

**Record notes of the meeting of the Apex Council of Tripura Cricket Association held on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 (Friday) at 12:30 noon in the chamber of the Hon. President, TCA.**

**Shri Tapan Lodh, Hon. President of Tripura Cricket Association presided over the meeting.**

Name of the members present in the meeting as follows: -

- 1) Shri Upananda Debbarma, Hon. Vice-President, TCA
- 2) Shri Subrata Dey, Hon. Secretary, TCA.
- 3) Shri Basudeb Chakraborty, Hon. Treasurer, TCA.
- 4) Shri Saumitra Gope, Councilor, TCA
- 5) Shri Sani Saha, Invitee Member

The said meeting was called to order after ascertaining that the requisite quorum turned-up.

With permission of all the members present, the notice convening the meeting having already circulated was taken on record.

The Chairman of the meeting congratulated all the members present and addressed the house.

**Agenda – 1**

**Confirmation of the minutes of last Apex Council meeting held on 20/06/2025.**

As per the first item (I) of the Agenda, the Chairman proposed before the house for confirmation of the minutes of the last Apex Council meeting held on 20/06/2025.

The said minutes was confirmed unanimously by the present members.

**Agenda – 2**

**To finalize the date & venue for felicitation of new Life Members and Annual Meeting of all Life Members.**

It has been resolved that the event for Felicitation of New Life Members and Annual Get Together of all Life Members will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 at Hotel Sonar Tori, Agartala.

Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura will be the Chief Guest of the program. Shri Tinku Roy, Hon'ble Minister, YAS and Shri Sushanta Chowdhury, Hon'ble Minister, Tourism will be the Special Guest. Shri Dipak Majumder, Hon'ble Mayor of Agartala Municipal Corporation will be the Guest of Honour.

**Agenda – 3**

**Proposal to modify the decision about the format of Under 18 Inter Club Age group Cricket Tournament 2024-2025**

An emergent meeting of the Advisory Tournament Committee was held on 4th July 2025 to review the format of the upcoming U-18 Inter Club Age Level Tournament 2024-25. Due to limited ground availability and the approaching national season, the Committee recommends converting the tournament from a 2-day format to a One Day 50-Overs format.

This change will reduce the duration from 41 to approximately 25 days. To promote long-format skills, a separate 2-day match series among 30 selected players will be organized.

The tournament will be played with Red SG Tournament Special (5.5 OZ) balls, and players will wear white dress.

House approved the proposal and it was resolved that the said tournament will be organized utilizing five separate grounds.

#### **Agenda – 4**

#### **To follow-up the proposal to make few changes in rules of domestic cricket tournaments on & from the cricket season 2025-2026**

The President/Secretary/representatives of affiliated clubs have jointly submitted and there after forwarded by the Advisory Tournament Committee the following requests for implementation from the **2025–26** season onwards:

- 1) **Alternate Day Scheduling:** The Santosh Memorial A Division Tournament in the 2024–25 season was affected by weather due to delayed commencement. Hence, it is requested that both the Santosh Memorial A Division and Bipul Majumder Memorial Super Division Tournaments be scheduled concurrently but on alternate days. This will allow for smoother scheduling, better ground recovery, and improved match quality.
- 2) **Discontinuation of Local Lien Players Quota:** Clubs have proposed discontinuing the local lien players quota in the Super Division Tournament. The existing provision provides repeated opportunities to a few lien players, thereby disadvantaging others and impacting fair selection for national representation.
- 3) **Selection of Only Tripura-Born Players for National Teams:** It is requested that only Tripura-born players be considered for selection in national teams representing Tripura, as the inclusion of players from outside the state reduces the chances for native players.

On which the Advisory Tournament Committee proposes:

A cricketer will be treated as a local player only if he contains the following documents:

- ❖ QR Generated Birth Certificate issued from the Government of Tripura
- ❖ Ration Card containing address within the jurisdiction of Tripura. Such Ration Card must have regular transaction and includes players name along with the names of Father, Mother & other family members. In case of a cricketer whose Birth Certificate is issued from any other state apart from Tripura, then such ration card must be issued at least 3 years prior from the date of registration of the players at TCA.
- ❖ PRTC.
- ❖ Adhaar Card contain address within the jurisdiction of Tripura.

Apex council resolved for tournament committee's recommendation in "1" and "2" above.

As regards recommendation no. 3, it is resolved that local players will only be selected in local category. "Local" qualification would be essentially decided based on,

- QR certificate of Birth in Tripura
- PRTC
- Family Ration card for transferers from outside having record of drawing ration in Tripura for last 3 years. For any other exceptional cases President, Secretary and Treasurer will take joint decision based on merit of factual local stay for at least 3 years.

