

**MINUTES OF 17th CRA Executive Committee Meeting**

**Organization:** Community Radio Association (CRA)

**Date:** 10 March 2025

**Time:** 3:00 PM

**Venue:** Virtual Meeting (Online)

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**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
<b>Members Present for the Meeting:</b>		
1	Mr.Sandeep Parmar	President
2	Mr.Jitender Sharma	Secretary General
3	Mr. Pahal Man Rai	Vice President North East
4	Ms. Sangya Tandon	Vice President Central
5	Mr. Paresh Kumar Patel	Vice President West
6	Mr. Shivashankaraswamy	Joint Secretary
7	Dr. Gurjeet Kaur Chawla	Joint Secretary
8	Ms. Gayatri Mhaske	Joint Secretary
9	Ms. Barsha Chabaria	EC Member
10	Mr.Jagdishwar Yadav	EC Member
11	Dr. Shivaraj Shastri Herur	EC Member
12	Dr. Sangeeta Kokoty	EC Member
13	Dr. Sugandha Shrotriya	EC Member
14	Mr.Parshuram Srivastava	EC Member
<b>Leave of Absence</b>		
1	Dr. S Chandrasekar	Vice President South
2.	MSH Beg	Treasurer

2	<b>Absentees</b>	
1	Ms. Aarti Devi	EC Member
2	Mr. Manish	EC Member
3	Dr. Hari Vinayak Kulkarni	EC
4	Mr.Sandeep KR. Pandey	EC Member

### **Welcome and Opening remarks by the CRA President**

Mr. Jitender Sharma, **Secretary General of CRA**, requested the **President** to commence the meeting as per the **pre-decided agenda** and extended a warm welcome to the **President and all members**.

President **Mr. Sandeep Parmar** then welcomed everyone and officially opened the meeting. Mr. Sandeep Parmar said that we have received good response form the our stake holders and Ministry's on our MSJE AVYAY CRA Project.

### **Status of Community Radio Content Challenge WAVES AWARD**

#### **Community Radio Content Challenge and WAVES Award Update**

Mr. **Jitender Sharma**, Secretary General of the **Community Radio Association (CRA)**, provided an update on the status of the **Community Radio Content Challenge WAVES Award**.

He shared that the **Community Radio Content Challenge (National Level)** began on **1st October 2024** and concluded on **15th December 2024**. A total of **246 entries** were received from across India, out of which **175 entries** were shortlisted.

The evaluation process involves **two levels of jury assessment** — one at the **zonal level** and another at the **national level**. The zonal-level screening process is currently underway and is expected to be completed by **25th January 2025**. Following this, **18 entries** will move forward to the **semifinal round**. The details of the **national-level jury members** will be announced by **15th March 2025**.

In addition to the national competition, Mr. Jitender Sharma mentioned that CRA is also participating in the **International Community Radio Content Challenge**. So far, **13 international entries** have been received from countries including **Nepal, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Malawi, and Lesotho**. The list of international jury members has been submitted to the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** for approval.

Regarding the **WAVES Award event**, Mr. Jitender Sharma informed that the stall booking fee in **Delhi** was **₹2,65,000** for a **9 sqm** space. However, in **Mumbai**, the minimum space booking requirement has increased to **30 sqm** at a rate of **₹50,000 per sqm**. Consequently, if CRA books a stall in Mumbai, the total cost would be **₹15,00,000 + GST**.

In response, **Mr. Sandeep Parmar**, President of CRA, advised Mr. Jitender Sharma to contact the **WAVES nodal officer** to discuss the matter. He suggested requesting a possible **discount** on the space booking fee, considering the significantly higher cost in Mumbai.

## **Review on MSJE Project – Reports Status, Work Plan, Payments**

Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary General CRA, presentation on MSJE AVYAY Project he told that 200 CRS participants in MSJE AVYAY Project out of them we have received 182 CRS Reports, 130 CRS payment has been transferring 24 CRS payment will be under process, 11 CRS reports not received and 32 CRS are reports Gap.

### **SMC Claim**

Mr. **Jitender Sharma** stated that the **State Monitoring Committee (SMC)** has claimed an amount of **₹1,59,999** (One Lakh Fifty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine) for **18 SMC members** under the **MSJE AVYAY Project**. He further informed that a **resolution** was passed during the **Executive Committee (EC) meeting** to proceed with the payment for the SMC members.

### **State Chapter -Role and Responsibilities: -**

Mr. **Sandeep Parmar**, President of CRA, mentioned that although **State Chapters** were established last year, they have not shown active participation so far. To address this, he announced that **Mr. B.S. Panwar**, CRA Advisor, will take the lead in coordinating with all State Chapters.

Mr. Parmar further stated that **Mr. Panwar** will conduct **weekly meetings** with the State Chapter representatives and deliver a **presentation** outlining their **roles and responsibilities** to enhance engagement and streamline their activities.

### **Discussion on Finance Committee Meeting in Delhi**

Mr. **Sandeep Parmar**, President of CRA, stated that a **Financial Committee** was formed during the last **Executive Committee (EC) meeting**. The committee members include:

- **Mr. Paresh Patel**
- **Mr. Sandeep Parmar**
- **Dr. S. Chandrasekar**
- **Mr. Jitender Sharma**
- **Mr. M.S.H. Beg**

He further informed that the committee will convene **monthly meetings** at the **CRA office in Delhi** to review financial documents and ensure proper financial oversight. A **resolution** approving this was passed during the EC meeting.

### **CRA Project Pipeline Status**

Mr. **Jitender Sharma**, Secretary General of CRA, presented an update on CRA's **project pipeline** to the **EC Members**. He mentioned that CRA has submitted project proposals to the following organizations:

- **UNICEF**
- **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**
- **Ministry of Social Justice**

- **NDMA (National Disaster Management Authority)**
- **CDAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing)**
- **MoSPI (Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation)**
- **Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**

He informed that these projects are currently in the pipeline and are expected to commence in the **next financial year**.

Additionally, Mr. Sharma mentioned that CRA had requested **CEMCA** (Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia) to conduct a **webinar on documentation and report preparation** in collaboration with CRA. He confirmed that **CEMCA** has agreed to organize the webinar next week.

#### **Discussion on Facilitation charge for New Applicants, CRA Members, Non-Members**

Mr. **Sandeep Parmar**, President of CRA, suggested that since CRA has been consistently assisting **new applicants** and **non-members** in setting up **Community Radio Stations (CRS)** — including guidance on **GOPA, WOL, DL, and CBC** issues — a **facilitation charge** should be introduced to support CRA's revenue generation.

He highlighted that this matter was previously discussed during the **last EC meeting**.

Mr. **Jitender Sharma**, Secretary General of CRA, proposed that CRA could charge a **₹10,000** (Ten Thousand) facilitation fee from new applicants for **filing the WOL application**, ensuring structured support and guidance throughout the process.

#### **Vote of Thanks**

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



Jitender Sharma

Secretary General