

**MINUTES OF THE APEX COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, THE 17TH DECEMBER, 2025
AT 5-30 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. Sanjay Das – Hony. Treasurer
5. Mr. Koushik Mukherjee
6. Mr. Shoumik Bose
7. Ms. Nilanjana Bose-(Online)
8. Mr. Surajit Lahiri
9. Mr. Joydeep Mukherjee
10. Mr. Ravi Todi
11. Mr. Asis Chakraborty
12. Mr. Goutam Goswami
13. Mr. Avnindra Kr. Rai- CAG

The meeting commenced as scheduled upon achievement of quorum.

Mr. Sourav Ganguly, President, presided over the proceedings and extended a warm welcome to all members present.

The agenda items were taken up in sequence.

AGENDA 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Apex Council Meeting held on 11th October, 2025.

The Chairman invited observations on the minutes of the prior Apex Council meeting held on 11th October 2025, explained the key points, and solicited comments from members. No observations were raised. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously accepted by the House.

Governance Concerns Raised

During the proceedings, Mr. Avnindra Kr. Rai (representing CAG) highlighted recurring governance issues, citing cases like Uttar Palli Milan Sangha involving mismatched vouchers and uncertified audited statement of accounts. He advocated proactive measures through AI-enabled ERP software to detect forgeries, streamline processes, and reduce paperwork. The Chairman appreciated the proposal and assured its consideration in future deliberations.

Dumurjala Ground Update

An update on Dumurjala Ground development was provided as follows:

- Initial survey and physical recording completed.
- Drawings under preparation (expected within 5-6 days), to be followed by sharing and explanation to CAB officials next week.
- Demarcation and pegging finalized; CAB surveyors have completed their assessment.
- Post-approval of drawings and designs, signatures from HIDCO authorities will be obtained.

AGENDA 2: To discuss regarding holding of ICC Men's T-20 World Cup matches to be held at Eden Gardens, Kolkata in the month of February-March, 2026.

The Chairman outlined Eden Gardens as one of five venues hosting seven matches: five group-stage, one Super Eight, and a Semi Final during February-March, 2026. He informed that CAB would get Rs. 2.52 crores (approx.) per match and it is expected that revenue will be approximately Rs. 30 crores, with expenses capped at Rs. 8 crores for the entire schedule. Addressing past ticketing issues, he presented the following ICC's revised category-wise pricing across three tiers along with marquee games:

Category	Bangladesh vs Italy, England vs Italy, WI vs Italy)	WI vs Bangladesh, Eng vs Bangladesh	Super 8/Semi-Final
Premium Hospitality B	Rs. 4,000	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 10,000
GA Lower Block (B, L)	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 1,500	Rs. 3000
GA Lower Block (C, F, K)	Rs. 200	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 2,500
GA Lower Block (D, E, G, H, J)	Rs. 200	Rs. 500	Rs. 1,500
GA Upper Block (B1, C1, D1, F1, G1, H1, K1, L1)	Rs. 100	Rs. 300	Rs. 900

On being asked about the tickets for Membership, he informed that CAB would follow the ICC/BCCI guidelines.

To mitigate recurring ticketing challenges experienced during the 2023 World Cup, allocations were detailed as follows: 29,000 tickets for online general public sale, 14,160 priced tickets for affiliated units, 12,000 normal complimentary tickets, and 11,000 under President's quota. However, he said that these were approximate figures.

AGENDA 3: Any other business with the permission of the Chair.

Discontinuation of U-18 Cricket Tournament

Mr. Bablu Kolay, Honorary Secretary, formally announced the discontinuation of U-18 tournaments effective from the next season, as they have yielded no meaningful result despite expectations.

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Stadium Roof Materials

The Honorary Secretary informed the Council that the Stadium Sub-Committee has recommended dismantling the roofs of F, G and H blocks. He noted that CAB has procured approximately 400 tonnes of fabricated materials stored 250 MT of which is being stored in a rented godown, with another 150 tonnes held by M/s. McCoy Architectural Systems (P) Ltd. for the last three years. CAB is exploring options to sell these materials through a third-party tender. He also pointed out that the foundation of columns was not in a position to absorb this load as addressed by PWD and hence had to be disposed of. He also said that a rent of Rs.1,40,000/- per month was being paid for the storage of the said material. Since the material cannot be effectively used, he suggested its disposal. Approval from the Apex Council was sought for these measures.

Material Evaluation Proposal

Mr. Ravi Todi intervened, suggesting a prior evaluation of the fabricated materials to maximize recovery value before any sale. He committed to deputing competent personnel for a thorough on-site condition assessment, after which a detailed report would be submitted and thereafter decision on material sales and roof dismantling would be implemented. The Council requested him to complete the evaluation process as early as possible which he agreed to do.

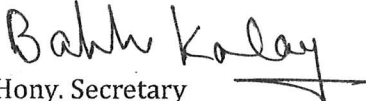
Bengal Pro T20 League Expansion

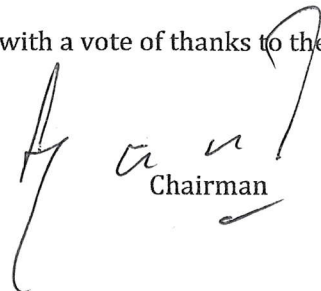
Mr. Sourav Ganguly proposed inducting a new team into the Bengal Pro T20 League, subject to a tender process and Apex Council approval. The proposal received unanimous endorsement from all members.

Women's League Updates

Additional teams for the women's league will be incorporated in the near future, subject to approval from a dedicated CAB committee evaluating conditions, infrastructure, and facilities for women cricketers. Interested clubs will compete in a qualifying group, with the top two teams joining the main phase as per existing guidelines.

There being no other business, the meeting was called to an end with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


Hony. Secretary


Chairman