



## 5<sup>th</sup> Community Radio Association Executive Committee Meeting Notice

Dear Executive Committee Member,

You are cordially invited to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee of our Community Radio Association for the year 2023. The details are as follows:

Date: **27 December (Wednesday) 2023**

Time: **04:00 P.M.**

Mode: **Virtual- Google Meet**

### **AGENDA**

2023/5-CRAEC /01	Meeting Call to Order by President
2023/5-CRAEC /02	Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum
2023/5-CRAEC /03	Welcome Address by the President
2023/5-CRAEC /04	Opening Remarks by the President
2023/5-CRAEC /05	Adoption of Agenda
2023/5-CRAEC /06	Approval of Previous Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
2023/5-CRAEC /07	Matters arising out of Previous Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
2023/5-CRAEC /08	Officers' Report
	1.Secretary
	2.Tresurer- Approval of Expenditures
	3.Vice Presidents
2023/5-CRAEC /09	Any Other Matters-Open House
	* <b>Initiating Training Programs for Radio-</b> Mr.Sandeep Parmar Vice President North and Mr.Jitendra Sharma, Secretary General
	* <b>Deliberation on Newsletter Content for Radio Launch-</b> Ms.Barsha Chabaria,EC Member and Mr.Sandeep Parmar, Vice President North
	* <b>State Chapter Discussion-</b> Mr.Jitendra Sharma Secretary General and Mr.Pradeepta Kumar Dutta, Vice President East
	* <b>Debrief on the President's Southern State Tour-</b> Dr.S.Chandrasekar Vice President and Mr.Shivashankaraswamy Joint Secretary-South
	* <b>Changes in Committee Members-</b> Radio Bundelkhand
	* <b>Discussion on Members Absent from Meetings-</b> President
2023/4-CRAEC /10	Fixing up the Next EC Meeting
2023/4-CRAEC /11	Closing Remarks by the Chairman
2023/4-CRAEC /12	Vote of Thanks by the Secretary



Place: New Delhi

Yours in CRA,

**Mr. Jitender Sharma**, Secretary General

## **MINUTES OF 5<sup>th</sup> CRA Executive Committee Meeting**

Date: 27 December (Wednesday) 2023 Time: 04:00 P.M Mode: Virtual- Google Meet

### 5-CRAEC / 01 Meeting Call to Order

President Dr. Hari Vinayak Kulkarni called the meeting to Order at 4:15 P.M.

### 5-CRAEC / 02 Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with 18 members present in the meeting, One Member as leave of absence and three members absent for the meeting.

S.No.	Name of Person	Designation
<b>Members Present for the Meeting:</b>		
1	Dr. Hari Vinayak Kulkarni	President
2	Mr. Jitender Sharma	Secretary General
3	Mr. M S H Beg	Treasurer
4	Ms. Sangya Tandon	Vice President Central
5	Mr. Pradeepta Kumar Dutta	Vice President East
6	Mr. Sandeep Parmar	Vice President North
7	Dr. S Chandrasekar	Vice President South
8	Mr. Pahal Man Rai	Vice President North
9	Mr. Paresh Kumar Patel	Vice President West
10	Ms. Gurjeet Kaur Chawla	Joint Secretary
11	Mr. Shivashankaraswamy	Joint Secretary
12	Ms. Gayatri Mhaske	Joint Secretary
13	Dr. Shivaraj Shastri Herur	EC Member
14	Ms. Barsha Chabaria	EC Member
15	Ms. Nidhi Sharma	EC Member
16	Dr. Sangeeta Kokoty	EC Member
17	Mr. Sandeep KR. Pandey	EC Member
18	Mr. Parshuram Srivastava	EC Member
<b>Leave of Absence</b>		
1	Dr. Sugandha Shrotriya	EC Member
<b>Absentees</b>		
1	Ms. Kirandeep Kaur	EC Member



2	Mr.Jagdishwar Yadav	EC Member
3	Ms. Aarti Devi	EC Member

#### 5-CRAEC/3 & 4 **Welcome and Opening remarks by the CRA President**

President-CRA welcomed all the members for the meeting and requested all members to actively participate in future programs as CRA. He also informed that the EC Members must work as a Team for effective benefit of CRA and its members.

