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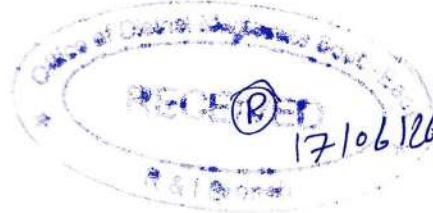
Subject: Submission of General Boldy Minutes of Meeting held on 02 May 2026

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the Minutes of the General Body Meeting of the Community Radio Association held on 02 May 2026.

We request you to kindly take the enclosed documents on record.

Jitender Sharma
Secretary General



Community Radio Association (CRA)
Minutes of Annual General Meeting (AGM) Dated 02 May 2026
At Central Bureau Communication Sookna Bhawan
New Delhi

Summary of the Minutes of Annual General Meeting (AGM) of CRA

The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of the **Community Radio Association (CRA)** was held on **02 May 2026** at **CBC Sookna Bhawan New Delhi**, from **10:30 AM to 1:30 PM**.

The meeting was presided over by **Mr. Jitender Sharma**, Secretary General, CRA. **Mr. Sandeep Parmar**, President, CRA, welcomed all member participants to the session.

The meeting started with an address by the father of Community Radio Station, Dr. R. Sreedhar. He was congratulated by Padma Shri Mr. Sandeep Parmar, President of CRA, who appreciated the valuable contributions of Dr. R. Sreedhar.

All EC members and CRA members congratulated Dr. Sreedhar on receiving the Padma Shri Award.

The President of CRA also thanked CBC for the support and stability provided, including the venue arrangements for the GB meeting.

The President also welcomed **135 members** who attended the meeting, including **20 EC members** present in person and **135 members** via the Zoom platform. **Dr. R. Sreedhar**, Patron of CRA, actively participated in the discussions.

Quorum and Resolutions:

- **Dr. S. Chandrasekhar**, Vice President, confirmed that the quorum for the meeting was complete.
- The resolution confirming the quorum and approval of the previous Annual General Body Minutes was passed by the house.

The President of CRA invited Dr. R. Sreedhar to share his guidance and words of wisdom. Dr. R. Sreedhar thanked the President and CRA members, and congratulated CRA on its success and achievements. The President of CRA also appreciated Dr. R. Sreedhar and said that CRA will organize a special event after Dr. R. Sreedhar receives the Padma Shri Award, and all members will be invited to attend.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING (AGM) OF CRA:

- **Agenda:**
 - Mr. Jitender Sharma initiated the agenda by informing the house that the minutes of the last AGM had already been shared with all CRA members.
 - Members were encouraged to post any queries or concerns regarding the minutes in the chat box during the meeting, which would be addressed at the end of the session.

Key Presentations:

- **Mr. Jitender Sharma** highlighted CRA's activities, achievements, statement of accounts, Presentation of audited accounts, CRA Membership status, Networking and Support, Capacity Building Programs Finance Status Detailed report on projects completed during the last period and annual reports for the year 2025-26
- **Dr. S. Chandrasekar**, Vice President, CRA, provided an update on:
 - CRA HR Policy SOP



- **Mr. Paresh Patel**, Vice President CRA provided update on:
 - Finance Policy SOP

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING (AGM) OF CRA:

Presentation by Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary General, CRA

In accordance with the agenda, Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary General, CRA, gave a comprehensive presentation highlighting the key activities and notable achievements of CRA for the financial year 2025-26. He informed the members that two General Body (GB) Meetings and nine Executive Committee (EC) Meetings were successfully held during the year. During the presentation, he covered the following key points:

- CRA Governance and Transparency.
- Key Achievements-Highlights of CRA FY 2025-26
- Networking and Supporting for CRA Members
- Report on CRA Participation and Presence in WAVES
- Detailed report on projects completed during the last period
- Highlights and outcomes
- Financial Overview and Account Transparency
- Update on Upcoming Projects and Funding Opportunities
- Status and Action Taken on PPL Notice Issued to CRS
- Strengthening Ties: India & Nepal's Community Radio Associations Meet for Future Collaboration
- Program implementation and capacity-building initiatives.
- Liaisoning with agencies and positioning CRA among funding organizations.
- Networking and linkages at **national and international levels**.
- Launch of CRA Newsletter Committee

Fundraising during the last One Year i.e. 2025-26

Financial Highlights for FY 2025-26

Ministry Of Jal Shakti: 100 CRS Covered Duration 08 Months Sanction Amount Rs. 60,000,00

NFDC/WAVES: 500 CRS Duration 03 Monts Sanction Amount Rs 6,68,000

NSDC/SIDH Campaign: 30 CRS Covered Duration One Months Sanction Amount Rs 10,56,000

CEMCA: Sancton Amount 16,000 for Capacity building Orientation.

