department, considering vanishing posts due to retirement. Until approval, a manpower consultancy service like CMD (Center for Management Development) would be approached for professionals on contract basis, i.e, pay based on orders issued from the Finance Department.

Accordingly, new recruitments have been made to various essential posts on contract basis through CMD , with candidates sourced from ICMAI, Trivandrum Chapter. Appointments have also been made by extending the contract of the employees of the erstwhile KSMDCL and by appointing the daily wage employees of the erstwhile Port Department on contract basis. All the above appointments have been approved by the Board. Their wages have been determined and fixed under different categories and are being disbursed as per rates specified in GO (p) No.54/2025/Fin Dtd.19/04/2025. Now the Government have enhanced the rate of wages w.e.f 01-04-2026 as per GO(p) No.24/2026/fin Dtd.18/02/2026 . Hence, it is proposed to extend the benefits of enhanced rates to the employees of the Kerala Maritime Board .

The matter was placed before the 45th meeting of Kerala Maritime Boardheld on 29th may 2026 vide Agenda No 31

The Board after discussion unanimously:

Resolved to approve the enhancement of wages/remuneration of all eligible daily wage and contract employees of Kerala Maritime Board, including security personnel engaged

through KEXCON, with effect from 01.04.2026, in accordance with the revised rates prescribed in G.O.(P) No.24/2026/Fin dated 18.02.2026.

Chief executive officer/Member Secretary

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No : HOKMB-TVM/545/2026-C2 (Devp) Date : 09-06-2026

BOARD ORDER

Subject : Kerala Maritime Board – Regional Port Office Kollam - Shipping Agency / Shipping Chandler - Charging renewal Registration fee

The ports under the Board are not charging any fees for the registration for Shippingsteamer Agency /Shipping Chandler. Also the shipping agents are approaching the port offices for permission to carry out hull cleaning and bunkering. The present charges for granting permission to Bunkering and Hull cleaning are also are very low compared to other ports in the country. Hence the following rates are proposed for above activities:

	Existing rates INR	Proposed rates INR
Bunkering charges	Rs. 60/- for 1 ton	Rs.300/ 1000 litres
Permission for Hull cleaning	NIL	Minimum Rs. 5000% - for vessel GT up to 2000 GT. Then extra Rs.2/- GT.
Shipping Agency/ Shipping Chandler - Registration fee	NIL	Rs.25000/- One time
Shipping Agency/ Chandler - Annual fee	NIL	Rs. 10000/- Year
Fine	NIL	Rs. 10000/- for the delay in sumbitting application and other related issues

Considering the operational expenses and other allied services charges, the revision of the above rates is necessary for the efficient functioning of Port service and for enhancing the revenue of Board.

The matter was placed before the 45 th meeting of Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) (14th Meeting of the Reconstituted Board) held on 29th May 2026 vide Agenda no 32 for discussion. The board after discussion unanimously, Resolved to approve the following revised rates for port-related services and to recommend the same to Government for issuing formal orders:

1. Bunkering Charges – ₹300 per 1,000 litres.

2. Permission for Hull Cleaning – Minimum .₹5,000 for vessels up to 2,000 GT and and additional ₹ 2 per GT beyond 2,000 GT.

3. Shipping Agency/Shipping Chandler Registration Fee – ₹25,000 (one-time registration fee).

4. Shipping Agency/Shipping Chandler Annual Renewal Fee – ₹10,000 per annum.

5. Fine for Delay in Submission of Applications and Other Related Violations – ₹10,000.

Yours faithfully,

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/394/2024-D5(Civil) 18-06-2026

Sub : Applicability of daily wage enhancement order from GoK Finance Department to the daily wage kadavu staff

Government vide GO(Rt) No.680/2017/F&PD dated 30.08.2017 accorded sanction for engaging three daily wage Kadav staff at each manual dredging kadavu within the port limits of Azhikkal and Vadakara, namely Kadavu Supervisor in Category III, Assistant Kadavu Supervisor in Category II and Kadavu Assistant in Category I. Subsequently, Government vide GO(Rt) No.913/2018/F&PD dated 22.11.2018 extended the sanction for engaging three daily wage kadavu staff each to manual dredging kadavus under the port limits of Kasaragod, Thalassery, Beypore, Ponnani and Kodungallur.