#### 5-CRAEC / 05 **Open House Discussion by members on Urgent matters**

**Mr.Sandeep Parmar, Vice President North** raised the following points with the permission of the President as there were many questions raised by members on the current EC headed by the president.

- (i) Many Points raised by the members are not incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting.
- (ii) 6 Months have passed after taking the oath but till now no we have not seen any visioning and action of the work done- Office bearers are answerable to the same.
- (iii) Members are dissatisfied and their needs are not fulfilled.
- (iv) Duty of the President to clarify the EC members about the **Conflict of Interest**.

**Dr. S Chandrashekar Vice President South, Mr.Pradeepta Dutta Vice President East, Ms.Gayatri Mhaske, Joint Secretary and Mr.Shivashankaraswamy Joint Secretary** also raised the similar points and asked to clarify the Office bearers to clarify the issue which are raised by members in various forum against the President on Conflict of Interest, Silence on the issue cannot solve the issue unless clarity is given to all Members.

**Mr.Pradeepta Dutta Vice President East** also raised the point for clarification on President's travel to South, Even though President has travelled to South at his own expenses,

- (i) What is the benefit of the travel to CRA?
  - (ii) What are the points which were discussed during the meeting?
- President's time is to be dedicated for the development of CRA and non-purposeful travel to satisfy the personal interested cannot be entertained. He also added that if the President and Office bearers are not able to clarify the point of **Conflict of Interest**, then he will be left with no option to leave the EC.

Similarly **Mr.Sandeep Parmar, Vice President North** also said that if the President is not interested in answering to the point of **Conflict of Interest**, then there is no purpose of Him being in EC and he will have to quit EC.

**Dr. S Chandrasekar Vice President South**, raised the working report of Office bearers especially Secretary and Treasurer to clarify the work done till date. He also raised to know the status of UNICEF project, because in the previous meeting it was informed to



the EC that CRA did not have HR policy, Payment Policy etc., and Audit by UNICEF. The EC should be clarified about the status of various projects.

**Mr. Shivashankaraswamy Joint Secretary** raised that during Election results announcement the President had promised to he see the possibilities of Implementing the Project of Radio Vishwas through CRA or compensate the loss to CRA. When the President had promised this, it is his responsibility to go by the promise given by him to the members.

He also asked the president the reason for cancelation of Physical meeting at Pune which was discussed in the previous meeting and its was also informed to the members that accommodation and food will taken care by the radio Vishwas and only travel cost must be borne by Members. Without prior notice the meeting venue was changed from Pune to New Delhi and when clarification was asked about the whether it is Physical or Virtual, accommodation and food there was no reply from the office bearers. Without clarity of date and venue how can a member plan their travel. He also asked the office bearers about the reasons for not able to mobiles the projects like UNICEF, Election etc.

He also raised the point on the President view that CRA is not for generating project, then what is the purpose of members to stay in CRA without funding projects?

Without proper fund how will CRA Sustain?

How will CRA meet its expenses?

**Mr. Pradeepta Dutta Vice President East** also advocated that he was also not given proper reply about the change of venue in whatsapp.

**Dr. Shivaraj Shastri Herur**, suggested that the EC meeting is not happening according to the agenda, hence we can address the issue as per the agenda as **Conflict of Interest** is under the discussion points of today's meeting Agenda.

Mr. Sandeep Parmar, Vice President North, Dr. S Chandrasekar Vice President South, Mr. Pradeepta Dutta Vice President East, Ms. Gayatri Mhaske, Joint Secretary and Mr. Shivashankaraswamy Joint Secretary and few members pointed that let the EC be clarified about the various points raised by the members before going to the Agenda Points.

The agenda was not Adopted by members but majority of members advocated the office bearers to clarify on the points raised by members before going for Discussion as per agenda.

President asked Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary General to present his work done

#### 5-CRAEC / 06 **Report by Mr. Jitender Sharma Secretary, General on the Work Done Status**

Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary General welcomed the EC members again and presented the various activities undertaken by him during the last six months. He also explained about the working and status of the working and the various steps taken by the CRA EC for the betterment of all members and overall working of the CRA. He also presented the



various travel and status of meetings with various officials, Secretaries in the Ministries like MIB, Agriculture, health and family welfare, Culture etc. and informed that the Proposals have been submitted to Ministry of Health and Welfare, Ministry of Social Justice, and Election Commission of India etc.

