



6th Community Radio Association Executive Committee Meeting Notice

Dear Executive Committee Member,

You are cordially invited to attend the 6th Executive Committee of our Community Radio Association for the year 2024. The details are as follows:

Date: **8th May (Wednesday) 2024**

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

Mode: **Virtual- Google Meet**

AGENDA

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| 2024/6-CRAEC /01 | Meeting Call to Order by President |
| 2024/6-CRAEC /02 | Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum |
| 2024/6-CRAEC /03 | Welcome Address by the President |
| 2024/6-CRAEC /04 | Opening Remarks by the President |
| 2024/6-CRAEC /05 | Adoption of Agenda |
| 2024/6-CRAEC /06 | Approval of Previous Executive Committee Meeting Minutes |
| 2024/6-CRAEC /07 | to discuss topics that were not discussed in the previous meeting. |
| 2024/6-CRAEC /08 | Officers' Report
1. Secretary
2. President - Approval of Expenditures
3. Discussion on CRA News Letter- Sangya Tandon Vice President CRA
4. Discussion on Bank Account opening CRA State level- Dr. S.Chandrasekar Vice President South CRA |
| 2024/6-CRAEC /09 | Any Other Matters-Open House
* Discussion on Withdrawal Membership of CRA Radio Kisan,
Mr.Pradeepta Kumar Dutta Vice President East – Dr. Hari Vinayak Kulkarni President CRA |
| 2024/6-CRAEC /10 | Closing Remarks by the President |
| 2024/6-CRAEC /11 | Vote of Thanks by the Secretary |
| 2024/6-CRAEC /12 | Meeting Adjournment |

Place: **New Delhi**

Yours in CRA,

Mr.Jitender Sharma, Secretary General



MINUTES OF 6th CRA Executive Committee Meeting

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6-CRAEC / 01 Meeting Call to Order

President Dr. Hari Vinayak Kulkarni called the meeting to Order at 4:10 P.M.

6-CRAEC / 02 Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with 8 members present in the meeting, Seven Member as leave of absence and Seven members absent for the meeting.

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



6-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.

6-CRAEC / 05 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was Adopted by members for Discussion

6-CRAEC / 06 Approval of Previous Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The 5th Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 2023 was approved without correction

6-CRAEC/07 to discuss topics that were not discussed in the previous meeting.

Dr. Hari Vinayak Kulkarni Said: Matters Arising out of Previous Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Co-opt Members from Tamilnadu and Kerala. President informed that members that based on approval of the previous minutes, we can co-opt one member from Kerala and one from Tamilnadu as there is no representation from these states in EC.

Dr. S. Chandrashekar Vice President South said: that we have proposed the name of Father Bijo Thoms from Kerala and Mr.Chidambaram from Tamil Nadu for Co-opt Members CRA. But now we have only one year's time, if we make them Co-opt Members of CRA , then they will not be able to participate in the next election of CRA.

President opined that let the members decide whether they are interested to be a co-opted member for the balance tenure of the current EC.

Dr S. Chandrashekar suggested that he shall speak to Father Bijo Thomas and Mr.Chidambaram about it and if they agree, we will nominate them as co-opted member members.

Resolution: It was unanimously resolved that two members One from Tamilnadu and one from Kerala will be co-opted to EC.

6-CRAEC/08 Officers Report

Report By Secretary General

A Power point was presented by the Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary General CRA . He presented that financial related for December 2023 to March 2024 an amount of Rs. 80366 for the month December 2023 Rs 1,574027 for the Month of January Rs 2153973 Month of February and Rs 1247299 Month of March 2024 was spent towards salary, rent, consumables, Ministry of Culture CRS Payments and other expenses.



CRA Receipts Dec. 2023 to March 2024

- Received Rs 75,000 CRA Membership Fees Month of Dec. 2023.
- Received INR 41,03,400 (Forty One Lakh Three Thousand Four Hundred Only from Ministry of Culture, Campaign Meri Mati Mera Desh.
- Received Rs 20,000 CRA Membership Fees Month of Jan. 2024.
- Received Rs 45,000 CRA Membership Fees Month of Feb 2024.
- Received Rs 60,000 CRA Membership Fees Month of March 2023.
- Received 1,51,900 Avian Media CRS Campaign (5CRS) Month of March 2024.