Government has now revised the daily wage rates vide GO(P) No.24/2026/Fin dated 18.02.2026. In this context, ambiguity has arisen as to whether the revised daily wage rates ordered by Government are applicable to the above daily wage kadavu staff engaged under Kerala Maritime Board.

The matter was placed before the Board for decision as to whether the Board itself may approve extension of periodical wage revisions issued by the Finance Department to the daily wage kadavu staff or whether such enhancement shall be granted only after obtaining sanction from Government.

The matter was placed before before the 45th Board meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 29th May 2026 vide Agenda no:33. The Board discuused the matter and resolved to:
Approve extension of periodical wage revisions issued by the Finance Department to the daily wage kadavu staff whose posts and categories were sanctioned vide GO(Rt) No.680/2017/F&PD dated 30.08.2017 and GO(Rt) No.913/2018/F&PD dated 22.11.2018.

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/642/2025-C1 (Devp) 09-06-2026

Sub : Tender Opening of Integrated Development of Coastal Assets at Thalassery, Kannur, Kerala

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 September 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 21 May 2025 at KMB Head Office to evaluate the project.

The project site at Thalassery non-major ports is currently underutilised and face a risk of potential encroachment. A substantial amount is being incurred as recurring costs towards the upkeep and maintenance by the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB). At the same time, the development of the site and associated assets would require substantial capital investment. In view of these constraints and to unlock its economic potential in a sustainable manner, KMB proposes to undertake the development of these project sites through the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.

Accordingly, the 43rd Board Meeting held on 12 March 2025 has approved the PPP development of the project site located in Thalassery, Kannur, spanning approximately 1.40 Acres. The site includes a 157-metre-long Sea Pier, a Port Office Building, Port Quarters, an Old Cargo Shed, and a Pier Cargo Shed.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on 16 January 2026, followed by a pre-bid meeting on 03 February 2026, which saw participation from two prospective bidders. However, by the submission deadline of 03 March 2026, only one proposal was received.

To encourage wider participation and enhance competition, a re-tender ws issued on 06 March 2026. The Licence Fee. The Licence Fee of INR 25,00,000 (Rupees Twenty-Five Lakh only), the minimum guaranteed revenue share of INR 75,00,000 (Rupees Seventy-Five Lakh only) and the illustrative areas of potential development (Tourism & Hospitality, Recreational Marine Activities, Retail, Trade and Commerce, Logistics Infrastructure and Port led industries) remain unchanged from the previous tender.

Although a pre-bid meeting was scheduled on 17 March 2026, no prospective bidders participated.

A request for extension of the due date of submission has been received from Mr. Sharique Prandial representing SP Enterprises on 21 March 2026. Considering that the likelihood of receiving competitive bids was not encouraging, and in view of the Model Code of Contact being in force until 06-05-2026, it was assessed that further tender- related processes could effectively be carried out only after the conclusion of the MCC period.

Accordingly, the due date of submission was extended by a further period of 15 days with the objective of ensuring wider participation in the tender process. However, as on the revised due date, only a single bidder had submitted a proposal.

The tender was opened on 20 April 2026 in accordance with the established procedures, and only one bid, submitted by M/s Faizal Traders Pvt. Ltd., was received. An initial scrutiny of the documents submitted was carried out on 19 May 2026 by the officials of KMB, under the chairmanship of the Controller of Finance and Accounts

A detailed note was prepared and shared with the Tender Committee. The Committee, chaired by Shri Sreekumar K. Nair, CEO, Vizhinjam International Seaport Lid. (VISL), was convened on 21 May 2026 to carry out a detailed evaluation. Upon evaluation, the Technical Score of the bidder was found to be 100, which is above the minimum required score of 50 as stipulated in the RFP document. Accordingly, the Tender Committee recommended the opening of the financial bid of M/s Faizal Traders Pvt. Ltd.

Accordingly, the financial bid was opened on 23.05.2026 and the percentage revenue share quoted by M/s Faizal Traders Pvt. Ltd. was 17%. As per clause 3.4.3 of the RFP, M/s Faizal Traders Pvt Ltd is identified as the Highest Bidder.