#### **Agenda – 5**

##### **Renewal of contract of Executive Engineer**

The one year contract period of Shri Dilip Kumar Roy, Executive Engineer of TCA will end on 31/07/2025.

After a detailed discussion it was resolved to extend the contract period of Shri Dilip Kumar Roy, Executive Engineer of TCA for another year with same remuneration as previous year.

#### **Agenda – 6**

##### **Appointment of Spotter under each sub-divisional cricket association**

Decision on this has been felt to be kept awaited and simultaneously it was also resolved that the Apex Council will verify the matter meticulously.

#### **Agenda – 7**

##### **Appointment of Coaches under TCA**

TCA has invited applications through local newspapers and TCA website from interested candidates for filling-up few posts of Coaches on contract basis vide notice number F.29/TCA/AGT/PR/23-24/7314. Within the stipulated date for submission of applications, total 15 (fifteen) numbers of applications were received by this office. 07 numbers of female candidates and 08 numbers of male candidates.

Under the reference of Apex Council meeting resolution dated 30/01/2025, one committee comprising Shri Upananda Debbarma as Chairman, Shri Saumitra Gope and Shri Sani Saha as Members has been appointed to finalize the best candidate for the post of Coach under TCA on contract basis on the basis of submitted documents and necessary scrutiny. Primarily it was decided in the Apex Council meeting held on 05/10/2024 to engage about 10 numbers of Coaches under TCA on contract basis. As per the decision of the Apex Council meeting held on 30/01/2025, the said members were asked to recommend the 06 (six) names, Male coach – 04 posts and Female coach – 02 posts and also list more 03 (three) names as waiting list.

The said committee has examined all the submitted documents of the applicants and put mark on the 13 (thirteen) valid candidates as per their qualification & eligibility criteria and rejected two candidates showing valid reasons.

As per notification it was resolved to engage the following 06 (six) candidates who secured the top marks :-

- 1) Miss. Mampi Debnath
- 2) Miss. Rizu Saha
- 3) Mr. Sanjib Saha
- 4) Mr. Rajib Saha
- 5) Mr. Soumya Banik
- 6) Mr. Sujit Ch. Deb

The following 03 (three) candidates were kept in waiting list as per their secured marks, who would be engaged as per organizational requirement of TCA in 2<sup>nd</sup> step :-

- 1) Miss. Sutapa Das
- 2) Miss. Rita Debbarma
- 3) Mr. Amit Das

#### **Agenda – 8**

##### **Engagement of Guest Cricketers for cricket season 2025-26**

The committee headed by the Hon. Vice-President of TCA constituted for the Selection of Guest Cricketers convened meetings to discuss about the selection of Guest cricketers TCA in connection with BCCI Tournaments during the cricket season 2025-2026.

The committee has shortlisted the individuals listed as below after carefully evaluated each candidate's qualifications and experience based on their exceptional qualifications.

##### **Guest Cricketer (Men) 2025-2026: -**

- 1) Mr. Hanuma Vihari - Professional fee worth INR 22 (twenty two) lac only plus other general facilities as per norms of TCA.
- 2) Mr. Swapnil Singh – No professional fee. Only other general facilities as per norms of TCA.

The Apex Council apprised the report and approved the action taken.

#### **Agenda – 9**

##### **Detailment of support staff with state teams for cricket season 2025-26**

The committee headed by the Hon. Vice-President of TCA constituted for the Selection of support staff for different teams of Tripura convened meetings to discuss about the selection in connection with BCCI Tournaments during the cricket season 2025-2026.

The committee has shortlisted the individuals listed as below after carefully evaluating each candidate's qualifications and experience based on their exceptional qualifications.

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- 1) Mr. P V Shashikanth, Head Coach of Tripura Senior Men's team 2025-2026 – Professional fee as like last cricket season plus other general facilities as per norms of TCA.
- 2) Mr. Yuvraj Salvi, Strength & Conditioning Coach Tripura Senior Men's team 2025-2026 – Professional fee as like last cricket season plus other general facilities as per norms of TCA.
- 3) Mr. Amitabh Velaskar, Head Coach of Tripura Under 19 Men's team 2025-2026 – 15% hike in professional fee than the last cricket season plus other general facilities as per norms of TCA.
- 4) Mr. Ravindra Kumar, Physiotherapist of Tripura Senior Men's team 2025-2026 – Professional fee as like last cricket season plus other general facilities as per norms of TCA.
- 5) Miss. Harshitha Krishnamurthy, Strength & Conditioning Coach of Tripura Senior Women's and Under 23 Women's team 2025-2026 - 10% hike in professional fee than the last cricket season plus other general facilities as per norms of TCA.

