

**MINUTES OF THE APEX COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2025**  
**AT 6-00 PM AT DR. B.C. ROY CLUB HOUSE, EDEN GARDENS, KOLKATA.**

The following members were present:

1. Mr. Sourav Ganguly – President
2. Mr. Nitish Ranjan Dutta – Vice-President
3. Mr. Bablu Kolay – Hony. Secretary
4. Mr. Madan Mohan Ghosh – Hony. Joint Secretary
5. Mr. Sanjay Das – Hony. Treasurer
6. Mr. Koushik Mukherjee
7. Mr. Shoumik Bose
8. Mr. Nav Ratan Jhawar
9. Ms. Nilanjana Bose
10. Mr. Surajit Lahiri
11. Mr. Joydeep Mukherjee
12. Mr. Soumendu Chatterjee
13. Mr. Asis Chakraborty
14. Mr. Goutam Goswami

Special Invitees:

Mr. Snehasish Ganguly – Former President

Mr. Biswarup Dey – Former Office Bearer

Mr. Prabir Chakrabarty – Former Hony. Treasurer

The quorum being achieved, the meeting commenced as scheduled.

Shri Sourav Ganguly, President of the Association, presided over the meeting and welcomed all members to the first meeting of the newly formed committee. Members were thanked for accepting their roles and responsibilities, and he hoped that all members would contribute towards the committee's goals. He informed that meetings would be held from time to time to prepare the action plan and to monitor progress as well as ensure smooth coordination. The Chairman sought their active participation and positive suggestions before implementing the actions as planned. He also thanked the former office bearers for their unwavering support towards achieving the goal of the Association.

The agenda items were taken up in sequence.

**AGENDA 1:** (a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Apex Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025

The Chairman informed the members that the minutes have been circulated and so the members were aware of its contents. He then requested the former President of the Association, Shri Snehasish Ganguly to brief the members and to address their queries, if any, relating to Apex Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.

Shri Snehasish Ganguly informed the members that most of the matters as mentioned in the said minutes have been executed and he asked the members whether they had any queries regarding the decisions taken in the said meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.

On being asked about Mrs. Keya Ray, Shri Ganguly informed that Mrs. Ray was considered as an international player after obtaining clearance from the then CEO of BCCI, Mr. Rahul Johri, in the year 2019 but Mr. Abey Kuruvilla, GM – Game Development of BCCI, did not agree to the said decision of Mr. Rahul Johri in the year 2024 after further enquiry as a result of which the Apex Council has asked Mrs. Ray to submit all required credentials to support her status as an international player of the Association for further evaluation.

The Chairman opined that the matter would be followed up in the coming days.

All other points that were raised by the members were adequately addressed by the former President to their satisfaction.

The matter regarding increase of teams for women's club cricket league, the Chairman informed that it will be taken up at a later date.

The Chairman invited Mr. Prabir Chakrabarty, former Hony. Treasurer, to explain to the house about Agenda No. 3 - 'Statement of Accounts for F.Y.2024-25' as placed in the said meeting before the house.

Mr. Chakrabarty briefed the house in a nutshell about the audited statement of accounts for the F. Y. 2024-25. He also informed the members that compared to the F.Y.2023-24, the association made an increased profit in the F.Y.2024-25.

The minutes of the previous Apex Council Meeting held on 14th August 2025 was unanimously approved.

(b) Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous emergent meeting of the Apex Council held on 14th August 2025

The Chairman again asked Mr. Snehasish Ganguly to explain about the agenda of the emergent Apex Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025 which has already been circulated amongst the members.

Mr. Snehasish Ganguly informed the house that Mr. Debabrata Das, former Hony. Joint Secretary, was suspended by the Apex Council in its meeting held on 14th August 2025 from continuing as Office Bearer of the Association, member of the Apex Council or any other position in the Association observing the magnitude of his misconduct and misuse of his position. The said suspension will be in vogue until final decision of the Hon'ble Ombudsman and the said decision is to be completed within six months. Before that a show cause notice had been issued to Mr. Debabrata Das and a written representation had been received from Mr. Das. Though Mr. Debabrata Das had paid the amount on account of the outstanding price of tickets availed by him in an unauthorised manner, there were other issues of misconduct and misuse of his position which is yet to be heard by Ombudsman.

Regarding Uttar Palli Milan Sangha (UPMS), Mr. Snehasish Ganguly informed that UPMS was asked to furnish utilization certificate duly certified by a Chartered Accountant as well as the date for proposed AGM of the club. Previously, UPMS had submitted accounts for F.Y. 2022-23 and 2023-24 along with supportings but CAB's Internal Auditors, M/s. PwC found various discrepancies between accounts and supportings. The grant to UPMS has temporarily been withheld subject to submission of the utilization certificate duly certified by a Chartered Accountant from their end in accordance with the constitution of CAB.

The house was satisfied with above explanations and approved the minutes of emergent meeting of Apex Council held on 14th August 2025.

(c) Confirmation of the Minutes of the emergent meeting of the Apex Council held on 9th September 2025

The Chairman invited comments, if any, on the minutes of the emergent meeting held on 9th September 2025 and since there was none the minutes of the emergent meeting of the Apex Council was unanimously accepted by the house.