Kharif/PMBFY Campaign: 70CRS Covered Duration 08 Months Sanction Amount Rs 33,83,770

SMART Metet Campaign: 05 CRS Covered Duration one Months Sanction Amount Rs 1,12,000

Mr. Jitender Sharma stated that several proposals submitted by CRA are currently in the pipeline. CRA has submitted proposals to NDMA, the Ministry of Social Justice, the Ministry of Jal Shakti, CEMCA, WAVES, UNICEF, and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, which are under consideration.

Mr. Jitender Sharma shared that CRA, in collaboration with the Ministry of Information, also conducted capacity-building programs for Community Radio Stations (CRS). These programs included guidance on how to apply for awards, how to use the navigate portal, and how to apply for financial assistance. Around 300+ CRS representatives participated in these orientation programs.

Mr. Jitender Sharma shared how CRA continuously held meetings with MIB, WPC, and CBC to address issues related to CRS, including GOPA, WOL, and other operational matters. CRA also facilitated and supported more than 300 CRS in the renewal of WOL, GOPA, and resolving CBC-related issues.



He also shared that CRA organized orientation sessions for CRS along with CBC officials. During these sessions, issues related to billing, CBC portal operations, and bank account updates were addressed and resolved. CRS representatives were also guided on how to upload bills on the CBC portal.

Mr. Jitender Sharma shared that CRA has also provided support for new CRS applications this year. CRA assisted in filing around 8 to 10 CRS applications, out of which some have reached the LOI stage, while others are still under process.

Mr. Jitender Sharma shared about CRA's collaboration with Reliance Foundation and Bhartgen for partnership initiatives, which include: Technology, Content Creation Enhancement, Content Sharing Application and Capacity Building for CRS.

He informed that CRA extended its support to IIMC and MIB in organizing the Regional Sammlean. Dr. Chandrashekar supported the South Zone activities, while Ms. Barsha Chabriya supported the North Zone activities.

CRA Membership

Regarding the growth of CRA membership, Mr. Jitender Sharma shared that in 2018–19, CRA had 92 voting members, which has increased to 350 members as of 31 March 2026.

CRA Fixed Deposit

Regarding the CRA Fixed Deposits, Mr. Jitender Sharma shared the details with the CRA members. He informed that CRA has fixed deposits worth ₹34,50,000 maintained with ICICI Bank.

This includes two FDs of ₹30,00,000 and ₹50,000. The interest earned every month is credited to the CRA ICICI Membership Account, and along with the CRS membership fees, it is further converted into Fixed Deposits.

He also shared that CRA has Fixed Deposits amounting to ₹11,00,000 in the main account, which are the savings remaining from project funds. Out of this amount, three FDs have been kept with the bank as Bank Guarantees for the WASH project.

The total Fixed Deposit amount of CRA is ₹45,50,000

Mr. Sandeep Parmar, President, CRA, commended Mr. Sharma on the comprehensive presentation and appreciated the collaborative efforts of the entire team in undertaking new initiatives. He then invited participants to share their queries, if any.

Item General Body Approval

Budget for Next 12 Months

Mr. Jitender Sharma shared the details of the budget that had been approved during the last GB Meeting and informed the GB members about the expenditures incurred.

He also presented the budget of RS 16,60,00 for the next one year in the GB Meeting with CRS members for approval, including salary and office expenses. The GB approved the budget for one year, and a resolution was passed in the GB Meeting regarding the transfer of funds from the Main Account to the Salary Account.

Mr. Sandeep Parmar President stated that some CRA members have still not renewed their WOL, and a few CRS have not yet been included in the migration process. He requested all concerned CRS to complete their WOL renewal at the earliest. He also mentioned that if anyone requires any assistance related to this matter, they may contact Mr. Sandeep Rana at the CRA office.

Presentation by Dr. S. Chandrasekar: HR Policy SOP

Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary General CRA, invited Dr. S. Chandrasekar to present on Separate Accounting Structure.



Presentation by Dr. S. Chandrasekar: HR Policy & SOP

Dr. S. Chandrasekar made a detailed presentation on the HR Policy, while Mr. Paresh Patel presented the Finance Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). They informed the members that the HR Policy had already been shared with CRA members for their review. Dr. Chandrasekar also highlighted the key points of the HR Policy during the meeting. It was decided that both the HR Policy and the Finance SOP would be sent to all CRA members via email for their approval, comments, and suggestions and then be adopted formally.