The same was put up for discussion of the 45th Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 29th May, 2026.

<u>After deliberation, the Board :</u>

1. **Resolved to ratify the action taken in opening the financial bid of M/s Faizal Traders Pvt. Ltd. based on the recommendation of the Tender Evaluation Committee**
2. **Resolved further to submit the matter to the Government for obtaining necessary approval for award of the project to M/s Faizal Traders Pvt. Ltd., being the Highest Bidder based on the revenue share of 17% quoted in the financial bid**

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/68/2025-C5 (LAND) **#ApprovedDate#**

Sub : KMB - Monetisation of the idling assets under the Kerala Maritime Board - adopting the long-term lease model also along with the PPP model for the development

Based on the Board decision and Government policy directions, the Board is proceeding with the development of its assets such as port lands, buildings, machinery, and port operations through Public Private Partnership (PPP) models, with the objectives of enhancing revenue generation, creating employment opportunities, and preventing illegal occupation of land and other assets.

In general, a lease model for periods ranging from 7 to 10 years is being adopted for small extents of land and buildings, whereas PPP model development is being adopted for medium-sized land parcels and buildings. So far, 11 such projects have been conceived, and work orders have been issued for 5 projects. Out of these five projects, a Concessionaire Agreement has already been executed with the private partner for one project.

However, during the processing of PPP model projects involving land, buildings, and other assets, the following issues have arisen:

a. The PPP model involves a cumbersome implementation process, including the appointment of Independent Engineers, continuous monitoring of compliance conditions, and other procedural formalities.
b. The investors involved are mostly medium-scale investors who are generally unfamiliar with the procedures and compliance requirements associated with PPP projects.
c. Since the investment involved in these projects is comparatively low, the revenue generation model under the PPP framework does not appear to be financially viable.

It is understood that the Government of India has issued the Land Policy Guidelines, 2014 for Major Ports (copy attached). The matter was discussed with the Cochin Port Authority, and it was informed that the Authority follows the said policy for leasing port lands for periods ranging from 30 to 45 years in order to develop the port lands and other assets effectively.

As per the KMB Act, the Board is required to prepare Land Use Regulations for the proper utilisation of its land assets. Accordingly, a draft Land Use Regulation has already been prepared and forwarded to the Government for approval. In the said draft regulation, lease periods ranging only from 5 to 10 years have been proposed. However, since the lease model appears to be more suitable for projects involving medium-sized land areas and comparatively lower investments up to ₹100 crore, a long-term lease model appears to be a more practical and effective mechanism for such developments.

Hence, it is proposed that a long-term lease model may also be adopted for the development of land and other idle assets under the Board for future projects. The model presently followed by Major Ports may suitably be adopted by the Board as well. A detailed policy may be framed based on the Major Port Land Lease Policy, and suitable revision may be incorporated in the draft Land Use Regulations already forwarded to the Government.

The same was put up for discussion as Agenda Item No. 35 before the 45th Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 29th May, 2026.

After deliberation, the Board:

1. ***Resolved to adopt the long-term lease model incorporated in the Major Ports Land Lease Policy for leasing out land and other assets under the Maritime Board.***
2. ***Resolved further that a detailed policy may be prepared, placed before the Board for approval, and suitable revisions to the draft Land Use Regulations may be suggested to the Government accordingly.***

Member Secretary

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Board Order

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Sub: Security related issues in the Beypore Port – Report from the Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department.

The Additional Chief Secretary Home, through a confidential letter has reported many security related issues in the Beypore Port. Since the issues were very important, the Chairperson, CEO, DDP, Port Security Coordinator and Officer in Charge visited the Beypore Port on 23rd May 2026 and analyzed the ground situation there. The issues were discussed one by one and many corrective measures have been taken. A report in this regard will be sent to government. The report of the Home Department and the action taken in this regard is reported to the 45th Board meeting for discussion.

After detailed discussions, ***the Board Resolved to endorse the actions already taken by the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer in addressing the security concerns raised in the report and directed that necessary follow-up measures be continued in coordination with the Home Department, Police, Coast Guard, Intelligence Agencies and other concerned authorities.***

Member Secretary/ Chief Executive Officer

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