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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes :- 29th Aug 2024

The Executive Committee of the Community Radio Association convened on 29th August 2024. The meeting was called to order by the CRA President and held virtually, beginning at approximately 5:00 PM.

The following notice had been circulated to the EC members in advance of the meeting.

Committee Meeting Notice

Dear Executive Committee Member,

You are cordially invited to attend the 7th Executive Committee of our Community Radio Association for the year 2024. The details are as follows:

Date: **29th August (Thursday) 2024**

Time: **05:00 P.M.**

Mode: **Virtual- Google Meet**

AGENDA

2024/7-CRAEC /01	Meeting Call to Order by President
2024/7-CRAEC /02	Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum
2024/7-CRAEC /03	Welcome Address by the President
2024/7-CRAEC /04	Opening Remarks by the President
2024/7-CRAEC /05	Adoption of Agenda
2024/7-CRAEC /06	Approval of Previous Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
2024/7-CRAEC /07	Officers' Report - Progress report of CRA from June 2023 to August 2024. 1. Secretary 2. President - Approval of Expenditures
2024/7- CRAEC/08	Discussion on conflicts of Interest CRA -Dr. Hari Vinayak Kulkarni,
2024/7- CRAEC/10	Clarification on Panchayati Raj pilot Project
2024/7- CRAEC/11	G.B Meeting-Discussion about planning, audit reports Status – Dr. Hari Vinayak Kulkarni
2024/7-CRAEC /12	Any Other Matters-Open House
2024/6-CRAEC /13	Closing Remarks by the President
2024/6-CRAEC /14	Vote of Thanks by the Secretary
2024/6-CRAEC /15	Meeting Adjournment

Place: **New Delhi**

Yours in CRA,

Mr. Jitender Sharma,
Secretary General



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7th CRA Executive Committee Meeting

7-CRAEC / 01 Meeting Call to Order

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

7-CRAEC / 02 Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established with 14 members present, while the other members were absent.

S.No.	Name of Person	Designation
Members Present for the Meeting:		
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.Sandeep Parmar	Vice President North
6	Dr. S Chandrasekar	Vice President South
7	Mr.Pahal Man Rai	Vice President North East
8	Mr.Paresh Kumar Patel	Vice President West
9	Ms.Gurjeet Kaur Chawla	Joint Secretary
10	Mr.Shivashankaraswamy	Joint Secretary
11	Ms. Gayatri Mhaske	Joint Secretary
12	Mr.Jagdishwar Yadav	EC Member
13	Dr. Shivaraj Shastri Herur	EC Member
14	Mr.Parshuram Srivastava	EC Member
Absentees		
1	Mr. Manish	EC Member
2	Dr. Sugandha Shrotriya	EC Member
3	Ms.Nidhi Sharma	EC Member
4	Dr. Sangeeta Kokoty	EC Member
5	Ms. Aarti Devi	EC Member
6	Ms. Barsha Chabaria	EC Member
7	Mr.Sandeep KR. Pandey	EC Member

7-CRAEC/3 & 4 Welcome and Opening remarks by the CRA President

The President of the Community Radio Association (CRA) extended a warm welcome to all members present at the meeting. He emphasized the importance of active participation in upcoming CRA programs and initiatives, urging each member to contribute fully to the association's growth and success. The President also highlighted the necessity of teamwork among the Executive Committee (EC) members, stressing that their collective efforts are crucial to strengthening both the CRA and its membership. He encouraged open



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communication and collaboration to ensure that the CRA continues to serve as a robust and supportive network for all its members.

2024/7-CRAEC / 05 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was Adopted by members for Discussion

2024/7-CRAEC / 06 Approval of Previous Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the 6th Executive Committee Meeting for 2023 were reviewed and unanimously approved without any corrections. The Secretary General, Mr. Jitender Sharma, read out the minutes during the meeting, ensuring that all members were informed of the proceedings and decisions from the previous session. The approval of the minutes reflects the committee's agreement on the accuracy and completeness of the recorded discussions and actions. This approval also signifies the continuity of the committee's work, providing a clear record of its activities and decisions moving forward.