The Apex Council apprised the report and resolved as proposed in the report.

#### **Agenda – 10**

##### **To review the progress on the proposal for modification of design of logo of TCA**

Decision on this has been felt to be kept awaited for further examination.

#### **Agenda – 11**

##### **Proposal for engagement of a Coach on contract basis for round-the year coaching of selected players of National teams of TCA**

It was resolved to display advertisement for engagement of a Coach on contract basis for round-the year coaching of selected players of National teams of TCA.

One expert committee will give their individual assessment and place their report for further course of action. The committee to be proposed by the Secretary for acceptance of the Apex Council.

#### **Agenda – 12**

##### **To finalize the names of the Advocates for the committee for Interpretation of clause number 6 (5) (b) of MOA of TCA regarding age criteria for being an office bearer and member of Apex Council**

In pursuance of the resolution of last Apex Council meeting held on 07-05-2025, it has been enquired about the present engagement position of the Hon'ble Retd. Judges Shri Swapan Chandra Das and Shri Arindam Lodh. They are now having full time engagement in statutory bodies. Shri Swapan Chandra Das in State NASA Board and Shri Arindam Lodh is State Human Rights Commission. According to our present MOA under clause number 39 (1), we have to engage person who has no full-time assignment in a statutory body or under the Government.

*T. Lodh*

Under the circumstances, it has been resolved in the last Apex Council meeting held on 20-06-2025 to form a committee of Senior Advocates of Tripura High Court/Retd. Judge for obtaining view.

The Hon. Secretary has proposed the following two names for the committee:-

- 1) Justice Satyabrata Datta, ret'd. District & Sessions Judge, Tripura.
- 2) Sr. Advocate Kohinoor Narayan Bhattacharjee, High Court of Tripura.

The said committee will give legal view on the clause number 6 (5) (b) of MOA of TCA regarding age criteria for being an office bearer and member of Apex Council, whether an office bearer/council member can continue in his office when he is elected well within his 70 years of age but completed 70 years of age before completion of 3 years term since election.

House approved the proposal unanimously.

### **Agenda – 13**

#### **Decision on the application of Miss. Nishika Debbarma, Girls' U15 cricketer of state team seeking financial help as medical assistance**

This case does not come under the scheme of TCA for medical benefit. However, considering the present physical condition, immediate cash relief worth INR 25,000/- to Miss. Nishika Debbarma, Under 15 Women's cricketer of Tripura Cricket Association will be provided as medical assistance.

TCA will keep look into the total expenditure of treatment and total mobilization of financial assistance from the society to the patient for future decision.

### **Agenda – 14**

#### **General examination of pending bills before 15/02/2024.**

It has been gathered from the Accounts section of TCA head office that a good numbers of bills (submitted before 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2024) are still pending for payment.

After a detailed discussion it was resolved that Accounts section will prepare a list of the bills with a report stating the reason of the delay for payment. Shri Diptangshu Chowdhury, Video Analyst of TCA (presently attached with Accounts section of TCA head office) will scrutinize all the said bills with the help mobilized by the Manager Accounts of TCA and the said work will be completed as early as possible.

### **Agenda – 15**

#### **Administrative approval and Expenditure sanction to the works of the Engineering section**

- A) Construction of Practice shed at Kailasahar, Belonia and Jirania are in progress and likely to be completed by July'2025. To make these practice shed ready for use it is necessary to install all weather performing synthetic turf and box net in this practice shed.

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- i) Supply and Installation of Synthetic Turf for cricket pitch in newly constructed practice shed at Kailasahar, sub division of Tripura of American/European/Australian/New Zealand/Asian origin during the year 2025-26. Materials should be of all-weather performing, maintenance friendly, green colour. (Estimate No. - 05/EC/EST/25-26) Rs.19,89,917.00
- ii) Supply and Installation of Synthetic Turf for cricket pitch in newly constructed practice shed at Belonia sub division of Tripura of American/European/Australian/New Zealand/Asian origin during the year 2025-26. Materials should be of all-weather performing, maintenance friendly, green colour. (Estimate No. - 06/EC/EST/25-26) Rs. 19, 89,917.00
- iii) Supply and Installation of Synthetic Turf for cricket pitch in newly constructed practice shed at Jirania sub division of Tripura of American/European/Australian/New Zealand/Asian origin during the year 2025-26. Materials should be of all-weather performing, maintenance friendly, green colour. (Estimate No. - 07/EC/EST/25-26) Rs. 19,89,917.00
- iv) Supplying and fitting fixing of Box net in newly constructed practice shed at Kailasahar, