

MINUTES OF 9th CRA Executive Committee Meeting

Organization: Community Radio Association (CRA)

Date: 04 October 2024

Time: 5:00 PM

Venue: Virtual Meeting (Online)

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	Mr.Sandeep Parmar	President
2	Mr.Jitender Sharma	Secretary General
3	Mr.M S H Beg	Treasurer
4	Ms.Sangya Tandon	Vice President Central
5	Dr. S Chandrasekar	Vice President South
6	Mr.Pahal Man Rai	Vice President North East
7	Mr.Paresh Kumar Patel	Vice President West
8	Ms.Gurjeet Kaur Chawla	Joint Secretary
9	Mr.Shivashankaraswamy	Joint Secretary
10	Ms. Gayatri Mhaske	Joint Secretary
11	Mr. Manish	EC Member
12	Mr.Jagdishwar Yadav	EC Member
13	Dr. Shivaraj Shastri Herur	EC Member
14	Mr.Parshuram Srivastava	EC Member

Absentees		
1	Dr. Sugandha Shrotriya	EC Member
2	Ms.Nidhi Sharma	EC Member
4	Dr. Sangeeta Kokoty	EC Member
5	Ms. Aarti Devi	EC Member
6	Ms. Barsha Chabaria	EC Member
1	Dr. Hari Vinayak Kulkarni	EC Member
7	Mr.Sandeep KR. Pandey	EC Member

Welcome and Opening remarks by the CRA President

The President of the Community Radio Association (CRA) warmly welcomed all members at the meeting and emphasized the importance of active participation in upcoming CRA programs and initiatives. He urged each member to contribute meaningfully to the association's growth and success. The President stressed the critical role of teamwork among the Executive Committee (EC) members, noting that their collective efforts are essential to strengthening both the CRA and its membership. He encouraged open communication and collaboration to ensure that the CRA remains a strong and supportive network for all its members.

He also mentioned that updates would be provided on recent activities, including the status of proposals submitted to various ministries. Additionally, he brought attention to a recent analysis of the Working Life (WOL) of radio stations, highlighting gaps that require advocacy at the ministry level, which CRA will take up on behalf of its members.

DAVP Meeting

Mr. Sandeep Parmar, President of CRA, mentioned that the association has received a notice for the CBC meeting scheduled for 7th October 2024. He asked members to share any issues they are facing with CBC and discussed how the CRA can assist in resolving these matters with the CBC agency.

GB Meeting CRA

Mr. Sandeep Parmar, President of CRA, stated that the General Body (GB) meeting is a key event in our future plans. He acknowledged Mr. Chandrashekhar, VP South, for preparing a detailed and focused agenda for the GB meeting. In today's meeting, we will also discuss the logistics of the GB meeting, including its structure, organization, and how we plan to manage it effectively.

EC Members Not Participation in EC Meeting

Several members have been inconsistent in attending the EC meetings—some attend occasionally, while others don't participate at all. We need to reach out to these members to understand the reasons behind their lack of participation and address any concerns they may have.

Travel & Logistics support to CRA EC Members.

If any CRA EC members are traveling for work within their states or to Delhi, we will also discuss how CRA can assist in arranging travel logistics for them.

States of WOL CRA Members

Sandeep Rana Presentation the status of google form received form CRS Stations

Status of WOL Renewal of CRA Members:

State	No. of CRA Members in States	Number of WOL Data Received CRS	Number of WOL Data Not Received CRS	One Year Deley	More Than Two Years Deley	Wrong Documents Upload
Andhra Pradesh	3	3	0	0	0	1
Arunachal Pradesh	1	0	1	0	0	0
Assam	3	3	0	0	0	0
Bihar	9	7	2	1	1	0
Chhaattisgarh	7	7	0	0	0	0
Delhi	2	2	0	1	0	0
Gujarat	9	7	2	1	0	0
Haryana	13	7	4	0	0	0
Himachal Pradesh	5	5	0	0	0	0
Jammu & Kashmir	6	2	4	0	0	1

Jharkhand	3	2	1	0	1	0
Karnataka	22	16	6		1	1
Kerala	15	13	2	0	1	0
Leh	1	0	1			
Madhya Pradesh	12	6	6	0	0	1
Maharashtra	34	33	1	0	6	1
Manipur	3	3	0	0	0	0
Nagaland	1	1	0	0	0	
Odisha	33	29	4	1	1	1
Puducherry	3	2	1	0	0	0
Punjab	6	4	2	0	0	0
Rajasthan	10	5	5	0	1	
Tamilnadu	29	25	4	0	0	1
Telangana	6	6	0	0	2	0
Tripura	1	1	0	0	0	1
Uttar Pradesh	39	31	8	1	2	2
Uttarakhand	7	5	2	0	0	2
West Bangal	8	8	0		2	1
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It was decided in the EC meeting that those radios who have not yet submitted the Google form will be given a final reminder and if even after that the details are not received then it will be assumed that those radios do not have valid WOL or they are not interested in doing the project.

