

Community Radio Association (CRA)

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

Date: 17January 2025 (Saturday)

Time: 04:00 PM – 05:00 PM

Venue: Online / As convened

Chair: Mr. Sandeep Parmar, President, CRA

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
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.Jagdishwar Yadav	EC Member
14	Mr. Manish	EC Member
15	Ms. Barsha Chabaria	EC Member
16	Dr. Sangeeta Kokoty	EC Member
17	Dr. Shivaraj Shastri Herur	EC Member
18	Dr. Sugandha Shrotriya	EC Member
	Absent	
1	Amol Deshmukh	EC Member
2	Sangmitra	EC Member
3	Mr.Parshuram Srivastava	EC Member

4	Lokesh Sharma	EC Member
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Agenda-wise Proceedings

1. Opening Remarks

Chair: Mr. Sandeep Parmar, President, CRA

The meeting commenced with opening remarks by the President, who welcomed all members and outlined the key objectives of the Executive Meeting.

2. CRA Accounts Details – Bank Balance and Account Update

Presented by: Mr. Jitender Sharma

Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary, CRA, presented the status of CRA's bank accounts, including the **Main Account, Salary Account, and CRA Fixed Deposit (FD) Account.**

He informed the Committee that, **as on date,** CRA has **Fixed Deposits amounting to a total of Rs. 43,50,000.** The breakup of the Fixed Deposits is as follows:

- **Rs. 11,00,000** is maintained as Fixed Deposits with the **Central Bank of India.**
- **Rs. 32,50,000,** pertaining to **membership deposits,** is maintained as Fixed Deposits with **ICICI Bank.**
- Out of the above, **03 Fixed Deposits are pledged as Bank Guarantees with the Central Bank of India** for the **WASH Project.**

Mr. Jitender Sharma said that the first installment will be transferred to 42 CRS partners on 20th January 2025 for the WASH project.

Status of the WAVES proposal and CRA's approach for CSR funding

Dr. S. Chanderskar informed us that the proposal for WAVES 2 has been submitted to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. He also shared that Mr Sandeep Rana and I met with Mr. Anubhav Singh regarding the proposal, and he is happy with our submission. Mr. Anubhav mentioned that the Community Radio Association (CRA) is being considered as a partner for WAVES 2, as CRA performed well during the first edition of WAVES. He also appreciated the concept note submitted for WAVES 2. However, he advised that for funding, we should explore CSR funds. The Ministry will also support the initiative with some funding. Dr. Chanderskar further mentioned that we have requested the Ministry to issue an official letter stating that CRA is a partner for WAVES 2. This letter will help us approach CSR donors with proper documentation. We expect to receive this letter from the Ministry within one month.

Mr. Sandeep Parmar, President CRA said that we need to prepare a clear activity calendar for WAVES. we also need to develop CRA brochures so that whenever we approach any organization for CSR funding, we can carry the brochure and clearly present the work done by CRA.

He also mentioned that we have not yet received the WAVES part 01 video that was supposed to be prepared by Mr. Jitender Sharma. Mr. Jitender Sharma informed that he has started work on the WAVES video, and that he will share it next week.

Discuss on World Radio Day Discussion on the BharatGen portal

Dr. Chandrasekar said that this year the theme of World Radio Day is AI, and CRA has already been working on AI-related initiatives with BharatGen for last some time. He also informed that two days ago he met Mr. Nilesh from BharatGen to discuss AI tools.

Mr. Sandeep Rana said that if the EC gives permission to the BharatGen team in this EC meeting, they can provide a demo and orientation to the EC members immediately. The EC granted permission to the BharatGen team.

Mr. Nilesh oriented all EC members about BharatGen AI tools and explained how these tools would be beneficial for CRS stations.

Mr. Sandeep Parmar said that we should conduct state-wise AI orientation sessions with CRS stations. He informed that a Google Sheet should be created and shared with CRS stations for registration for the AI Workshop on World Radio Day.

He also informed Mr. Sandeep Rana that the Google Sheet will be shared with CRS stations within the next two days.

Discussion on CRA Newsletter

Ms. Sangya Tandon, Vice President CRA said that the last two editions of the CRA newsletter have not been released because the CRA newsletter team is no longer working in the same manner, and there has also been a lack of support from CRA EC members.

Mr. Sandeep Parmar said that the CRA newsletter is now being prepared very well and appreciated the work being done. He requested Ms. Sangya to kindly coordinate with the CRA newsletter team to ensure that the newsletter work is completed, and to make changes to the CRA newsletter team if required.

He also requested the CRA EC members to support the newsletter by sharing relevant material from their respective zones and states for inclusion in the CRA newsletter.

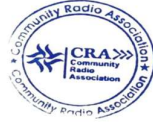
Announcements and Closing Remarks

By: Mr. Jitender Sharma

- No additional announcements were made.
 - The Secretary General thanked all members for their participation.
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Conclusion

The meeting concluded at **05:00 PM** with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Jitender Sharma