Approval of Auditors – Hari Om Chaturvedi (Chaturvedi Hari & Associates)

Mr. Jitender Sharma informed the GB members that Mr. Hari Om Chaturvedi of Chaturvedi Hari & Associates has been serving as the auditor of CRA for the last six years. He requested the GB to approve the continuation of the same auditor for the financial year 2026–27.

The GB approved the proposal, and the resolution was passed during the GB Meeting.

Approval for conducting an in-person GB meeting, with travel and accommodation borne by respective stations and venue & lunch arranged by CRA.

During the discussion, Mr. Ansari from Radio Namaskar suggested that future General Body (GB) meetings should be organized at a central location outside Delhi to ensure greater convenience and wider participation. He added that members would be willing to bear their own travel and accommodation expenses. Several other members supported the suggestion.

Further, CRA President Sandeep Parmar proposed creating a corpus fund to support future in-person General Body (GB) meetings. He suggested building the fund through small monthly contributions from members, along with additional sources of support. He emphasized that it would be inappropriate for members to bear significant personal expenses for a one-day meeting. He added that, if approved by the members, the association could establish the corpus fund with a structured contribution mechanism.

Case of Nihar Pandha -Termination

The matter concerning the termination of Mr. Nihar Panda has been under active consideration for the past three years, owing to repeated instances of indiscipline and conduct in violation of the ethical standards of CRA.

In an effort to resolve the issue, CRA constituted a committee comprising Past President Mr. N.A. Shah Ansari, Secretary Mr. Jitender Sharma, and Treasurer Mr. M.S.H. Beg. Despite several rounds of discussions and concerted efforts by the committee, no mutually acceptable resolution could be achieved. Notwithstanding repeated advisories and interventions by CRA, Mr. Nihar Panda continued to engage in acts of indiscipline with the present Executive Committee as well. The issue was deliberated at length during the General Body (GB) Meeting, wherein Mr. N.A. Shah Ansari affirmed that Mr. Nihar Panda had, in effect, already been under termination for the past three years.

Following comprehensive discussion, the General Body unanimously resolved that Mr. Nihar Panda's suspension shall be converted to formal termination with immediate effect, on account of his persistent indiscipline and continued violation of the ethical norms and disciplinary standards of CRA.

Resolution on Protection of Executive Committee Members and Jurisdiction

The Executive Committee (EC) of the Community Radio Association (CRA) records that all decisions taken by the EC are made collectively, in good faith, and in the best interests of the Association and its members. Accordingly, any legal proceeding, complaint, suit, petition, claim, or action arising out of or relating to any decision, resolution, or action taken by the EC in the discharge of its official duties shall be deemed to be a matter concerning the Community Radio Association (CRA) and not against any individual EC member in his/her personal capacity, unless established otherwise by a competent court of law.



In such cases, the Community Radio Association (CRA) shall be represented by its serving Secretary, who shall coordinate and manage the legal proceedings on behalf of the Association. Any pending legal matter shall continue to be handled by the succeeding Executive Committee upon completion of the tenure of the existing Executive Committee, ensuring continuity of representation and defence of the Association's interests.

Further resolved that, subject to applicable law, the courts located in Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction in respect of all disputes, claims, legal proceedings, or matters arising out of the affairs, decisions, resolutions, or activities of the Community Radio Association (CRA). Accordingly, the jurisdiction for such matters shall be confined to the competent courts at Delhi, including the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, wherever applicable.

CBC-related GST Issues under the CRS Framework

Mr. Kuldeep Singh Dhatwali, Retd. Principal Director General Minister of I & B and Chief Advisor CRA, addressed CBC-related GST issues under the CRS framework. He stated that CRA had already taken up these concerns with both CBC and MIB. He highlighted that while GST-registered CRS submit GST-inclusive bills, payments from CBC are frequently delayed. However, CRS are required to deposit GST on time, creating cash flow difficulties. CRA has therefore suggested that CBC pay the GST amount directly on behalf of the radio stations, with subsequent adjustment at the time of final payment release. He further informed the members that discussions are underway with the GST Department, and CRA will update all CRS members as soon as there is any positive development.

New CRS Applicants – Role of CRA in Facilitation

Ms. Manish Sharma, Sankalp Sanskritik Samiti shared that they had submitted their CRS application through CRA and received excellent support and guidance from the CRA team. She appreciated the continuous assistance provided by CRA, particularly in documentation and day-to-day coordination. She specifically mentioned that Mr. Sandeep Rana handled and filed their application and remained highly supportive throughout the process. Their application has now reached the Letter of Intent (LOI) stage.

Vote of Thanks

- Dr Gurjeet Kaur, Joint Secretary CRA thanked all the members and proposed formal Vote of Thanks.

~~MEETING GOT FORMALLY CLOSED~~

Jitender Sharma
Secretary General