Discussion on Dr. Nirmal Bhatnagar's Mail regarding WOL Renewal

Mr. Sandeep Parmar mentioned that we need to follow up with Dr. Nirmal Bhatnagar regarding the email about the WOL (Working Life) Renewal. Mr. Jitender Sharma, SG, assured that he would take responsibility for this task.

Discussion on Next GB Meeting Date

Dr. S Chandrasekar Presentation on GB Meeting: -

Proposed Date and Agenda for GB Meeting

Dr. S Chandrashekhar suggested holding the General Body (GB) meeting on **25th October 2025 at 10 a.m.** in **virtual mode**. He also proposed that the agenda for the GB meeting be shared with CRA members, along with the following documents:

- Audit report for the previous year
- Minutes of the last GB meeting
- Authorization letter format for non-GOPA holders
- Proposed amendments to the Memorandum of Association (MOA)

Additionally, Dr. Chandrashekhar discussed the tentative agenda with EC members, which includes the following presentations:

- **Common Digital Repository of Audio Programs** for sharing between CRS and public use, presented by **Dr. R. Sreedhar** (Patron)
- **CRA's Way Forward for the Next Five Years**, including the expected role of EC and member expectations, presented by **N.A. Shah Ansari**
- **Capacity Building Techniques and Technology**, presented by **Archana Kapoor**
- **Sustainable Development of Radio**, presented by **Man Mohan Singh**.
- **One more member from the group who also develop the sharing platform for audio content.**

Proposed Amendments to MOA

Item No	Read as per MOA	Reasons for Change	Proposed Amendment
14(iii)	Fund raising, if the amount exceeds Rs 25 Lakhs (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs). (iii) Receipt of grants/borrow money /loan/assistance;	Since the number of CRS station have increased to 300 and the Proposals are to be applied on behalf of all CRS. For ex. Rs.10000/- Per CRS will lead to 3 Cr worth of project	Fund raising, if the amount exceeds Rs 1 Crore(Rupees One Crore)
To be added to MOA		Bidding Projects against or parallel to CRA leading to conflict of Interest, adequate Compensation to be made to CRA	Any Member or Member Represented Organisation if Bids/ is awarded/granted Projects/Grants/Assistance from State/ National/ International/ Governmental/ Non Governmental Agencies which shall be deemed to work against CRA and will lead to Conflict of Interest. Hence the member shall be removed from primary membership for 6 years or a fee of 10% gross to CRA or project being done jointly with CRA with the successful applicant as the Man person to implement the project or will be termed to work against CRA and his/her membership stands cancelled or removed.

All EC Members Thankyou to Dr. S Chandrasekar for his work and approve the agenda GB Meeting.

Norms of Travel for EC members

Dr. S Chandrashekhar, Vice President South CRA, proposed tentative travel norms for EC members and requested suggestions for the final version.

KM of Travel	Mode of Travel	Reimbursement of Claim
More than 800 Kms	Flight	(Economy Class)
Above 300km but up to 600 km	Overnight Train/Bus	(3 Tier)
Between 100 to 300 km	AC Bus	Rs. 7 per kms for car and Rs 3 Per Kms for two-wheeler
Within 50Km	Own Vehicle	Rs. 7 per kms for car and Rs 3 Per Kms for two wheeler

Financial Discussion

Mr. Jitender Sharma presentation the Balance sheet of CRA FY 2023-24 for approval the EC Members. All EC Members approved the Balance sheet for final submission and audit report.

Dr. Gurjeet Kaur, Secretary General travel allowance of Rs 3650 for attended the WAVES Meetings has been approved by EC Meeting.

CRA Proposal Updates:

Sandeep Rana updates on CRA Proposals submitted to the Ministries.

UNICEF : Went to Review for Program Associates and financial department.

Ministry of Social justice: Wating for Work order hope we will received it next week.

Ministry of Panchayati Raj: Mr. MSH Beg and Sandeep Rana has meeting with Ministry of Panchayati Raj on 04th October we will submit some query and documents to Ministry on our Pan India Proposal.

Discussion on Vice President of Norh Zone and Wast Zone

This discussion is ongoing and under observation regarding the selection or appointment of the North VP, as well as how CRA will address Mr. Pradeep Dutta's association with the organization.

Vote of Thanks

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



Jitender Sharma

Secretary General