He also Informed that UNICEF conducts different types of audit like Social Audit, Compliance Audit - Spot Check (Need based), MICRO Assessment audit (Once in 5 years) and Annual Audit (Annually). He also informed that the report for the audit has been prepared with clarification, old issues have been resolved and the same is in the process of dispatch to the Authority.

**Dr. S Chandrasekar Vice President South** appreciated the efforts taken by Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary General on the status of working and status of Project. He also said that when a seed is sowed, it should be given enough time to germinate and grow. If we keep digging the seed every day to see its growth it shall not grow, similarly the projects do not come in one meeting or sitting, multiple meetings must be conducted for a project proposal to convert it as grant, hence we must wait, the only apprehension is there should be proper planning of application of project.

He also suggested that office bearers should first create a **Calendar of Projects** with the date and time of Project Release and Proposals to be prepared well in advance. The Model of preparing the proposal after the announcement of date will lead to disaster and non-approval because in the last minute only editing of previous proposal will be done and not quality project.

**Mr. Sandeep Parmar, Vice President North** suggested that CRA should form a project committee to prepare and monitor the Proposal. Dr. S Chandrasekar VP-South, Mr. Pradepta Dutta VP- East and Ms. Sangya Tandon VP-Central agreed with the suggestion of Mr. Sandeep Parmar VP-North.

**Ms. Barsha Chabria, EC Member** shared that supporting the members with funds has been one of the core areas of CRA over the years and it has to be continued in the current EC period also. She also shared that, the project of UNICEF in the previous tenure has been worked upon, followed up by Dr. B.S Pawar who was instrumental and pivot for liaising and communication with UNICEF. She suggested that for smooth procurement of this UNICEF project, Dr. B.S Panwar Immediate Past President CRA, his services and expertise can be utilized by giving him the role of CRA Advisor for UNICEF projects and others CRA activities.

**For the above suggestion** Dr. S Chandrasekar VP-South said the idea was novel and his expertise and contact can be used for the benefit of CRA but asked for clarification on the status of his role as a consultant or collaborator and any payment involved in various activities like honorarium, travel etc.



President shared that the President, Secretary and Treasurer have been connecting with various Ministries to seek Projects and peer visits to other Community Radios.

He said all 22 EC Members should work together as a team and one person or few people cannot take the CRA to next level.

The President suggested that at least once EC members should meet in person and discuss about the various issues. He suggested that if the meeting can be planned anywhere it will be very beneficial and if it is planned in Nasik, he is ready to sponsor for accommodation and food for members.

He also said that he is travelling to Delhi regularly for the purpose of meeting the ministries and CRA related works and he will not be claiming any expenses on CRA account which will help the CRA to support its financial stability.

**Clarification of South Visit:** The President asked all the members that by going to south what wrong he has done moreover he said he had gone to meet the his own CRA members who are part of the community radio association. The visit was not sponsored by CRA but he travelled in his own cost. The purpose of the travel was to network with members understanding the problem of the members and lesioning their issues and to create a visibility of CRA in South. As a President he has full authority to meet any member of CRA and he has not done anything against CRA.

**Clarification of Conflict of Interest:** President said that by taking a Project before election there is no conflict of interest, if he had taken the project in the capacity of President then only it is Conflict of Interest. The project is a very meager amount which is given to Vishwas Radio, however if the members feel that he has done anything wrong he will see what best can do it to solve the same.

He also requested that all 22 EC members must believe and trust upon him then only he will be able to work and perform, there are many anti elements who are working to break the unity and we should not be influenced by such thoughts. More over time has to be give to Office bearers to perform, 2 or 3 or 5 months is a very short period to perform. At least members must wait for one year to convert the proposals into projects.

**Based on the clarification of President the following points were also discussed**

**Mr.Pradeepta Dutta Vice President East**, said that Time is like Money and Time of the President is for CRA, Time is not to be wasted and to be utilized properly. The works carried out by the office bearers are to be quantified and properly monitored for performance. Any task carried out should lead to result and we look for result oriented quantified performance



**Mr.Sandeep Parmar, Vice President North** suggested that CRA should immediately form a sub-committees to prepare Proposal and contact multilateral agencies for project, a small group cannot be held responsible for non-performance. He also insisted that the activities of office bearers must be quantified.

