Community Radio Association (CRA)

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

Date: 24 August 2026 (Wednesday)
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
3	MSH Beg	Treasurer
4	Dr. S Chandrasekar	Vice President South
5	Mr. Pahal Man Rai	Vice President North East
6	Ms. Sangya Tandon	Vice President Central
7	Mr. Paresh Kumar Patel	Vice President West
8	Mr. Shivashankaraswamy	Joint Secretary
9	Dr. Gurjeet Kaur Chawla	Joint Secretary
10	Mr.Jagdishwar Yadav	EC Member
11	Mr.Sandeep KR. Pandey	EC Member
12	Mr. Manish	EC Member
13	Amol Deshmukh	EC Member
14	Dr. Shivaraj Shastri Herur	EC Member
15	Dr. Sugandha Shrotriya	EC Member
16	Ms. Barsha Chabaria	EC Member
17	Mr.Parshuram Srivastava	EC Member
18	Dr. Sangeeta Kokoty	EC Member
	Absent	
1	Ms. Gayatri Mhaske	Joint Secretary
2	Sangmitra	EC Member
3	Lokesh Sharma	EC Member

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. Update on CRA Election

Dr. S. Chandrasekar, Vice President, CRA, provided an update on the current status of the CRA election process. He informed the EC members of the following:

- The CRA Election Committee has held two meetings with the CRA Election Officer to review and coordinate the election process.
- Reminder emails have been sent to the CRA members regarding the pending submission of their WOL and GOPA responses. However, the status of the responses from the members has not yet been received or confirmed.

2. **Discussion on Potential Conflict of Interest – SMART Radio Mewat Membership**

The matter regarding the clarification sought from SMART on the potential conflict of interest in relation to the CMA and WAVES proposals was placed before the Executive Committee. The EC noted that **two reminder emails had already been sent to SMART** seeking clarification on the matter.

The **EC was informed that a response had been received from SMART**. However, the response did not specifically address the clarifications sought by CRA. Instead, Ms. Archana Kapoor, in her response, raised certain questions to CRA.

During the discussion, Mr. Sandeep Parmar suggested that a **final notice/show-cause notice** be issued to SMART, requesting a specific and clear response to the queries and clarifications raised by CRA.

After deliberation, **the Executive Committee decided that a final notice/show-cause notice should be issued to SMART**, providing **15 days from the date of receipt of the notice** to submit its response.

5. Discussion on the Legal Notice Received from Mr. Nihar Panda

Defamation Case – Update and Further Action

Mr. Jitender Sharma informed the Executive Committee that, as already brought to the notice of all EC members, CRA had submitted its reply to the legal notice received from Mr. Nihar Panda. Further, as decided in the previous EC meeting, a defamation notice was also issued to Mr. Nihar Panda.

It was informed that Mr. Nihar Panda was given **15 days** to submit his response. However, the stipulated period has elapsed, and no response has been received from him to date.

In view of the above, **the matter was placed before the Executive Committee for discussion and consideration regarding further legal action. After deliberation, the EC**

members decided that CRA should proceed with filing a defamation case against Mr. Nihar Panda before the appropriate court. Voting was conducted on the matter, and all EC members present expressed their agreement to proceed with filing the case.

The EC was informed that Advocate Ms. Ashima Kalra was proposed to represent CRA in the matter. After consideration, **the Executive Committee approved the appointment of Advocate Ms. Ashima Kalra** to represent CRA and handle the case.

The proposed professional fee of the Advocate was placed before the EC as **₹1,75,000/- for a period of two years**. In case additional hearings are required beyond the agreed scope, a fee of **₹10,000/- per hearing** would be applicable. Other expenses, including documentation, postage, court fees, and related expenses, would be payable separately as and when incurred.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the above professional fees and related expenses.

The EC further authorised **Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary General, only to undertake and execute the necessary documentation, procedural formalities, and related proceedings on behalf of CRA in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee.** It was also decided that the succeeding Executive Committee would continue to pursue the case on behalf of CRA.

It was further decided that **60% of the Advocate's agreed professional fee shall be paid at the time of filing the case**, with the remaining amount to be paid in instalments as mutually agreed.

Accordingly, **the decision to file the defamation case was taken and approved by the Executive Committee of CRA**, and the above resolutions were approved by the EC.

Announcements and Closing Remarks

Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary General, informed the Committee that there were **no additional announcements** to be made.

The Secretary General thanked the President and all members of the Executive Committee for their participation, discussions, and contributions to the meeting.

The meeting thereafter proceeded towards its conclusion.

Conclusion

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

Jitender Sharma