

MINUTES OF 11th CRA Executive Committee Meeting

Organization: Community Radio Association (CRA)

Date: 12 October 2024

Time: 5:00 PM

Venue: Virtual Meeting (Online)

Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established with 13 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 Chandrashekhar	Vice President South
6	Mr.Pahal Man Rai	Vice President North East
7	Dr. Gurjeet Kaur Chawla	Joint Secretary
8	Mr.Shivashankaraswamy	Joint Secretary
9	Mr. Manish	EC Member
10	Mr.Jagdishwar Yadav	EC Member
11	Dr. Shivaraj Shastri Herur	EC Member
12	Mr.Parshuram Srivastava	EC Member
13	Dr. Sangeeta Kokoty	EC Member
	Absence on Leave	
1.	Mr.Paresh Kumar Patel	Vice President West
Absentees		
1	Ms.Nidhi Sharma	EC Member

2	Dr. Sugandha Shrotriya	EC Member
3	Ms. Gayatri Mhaske	Joint Secretary
4	Ms. Aarti Devi	EC Member
5	Ms. Barsha Chabaria	EC Member
6	Dr. Hari Vinayak Kulkarni	President
7	Mr.Sandeep KR. Pandey	EC Member

Welcome and Opening remarks by the CRA President

The Secretary General of CRA, Mr. Jitender Sharma, invited the President to initiate the meeting following the pre-set agenda, extending a warm welcome to the President and all attending members. The President, Mr. Sandeep Parmar, then formally welcomed everyone and officially opened the meeting.

Mr. Sandeep Parmar, President of CRA, requested Dr. S. Chandrashekhar, Vice President of CRA, to present the zone-wise and state-wise status of Community Radio Stations (CRS) applications for the MSJE Project.

Zone wise Status of CRS Applied for Project

Dr. S. Chandraskar Vice President CRA presentation zone wise of CRS applied for project

Zone	Applied for Project	Non CRA	CRA Member	Not Applied	Total CRS	Eligible	Not Eligible
Central	12	0	12	8	20	12	0
North	57	0	57	25	82	54	3
South	68	4	64	15	79	60	4
East	39	1	38	14	52	33	5
West	33	1	32	22	54	29	3
Noth East	9	0	9	1	10	7	2
	218	6	212	85	297	195	17

State wise Status of CRS Applied for Project

State	Total CRS	Applied for Project	Non CRA	Eligible	Not Eligible	Not Applied
Chattishgarh	7	7	0	7	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	13	4	0	7	0	6
Bihar	9	6	0	5	1	3
Jharkhand	3	2	0	1	1	1
Odisha	34	28	1	25	2	7
West Bengal	6	3	0	2	1	3
Delhi	2	2	0	2	0	0
Haryana	15	10	0	9	1	5
Himachal Pradesh	5	5	0	5	0	0
Jammu & Kashmir	6	1	0	1	0	5
Leh	1	0	0	0	0	1
Punjab	6	2	0	2	0	4
Uttar Pradesh	40	31	0	30	1	9
Uttrakhand	7	6	0	5	1	1
Assam	3	3	0	3	0	0
Manipur	3	2	0	2	0	1
Arunachal Pradesh	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tripura	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nagaland	1	0	0	0	0	0
West Sikkim	1	0	0	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	3	5	2	3	0	0
Karnataka	22	19	1	18	0	4
Kerala	16	9	0	8	1	8
Puducherry	3	3	0	3	0	0
Tamil Nadu	29	25	0	23	2	4
Telangana	6	7	1	5	1	0
Gujarat	9	4	0	4	0	5
Rajasthan	10	6	0	5	1	4
Maharashtra	35	23	1	20	2	13

Dr. S Chandrashekhar Vice President CRA Said that we have sent MOU to 195 radio owners so far. MOU will be sent to the remaining 5 radio owners by tomorrow.

Signed MOU received from selected CRS

Sandeep Rana, National Coordinator of CRA, reported that 23 hard copies of invoices and 32 soft copies of MOUs have been received to date. He noted that he is in regular follow-up with CRS partners regarding MOUs and assured that all partner CRS MOUs are expected to be received by next week.

Contracting of Script Writers: -

Ms. Sangya Tandon, Vice President of CRA, announced that a WhatsApp group has been created to facilitate script writing coordination. She shared that three scripts have been received so far—two in Hindi and one in English. Sandeep Rana has forwarded these scripts to the Ministry for review, and approval is expected next week. Additionally, script development on other topics is currently underway.