He instated that performance or non-performance of the EC, **all members are accountable**

**Mr.Paresh Kumar Patel, Vice President West** insisted that all EC members should meet in person, virtual discussion in short time will not lead to result, only when all EC members meet in person, healthy discussion and new ideas can be generated.

**Dr. Shivaraj Shastri Herur,** said that all members of EC are responsible for all the happening in CRA, all are part and parcel CRA, hence change is required at different levels like Points to be changed, Views to be changes, methods to be changes etc. He also said that questioning is easy but resolving the same is difficult. Everyone should join as team and work.

**Mr.Shivashankaraswamy Joint Secretary** suggested that, if EC is planning to meet Physically then they can also consider Nammadwani, Kolar District 60 kms away from Bengaluru, Karnataka. If members can travel, he said that Nammadwani can take care of Food and accommodation for two to three days.

**Dr. S Chandrasekar Vice President South,** asked the President, since Audit is discussed as a major issue in UNICEF has the Auditors of CRA been changed, because Auditors are to be appointed only in GB, if they changed why and if they are not changed for how many years they been continuing.

President said that there was no change in Auditors and the auditors have been continuing for last three years. Auditors who were appointed during the Dr.B.S Pawar sir period are still continuing.

**Dr. S Chandrasekar Vice President South,** also asked the members to consider the proposal given by Mr.Shivashankaraswamy Joint Secretary for physical meeting at Nammadwani, Kolar District.

He also said that if the **Conflict-of-Interest** issue is not resolved, people will bring no confidence motion and will lead bad name to EC as a whole. He requested the President to consider the option to resolve the issue.

He suggested that the Project money of Radio Vishwas is hardly Rs.18 to Rs.20 lakh and 10% of the administration charges works out to Rs.180000 to Rs.200000, President has to travel frequently Delhi for CRA activities, approximately for every travel he might spend Rs.20000/- and for ten travel Rs.200000/-, moreover the President has



announced that he will not to claim his travel visit expenses out of CRA funds, His travel expenses during his tenure will be more than Rs.4 to Rs.5 Lakh instead he can pay 10% of the administration charges works which might be Rs.180000 to Rs.200000 to CRA close the issue and claim the expenses of his travel as regularly as per the sanctioned norms.

**Mr.Shivashankaraswamy Joint Secretary** said that The President has the responsibility to offer institutional charges of CR Awareness Workshop done by Radio Vishwas with MIB to CRA which was committed by him during the elections in GB.

**The President assured all the members that he would talk to his management and try give some portion of the earning to CRA.**

**5-CRAEC / 08 Discussion on State Chapters of Odisha**

Mr.Pradeepta Dutta Vice President East, informed all the members that Odisha State chapter has been formed under CRA President, Secretary General, Treasurer and State Chapter Advisor Dr. S Chandrasekar.

**Resolution: It was unanimously resolved to accept and recognize the that Odisha State chapter**

**5-CRAEC / 09 Modification in Representation from Radio Bundelkhand**

Mr. Jitender Sharma general Secretary informed the members that Ms Kiradeep Kaur, who was the EC Member form Radio Bundelkhand has moved to another organization, hence his membership to EC ceases as he kas left Radio Bundelkhand . More over the Radio Bundelkhand is the EC member and Presently Mr.Manish Samadhiya who is working as a senior radio reporter with radio Bundelkhand will represent Radio Bundelkhand in EC Members of CRA.

**Resolution: It was unanimously resolved to accept and recognize Mr.Manish Samadhiya to represent Radio Bundelkhand as a EC member.**

**5-CRAEC / 10 Closing remarks by President**

The President informed the mebers that it has been almost 2 hours of discussion on various points other than Agenda points hence it is time to close the meeting, he also emphasized on Team work and felt the current EC meeting was fruitful towards the development of CRA and its members.

**5-CRAEC / 11 Vote of Thanks by the secretary**

Mr.Jitendra Sharma, Secretary thanked all the members and proposed formal Vote of Thanks.

**5-CRAEC / 12 Meeting Adjournment**

President adjourned the meeting at 06:05 P.M.





**Recording Secretary**

**Secretary**

**President**