

Community Radio Association (CRA)

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

Date: 22 September 2026 (Tuesday)

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 17 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	Ms. Gayatri Mhaske	Joint Secretary
11	Mr.Jagdishwar Yadav	EC Member
12	Mr.Sandeep KR. Pandey	EC Member
13	Amol Deshmukh	EC Member
14	Dr. Shivaraj Shastri Herur	EC Member
15	Ms. Barsha Chabaria	EC Member
16	Mr.Parshuram Srivastava	EC Member
17	Dr. Sangeeta Kokoty	EC Member
	Absent	
1	Dr. Sugandha Shrotriya	EC Member
2	Mr. Manish	EC Member
3	Sangmitra	EC Member
4	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:

1. A meeting of the CRA Election Committee was held on **10 September**. During the meeting, the Election Officer informed the Committee that the response received so far from members regarding the **WOL/GOPA details** was not satisfactory.

After discussion, the Committee decided that a **final reminder**, providing an additional **15 days** for submission of the required WOL/GOPA details, should be sent jointly from the Election Officer and CRA to the members whose details are still pending.

2. It was further decided that, for members whose WOL/GOPA details are still awaited, the CRA Office would also send a **hard copy of the final reminder by Speed Post** as a follow-up measure.
3. Similarly, members whose **membership details/renewal information** are still pending will also be sent a hard copy of the final reminder.
4. The CRA Office has already sent email reminders and hard copies of the final reminder to all members whose details were pending at the CRA Office.
5. **As of 27 September, replies have been received from 49 out of the 104 members** at the CRA Headquarters email ID.
6. He further informed the EC that a meeting of the **CRA Election Committee with the Election Officer is scheduled to be held on 3 October** to review the progress and discuss the further course of action regarding the election process.

Clarification Regarding Circulation of Community Media Alliance (CMA) – Conflict of Interest

Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary General, CRA, informed the EC members that, as decided in the previous EC meeting, a **third reminder** had been sent to Ms. Archana Kapoor regarding the matter of the circulation of the Community Media Alliance (CMA) and the related conflict of interest. She was given **15 days' time to submit her response**.

However, the stipulated 15-day period has already elapsed, and **no response has been received from Ms. Archana Kapoor by email to date**.

Mr. Sandeep Parmar sought the views of the EC members on the further course of action in this matter. After detailed discussion, the EC decided that **one final reminder** should be sent to Ms. Archana Kapoor, allowing her **five days to submit her response**.

It was further decided that, if no response is received within the stipulated five-day period, the **CRA EC will take an appropriate decision on the matter**.

All EC members agreed with the above decision.

Discussion on Achievements of the Last Three Years

Mr. Sandeep Parmar, President, CRA, stated that CRA has undertaken and accomplished several significant activities and initiatives over the past three years. He suggested that a

comprehensive **Achievements Document** highlighting the key activities, initiatives, and accomplishments of CRA during this period should be prepared.

He further informed the EC that the document would be prepared based on the inputs and documents provided by **Mr. Jitender Sharma and Ms. Gurjeet Kaur Chawla**.

Update on Defamation Notice to Mr. Nihar Panda

Mr. Jitender Sharma, Secretary General, CRA, informed the EC members that, as approved in the previous EC meeting, a **defamation court notice** was to be issued to Mr. Nihar Panda.

He further informed the EC that the defamation notice has been duly served on Mr. Nihar Panda, and the **first hearing has already taken place**. The **second hearing is scheduled to be held in November**.

The update was provided for the information of all EC members.

Invitation to Attend State-Level Training Workshop on Radio Campaign for Maternity Entitlement & Early Childhood Development (ECD) in Odisha

Mr. Sandeep Parmar, President, CRA, informed the EC members that CRA has received an invitation from the **Odisha Community Radio Association Chapter** to attend the **State-Level Training Workshop on Radio Campaign for Maternity Entitlement & Early Childhood Development (ECD) in Odisha**.

He further informed the EC that a session/interaction with CRA members has also been scheduled during the workshop to discuss issues related to **GOPA, WOL, and CBC**.

After discussion, it was proposed that **Mr. Jitender Sharma and Mr. Sandeep Rana** be nominated to attend the workshop on behalf of CRA.

All EC members agreed with the proposal and approved their participation in the workshop.

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