CRA Meetings for mobilization Dec 2023 to March 2024

- CRA has been continuously working with DAVP, attending meetings and assisting stations with empanelment, payments/pending bills, and campaigns .
- Follow up with WPC regularly on the renewal of the Wireless Operating License (WOL) & related online payment issues, and associated challenges with Saral Sanchar portal , user ids and passwords, amongst other challenges.
- CRA has also actively followed-up with the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting for the renewal of the licenses/ GOPA renewals of its member stations. It has been a very time-consuming effort, but many stations have received their renewal letters after the efforts were made.
- Meeting with Dr. Rashmi in DST
- Meeting with CEMCA
- Meeting with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Meeting with Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- Meeting with UNICEF
- Meeting With Ministry of Culture
- Meeting With Ministry of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment



- Meeting With Women and Child Development
- Meeting With Disaster Management
- Meeting with LIC

Report By President

Dr. Hari Vinayak Kulkarni, President CRA Said that CRA has liabilities Rs 454369 and current asset Rs 146, 255 on CRA balance sheet for the past few years. And these liabilities and current asset neither has come to us nor we to give it. So, we will remove this amount from our balance sheet in coming financial year.

The Resolution to this affect was passed with the consent of all the Executive Members.

Discussion on CRA Newsletter – Sangya Tandon Vice President Central CRA

Ms. Sangya Tandon Vice President CRA Central Said: we have so far brought out nine Volumes of CRA Newsletter, Sandeep Rana coordinate of all material of CRA Newsletter. However, we are not yet to receive full supports from our CRA Members. President CRA said that the newsletter is coming out very well and we appreciate it. Dr. S Chandrasekar Vice President suggested that we include regional languages in this CRA Newsletter, it will help us a lot.

Discussion on Bank Account opening CRA State Level – Dr.S.Chandrasekar, Vice President South

Dr.S.Chandrasekar, Vice President South informed the members that we have opened CRA state chapters in every states and when the president of the state chapter approaches the private agency and government for projects, they ask for bank account for the funding option. He suggested that MOA allows the state chapters to have their separate account at state level and we approve the state chapter to open a bank account in state level it would be easy for state chapters to attract the local funds However the state chapters have to submit the audited statement of accounts to the main CRA every year before submission of returns by the SG. The model of signing at state level can be like the national level where the Treasurer will be permanent signing authority with President or Secretary will have optional. Hence a resolution must be approved in the EC for accepting the proposal to open a bank account at state level and few documents from the CRA is required like President KYC Secretary General and Treasurer approval.

Mr. Jitender Sharma Secretary General suggested that before taking any action on this we should ask the CRA Chartered accountant about it and then take a decision.



RESOLVED that the state chapter can have their separate account and the audited income and expenditure statement of same will be send to CRA annually with the condition that the same will be discussed with the Chartered accountant CRA and any changes to the same shall be incorporated.

Discussion With Chartered accountant CRA

Discussion with the Chartered accountant CRA, accountant CRA , Dr.S Chandrasekar, Jitender Sharma and Sandeep Rana was held on 12th May 2023 regarding the separate accounts at state level. After discussion it was approved that the state chapters can have their separate accounts with the following points to be considered:-

1. State shall submit an Audited Income and Expenditure account annually to the CRA
2. CRA will consolidate the accounts and incorporate the same in its Income and Expenditure statement and submit to the authority.
3. State shall use the accounts for approaching the funding agency in their respective jurisdiction and their state I which the chapter is formed and the members of the state in which it is formed shall be their jurisdiction. They shall not attract or approach any other funding agency other that their own jurisdiction.
4. The model of signing authority to the state level accounts shall be Treasurer will be permanent signing authority with any one either President or Secretery will have optional to be the secondary signatory.
5. CRA Membership fees, Central Govt/private organizations funds and dues has to deposited only to CRA account and not to State Chapter Accounts.
6. Powers and Duties of the office bearers has to be clarified and the same has to be approved in the EC.
7. President of the state shall be the sole responsible for effective usage, any misappropriation and for submission of Audited Income and Expenditure to CRA.