2024/7-CRAEC /07 CRA Progress Power point presentation of CRA from June 2023 to August 2024.

A Power Point Present By Secretary General to all the EC

Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary General CRA first thanked to all members for the enormous of cooperations to board base the activities of CRA. He also urged all EC members to remain united and positive in their efforts for CRA. He highlighted that there are individuals and organizations who are not in favor of CRA's growth or its ability to secure projects from the government and other agencies. Therefore, it is crucial for the members to work together, maintaining a strong and cohesive front to ensure CRA's continued success and expansion.

He listed many highlights as given below:

Highlights of work done

- 1- **Meri Mati Mera Desh Campaign:** A national initiative by the Ministry of Culture, with 200 Community Radio Stations serving as implementing partners across the country.
- 2- **Avian Media Campaign:** Successfully conducted by 4 Community Radio Stations.
- 3- **Ministry of Panchayati Raj:** Outreach initiative to promote government schemes and programs through Community Radio Stations, currently active in 15 CRS across three states.
- 4- **WAVES:** Invitation for Award Entries - WAVES Competition: A Community Radio Content Challenge.

CRA Support To CRS



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1. CRA has been actively collaborating with DAVP, participating in meetings, and providing assistance to stations with empanelment, payments, pending bills, and campaigns.
2. Regular follow-ups have been conducted with WPC regarding the renewal of the Wireless Operating License (WOL) and related online payment issues, as well as challenges associated with the Saral Sanchar portal, including user IDs and passwords.
3. CRA has diligently pursued the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting for the renewal of licenses and GOPA renewals for its member stations. Despite being a time-consuming process, many stations have successfully received their renewal letters as a result of these efforts.

Proposal Submitted for Funding

Mr. Jitender Sharma Said that we have held at least ten twelve meetings in every ministry and have also submitted the proposal.

- 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 Election Commission of India-Proposal
- Meeting With CDAC
- Meeting with LIC

CRA Representation:

- WAVES
- South Regional Sammlean
- North Regional Sammlean
- International Inclusion Alliance

CRA UNICEF Audit



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He also noted that UNICEF carries out various types of audits, including Compliance Audits with spot checks, MICRO Assessment Audits every five years, and Annual Audits conducted annually. Additionally, he mentioned that the requested HR-related documents and reports have been submitted to UNICEF. We are hopeful that this will lead to securing the next project from UNICEF in the near future.

Project In Pipelines

1. Proposal submitted to the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan, targeting 250 Community Radio Stations (CRS).
2. Proposal submitted to the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for awareness of AVYAY and PM DAKSH Schemes, covering 200 CRS.
3. Proposal to UNICEF for strengthening 120 Community Radios across India to effectively capture the voices, concerns, and good practices of community members.
4. Proposal to the Ministry of Panchayati Raj for broadcasting various awareness programs related to rural issues and Panchayati Raj, involving 250 CRS.
5. Proposal to DST for empowering awareness of DST schemes through Community Radio Stations, targeting 100 CRS.
6. Avian Media project proposal for health issue awareness, involving 11 CRS.

Income & Expenditure Account For the Period 1st July 2023 to 31st July 2024

1. Mr. MSH Beg, Treasurer of CRA, presented the PowerPoint on financial matters. He reported that from July 2023 to June 2024, an amount of Rs. 50,09,851 was received from the Ministry of Culture, CRA membership fees, Avian Media, and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
2. Expenditure from July 2023 to July 2023 amounted to Rs. 44,27,715, covering salary, rent, consumables, Ministry of Culture CRS payments, and CRA office expenses.
3. The current Executive Committee has created a Fixed Deposit of Rs. 6,00,000 in the CRA account.

