

MINUTES OF 21th CRA Executive Committee Meeting

Community Radio Association

Minutes of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting

Date: 01 August 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Venue: Online

Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established with 18 members present, while the other members were absent.

| S.No. | Name of Person | Designation |
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| Members Present for the Meeting: | | |
| 1 | Mr.Sandeep Parmar | President |
| 2 | Mr.Jitender Sharma | Secretary General |
| 4 | MSH Beg | Treasurer |
| 5 | Dr. S Chandrasekar | Vice President South |
| 6 | Mr. Pahal Man Rai | Vice President North East |
| 7 | Ms. Sangya Tandon | Vice President Central |
| 8 | Mr. Paresh Kumar Patel | Vice President West |
| 9 | Mr. Shivashankaraswamy | Joint Secretary |
| 10 | Dr. Gurjeet Kaur Chawla | Joint Secretary |
| 11 | Ms. Gayatri Mhaske | Joint Secretary |
| 12 | Mr.Sandeep KR. Pandey | EC Member |
| 13 | Mr.Parshuram Srivastava | EC Member |
| 14 | Mr.Jagdishwar Yadav | EC Member |
| 15 | Mr. Manish | EC Member |
| 16 | Ms. Barsha Chabaria | EC Member |
| 17 | Dr. Sangeeta Kokoty | EC Member |
| 18 | Dr. Shivaraj Shastri Herur | EC Member |
| Leave of Absence | | |
| 1 | Dr. Sugandha Shrotriya | EC Member |

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome by the CRA President, who appreciated the active participation of all members.

2. Chairperson's Address

The Chairperson emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts to strengthen Community Radio Stations (CRS) across India, underscoring the need for transparent functioning and the effective implementation of ongoing projects.

3. Assessment of AVYAY CRA Project Report – Presented by Dr. S. Chandrasekhar

- Dr. Chandrasekhar shared the progress and outcomes of the AVYAY CRA project, reporting that 20 Community Radio Station (CRS) evaluations have been conducted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- As per the **ground reports** and discussions held with CRS representatives, the evaluation outcomes were **very positive**, reflecting good performance and impact.
- **Dr. S Chandrasekar and Mr. Sandeep Rana are in regular touch with both CRS partners and the Evaluation Team**, ensuring smooth coordination and follow-up.
- Members shared constructive feedback and suggested areas for further improvement in outreach and reporting.

4. Induction of New EC Members – Led by Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary General

Mr. Jitender Sharma informed the members that, as approved in the AGM meeting, new EC members will be joining the CRA Executive Committee.

He announced the following inductions:

- North Zone: Ms. Sangmitra, Radio Deshbhagat
- East Zone: Mr. Amol Deshmukh, Radio Manbhavan
- North Zone: Dr. Lokesh Sharma, Radio Banasthali

He further stated that he will send an official communication to all concerned members for NOC (No Objection Certificate) formalities.

The EC welcomed the new members and acknowledged their upcoming contributions to CRA's initiatives.

5. Community Radio Association Fixed Deposit (FD) Status – Presented by Mr. Jitender Sharma & Mr. Sandeep Parmar

He presented the CRA bank accounts (Main A/c, MSJE A/c, Salary A/c, and Membership A/c) balances till date. He also shared the details of the Fixed Deposits. He informed that in ICICI Bank, CRA has created a Membership FD of ₹30,50,000 and from the Main A/c, FDs of ₹10,00,000 and ₹1,00,000 each. He further presented the expenses of the various accounts and informed that the total expenditure till date is ₹40,18,096.

6. Consideration of Salary Increments – Discussion led by Mr. Jitender Sharma & Dr. S. Chandrasekhar

The discussion on salary increments was led by Mr. Jitender Sharma and Dr. S. Chandrasekhar.

Mr. Jitender Sharma highlighted that there has been **no salary increment for the past 28 months**. Mr. Sandeep Parmar, President CRS, further pointed out that **Mr. Sandeep Rana has been working with CRA for the last 8 years**, but there is **no provision of Insurance, PF, Gratuity, and timely increments**. He formally placed these concerns before the Committee.

The Committee, comprising **Dr. S. Chandrasekhar, Mr. Paresh Patel, Mr. Jitender Sharma, and Dr. Gurjeet Kaur**, reviewed the matter in detail and agreed to present their recommendations in the **next EC meeting**.

It was also suggested that, along with salary increments, **Insurance, PF and Gratuity facilities should be introduced** for staff welfare.

7. Update on Meeting with CRS Director – Presented by Mr. Sandeep Parmar, President CRA

Mr. Sandeep Parmar, President CRA informed that he, along with Mr. Sandeep Rana, had a meeting with the CRS Director to discuss various issues related to Community Radio Stations. He highlighted that the major concern is that many CRS have not applied for the Financial Assistance Schemes. Till date, only 184 CRS have applied, out of which 44 cases are under approval.

He further conveyed that during the meeting; he requested the Director to organize zone-wise webinars to guide CRS on Financial Assistance Schemes. The Director has agreed, and these webinars will be conducted zone-wise starting next week.

8. Closing Remarks – By Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary General

Mr. Sharma expressed gratitude to all members for their active participation. He emphasized timely execution of action points and collaborative efforts to enhance CRA's initiatives.



Jitender Sharma

Secretary General