Mr. Sandeep Parmar, President of CRA, stated that all finalized script writers will be required to sign a Terms of Reference (TOR) agreement. He further mentioned that CRA will prepared 24 scripts in Hindi, which have been submitted to the Ministry for approval. Once approved, these scripts will be translated into English and additional regional languages by Radios—namely, Assamese, Odia, Bengali, Gujarati, Tamil, Marathi, Manipuri, Malayalam, Kannada, and Bhojpuri. Northern region CRS partners will broadcast the content in Hindi.

Project Appraisal Committee (PAC)

Representative from MSJE	Nominated by the MSJE
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Mr.Sandeep Parmar	President CRA
Dr. S Chandrashekhar	Project Director-AVYAY & VP-South-CRA
Mr.Jitender Sharma	Secretary General
Mr.M S H Beg	Treasurer
Dr.Gurjeet Kaur Chawla	Joint Secretary
Ms.Sangya Tandon	Vice President Central
Mr.Sandeep Rana	Liaisoning & Project Officer-Appointed to Represent CRA in MSJE

Project Monitoring & Implementation Committee

State	Name	CRS	State	Name	CRS
Andhra Pradesh &Telengana	Mr.Jagdish Yadav	4+5	Karnataka	Mr. Shivashankarswamy & Dr. Rashmi Ammembala	18
Assam	Ms.Swapani Bhuyan	3	Kerala	Fr. Bijo Thomas	8
Bihar	Mr. Sandeep Pandey	6	Madhya Pradesh	Mr. Manish Samadhiya	6
Gujarat	Mr. Paresh Patel & Mr. Abhijit Singh Rathore	5	Maharashtra	Dr.Hari Vinayak Kularni & Mr. Ajay Tigaonkar	22
Delhi	Ms. Varsah Chabriya	2	Manipur	Ms. Swapani Bhuyan & Mr. Pahal man Rai	2
Chaattisgarh	Ms. Sangya Tondon	7	Nagaland		1
Haryana	Dr. B.S Panwar & Mr.Pushp Sing Dr. B.S Panwar &	9	West Sikkim	Dr. Shisir Das, Mr. Amiya Biswal & Dr. Bikash Mohapatra	1
Himachal Pradesh		5	Odissa		24
Jammu & Kashmir	Dr. B.S Panwar	1	Puducherry	Ms. Gayatri Usman	3
Punjab	Mr.Pushp Singh Thakur	2	Tamil Nadu	Mr.Prashuram, Mr. Vinod Singh &Varsha Chabriya	23
Uttrakhand		5	Uttar Pradesh		30
Jharkhand	Mr. Sandeep Pandey	1	West Bengal	Dr.Shris das	2

Honorarium and Travel of Program Implementation Team

Mr. Sandeep Parmar, President of CRA, instructed that the honorarium and travel expenses for the program implementation team be finalized. Dr. S. Chandrasekhar, Mr. Jitender Sharma, Ms. Sangya Tandon, and Sandeep Rana will hold a Zoom meeting to discuss and set the honorarium and travel allowances for the team.

Communication with Ministry of Social Justice

Mr. Sandeep Parmar said that All communication with the ministry will be done by Dr. S Chandrashekhar.

WAVES State Level Orientations

Sandeep Rana, National Coordinator of CRA, noted that only a small number of entries have been received for the WAVES Community Radio Content Challenges. He recommended organizing state-level orientation sessions on WAVES to encourage participation. In response, Mr. Sandeep Parmar, President of CRA, requested that Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary General of CRA, arrange these WAVES orientation sessions at the state level to ensure CRA receives a higher number of award entries.

Discussion on Mr. Ansari Ji's Letter to the Secretary-General

It was agreed that, as a former president of CRA, Mr. Ansari's concerns should be addressed with due consideration. After discussion, the EC has decided to respond to his points as follows:

- **Point One:** All EC meeting minutes since April 2021 are accessible on CRA's website. Mr. Ansari, or anyone interested, can view them at the following link: [CRA Documents](#).
- **Point Three:** Relevant details related to this point are also available on the CRA website. They can be accessed here: [CRA Documents](#).
- **Points Two and Four:** The financial and accounting records requested are confidential and cannot be shared publicly, with the exception of the Balance Sheet, which is available on CRA's website. As a respected Past President of CRA, Mr. Ansari is welcome to personally inspect the requested records at the CRA office. We kindly request advance notice of his visit so the CRA Office Team can facilitate his inspection accordingly.

Vote of Thanks

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

Jitender Sharma



Secretary General