2024/7/08 : Discussion on conflicts of Interest CRA -Dr. Hari Vinayak Kulkarni,



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Dr. S. Chandrashekar, Vice President (South), Sangya Tandan, Vice President (Central), Sandeep Parmar, Vice President (North), Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary General of CRA, Mr. MSH Beg, Treasurer, Ms. Gayatri Mhaske, Joint Secretary, and Mr. Shivashankaraswamy, Joint Secretary, all raised similar concerns. They requested the President to address and clarify issues raised by members on various forums regarding conflicts of interest. They emphasized that silence will not resolve these issues and that clarity must be provided to all members.

Mr. Jitender Sharma reported that during a conference call with the President, Treasurer, and Vice President Dr. S. Chandrasekar, it was mutually agreed that any surplus from the workshops would be transferred to the CRA account.

Mr. Sandeep Parmar, Vice President of CRA, acknowledged the point but highlighted that there are two types of conflict of interest. Resolving one issue does not address the conflict of interest concerning the Radio Vishwas Ministry of Panchayati Raj Project. Dr. S. Chandrashekhar, Vice President South, emphasized that despite multiple discussions, the issue remains unresolved. He urged that the conflict of interest should be addressed, noting that it has been a recurring topic in both EC meetings and conference calls.

Mr. Hari Vinayk Kulkarni stated that Radio Vishwas received the project from the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting prior to the elections, thus eliminating any conflict of interest. However, he assured that a portion of the surplus amount received by Radio Vishwas will be contributed to the CRA bank account. Radio Vishwas will deposit this amount into CRA's account within one month.

Sandeep Parmar said that there is conflict of interest which is if you do not clear within fourteen days, then I will resign from Vice President post.

To address the issues, Dr. S. Chandrasekar and Jitender Sharma proposed conducting a vote among the members. The question put to the vote was: If the President of CRA transfers the surplus amount received by Radio Vishwas to CRA, will the EC members support the President regarding the conflict of interest issue?

The President received 11 votes in support, subject to certain conditions. Mr. Sandeep Parmar abstained from voting, and one member, Radio Manjeera, was unable to vote due to technical issues that caused him to leave the meeting.

The conditions for support included that the President must transfer the funds within one month and ensure that a work order from the Panchayat Raj for 250 radio stations is secured promptly.

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Clarification on Panchayati Raj Pilot Project

Mr. Sandeep Parmar, Vice President of CRA, questioned why the pilot project was not discussed in the Executive Committee (EC) and on what criteria the fifteen radio stations were selected. He raised concerns about including Radio Vishwas, given its existing conflict of interest. Ms. Gayatri Mhaske, Joint Secretary



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of CRA, echoed the need for clarity on the selection criteria for the fifteen radio stations. Ms. Sangya Tandon, Vice President Central CRA, emphasized that if EC members are not informed about ongoing projects, it undermines the ability to support them. She stressed the importance of keeping the CRA EC members informed about all CRA activities.

Mr. Hari Kulkarni clarified to the members that the Ministry of Panchayati Raj has announced a pilot project in three states involving 15 community radio stations (CRS). He mentioned that he was involved from the beginning and added Radio Vishwas to the list. He was unaware that this would become a significant issue. He further explained that CRA has submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Panchayati Raj for 250 CRS. If this proposal is approved, the 15 radio stations involved in the pilot project will not be included in the new project.

2024/7/10 G.B Meeting-Discussion about planning, audit reports Status – Dr. Hari Vinayak Kulkarni

Dr. Hari Vinayak Kulkarni mentioned that the GB West Zone Regional Sammelan will take place in the first week of October, with 140-150 CRA members expected to attend. For those unable to attend in person, an online platform will be made available. A formal notice, along with all necessary documents such as the Audit Report, Activity Report, and Project Status, will be issued 21 days prior to the event.

2024/7-CRAEC /11 Any Other Matters-Open House

2024/7-CRAEC /12 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.

7-CRAEC /13 Vote of Thanks by the Secretary

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

7-CRAEC /14 Meeting Adjournment

President adjourned the meeting at 07: 30 P.M

Recording Secretary

Secretary

President