**AGENDA 2:** To constitute the following Committees:

- i) Standing Committees
- ii) Cricket Committees (except Men's Selection Committee, Junior Cricket Committee, and Women's Selection Committee)
- iii) Umpires' Committee

The Chairman took up the next agenda (2) and informed that the Office Bearers have prepared the draft List of Committee Members for the year 2025-26 for different committees and sub-committees of the Association barring Men's Selection Committee, Junior Cricket Committee and Women's Selection Committee. He shared the List of Members in the house and requested the Apex Council members to give their views regarding the said proposed committees. Since there were no

suggestions from the members, the committees as suggested by the Office Bearers was accordingly unanimously accepted.

Since some committees apart from those mentioned above have yet to be completed the Chairman requested the members to empower the Office Bearers to fill up the said committees and place it before the next Apex Council meeting of the Association. The members agreed to the said suggestion of the Chairman.

**AGENDA 3:** To discuss regarding holding of 1st Test Match between India and South Africa at Eden Gardens, Kolkata from 14th to 18th November, 2025

The Chairman took up the next agenda (3) and requested the Hony. Secretary to narrate the decisions taken by the office bearers of the Association regarding price of tickets, action plan etc.

Shri Bablu Kolay, the Hony. Secretary informed that price of season tickets for the 1st Test Match between India & South Africa to be held at Eden Gardens from 14th November, 2025 to 18th November, 2025 have been fixed at Rs.300/-, Rs.750/-, Rs.1000/- & Rs. 1250/- and subsequently, he mentioned the block wise ticket price.

Regarding action plan, he stated the following:

- \* Ticket design/Art work is being done by M/s. Paytm to be approved by BCCI.
- \* Final ticket manifest to be sent to M/s. Paytm by 12th October, 2025 for printing of tickets.
- \* Printed tickets to be received by CAB on 18th October, 2025.
- \* Online sale to begin from 20th October, 2025.
- \* Tickets to be sent for stamping to the Sports Department, Govt. of West Bengal on 22nd October, 2025.
- \* Ticket Police Cutting on 24th October, 2025.
- \* The Association will issue the letter to the allottees intimating their total quota on 12th October requesting to provide their requirement of tickets on their allotment with payment latest by 20th October, 2025.
- \* Final allotment letter would be issued to the allottees to collect their tickets on 1st & 2nd November, 2025

Mr. Biswarup Dey suggested for changing the date of stamping the tickets on account of ongoing festive season which was accepted.

The Chairman informed that each ticket holder has to take his/her designated seat in the box as printed on the tickets otherwise the security person will have the right to request the said person to vacate the seat occupied by the person illegally.

Ms. Nilanjana Bose stated that corporate box ticket holders should be allowed to enter the stadium through Gate no. (2) instead of Gate no.17 during IPL. The Chairman assured her that the matter would be looked into and its feasibility studied.

The Chairman raised a point regarding excess persons in food arena of Hospitality box. He opined that except authorized person nobody should be allowed in the food court without coupon.

Ms. Nilanjana Bose suggested for introducing digital barcode to access the dining area.

Mr. Snehasish Ganguly suggested for launching wrist band having barcode.

Mr. Goutam Goswami was of the opinion that number of coupons may be increased against per ticket.

The Chairman informed that one coupon will be issued against one hospitality box ticket and requested the house to entrust the office bearers to implement ways to access food area of hospitality box.

The Chairman also suggested that the Hospitality area be removed out of the Club House area and to a suitable place in B Block where only those persons having access to the hospitality area along with a coupon will be able to enjoy the hospitality facilities and accordingly there will be no hospitality area in the Club House. In this way he felt that overcrowding in the Club House which could be a security risk could be avoided.

Mr. Snehasish Ganguly opined that the Association may increase the number of seats in the boxes that belongs to CAB from 25 to 30 in order to accommodate more persons if the Association finds any difficulties to accommodate owing to commitments for providing boxes to BCCI as per normal practice.

The Chairman appreciated the above proposal and informed the Association would consider the same.

**AGENDA 4:** To discuss and finalize the matter pertaining to the development of Dumurjala Sports Complex, Howrah

The Chairman took up the next agenda (4) and invited the Hony. Secretary to appraise on the matter. The Hony. Secretary informed that a brief note of proposed Academy of Dumurjala Sports Complex has already been shared. A live presentation on the proposed academy mentioning proposed cost, measurement of cricket and practice field, gymnasium etc. was also presented before the house.

The Chairman informed that the Association will have to pay a total sum of Rs.27,22,43,233.77 (Rs.23,88,14,239.80 & Rs.3,34,28,993.97) to the appropriate authority and then the work for our project for setting up a Centre of Excellence – a Cricket Academy at Dumurjala Sports Complex will begin. He also proposed for setting up a Sports Medicine Hospital at the site.

The Chairman also proposed for organizing a Conclave on 12th November, 2025 in presence of some former legendary cricketers and current India & South Africa players prior to the 1st Test Match between India & South Africa to be held at Eden Gardens from 14th to 18th November, 2025.

The Members heartily agreed to the said proposal.

**AGENDA 5:** Any other business with the permission of the Chair

There was no matter for discussion under this agenda.

Thereafter the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
Hony. Secretary

  
Chairman