6-CRAEC/09 Any Other Matters -Open House

Discussion on Withdrawal Membership of CRA Radio Kissan Odisha Vice President East Mr.Pradeepta Dutta.

Mr. Pradeepta, Vice President East, addressed the members and clarified the situation regarding the allegations against him and our radio station, Radio Kissan. He expressed deep concern over these accusations, emphasizing that he has always operated with the utmost integrity and dedication to our mission. He reassured everyone that any attempts to tarnish his reputation or that of Radio Kissan are unfounded and baseless.



Regarding the withdrawal of membership by Organization AID, I want to clarify that I am the designated GOPA signatory for Radio Kissan. Therefore, any decisions regarding membership withdrawal should involve thorough consideration of all relevant factors, including my role as the authorized representative. As such, I have already initiated the process of informing the appropriate authority to reconsider their decision, emphasizing Radio Kissan's continued commitment to the association.

Furthermore, it is important to note that I am the sole representative of Radio Kissan within the association. At no point have I requested or endorsed the withdrawal of our membership from the Community Radio Association (CRA). Therefore, any actions taken against me or Radio Kissan in this regard would be unwarranted and unjust.

I humbly urge the President and all Executive Members to exercise discernment and impartiality in addressing this matter. Rather than hastily acting, I implore you to carefully consider the facts presented and act in the best interest of our organization and its members.

Dr.S.Chandrasekar, Vice President South suggested that the membership in CRA is only for CRS which has authorized license. Since the license of the CRS has been withdrawn by the MIB, automatically the membership in CRA also ceases. Hence the removal of member can be decided only in GB. However considering the facts presented by the Mr. Pradeepta, Vice President East, that he has approached MIB for considering the license for approval, hence we can consider him giving him time, but till the date he has no valid operating licence he shall not be able to continue as Member in CRA.

Ms.Sangya Tandon, Vice President Central suggested that due to non-availability of valid license which was cancelled by the MIB and the same was also shared to all members in CRA Whatsapp group, Mr.Pradeepta, Vice President East should not continue in CRA unless there is clarity from MIB on license.

Dr. Shivaraj Shastri Herur, EC Member also suggested that Mr.Pradeepta, Vice President East cannot continue as a member of CRA, however there is no need to remove him from CRA as automatically his membership gets cancelled due to non-availability of valid operating license.

Mr. Jitender Sharma Secretary General based on the discussion he feels that the Mr.Pradeepta, Vice President East has been affected by a conspiracy as mentioned by him and let us wait for the decision of the MIB regarding his License, till then he should not continue as a member.

After listening to all Dr. Hari Vinayak Kulkarni, President of the CRA, stated: "The Ministry has canceled the license of Radio Kissan and the basic requirement of CRA to be a member is to hold a valid license. Hence Mr.Pradeepta cannot be member of CRA. However the EC shall give him time of One Month to prove his innocence and submit a valid operating licensee, until then he cannot be a member of the CRA and he shall be removed from all communication of CRA, Mail WhatsApp group etc and shall not have



any privilege of a member. However he also assured that he shall not be removed from WhatsApp group of CRA Executive Committee till next EC meeting, before which he has to handover the operating license copy. He also assured that All Executive Members of the CRA shall support him, and if he needs any assistance, CRA shall help him."

The Resolution to this affect was passed with the consent of all the Executive Members.

6-CRAEC /10 Closing Remarks by the President

The President emphasized on Team work and felt the current EC meeting was fruitful towards the developments of CRA and its members.

6-CRAEC /11 Vote of Thanks by the Secretary

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

6-CRAEC /12 Meeting Adjournment

President adjourned the meeting at 06: 10 P.M

Recording Secretary

Secretary

President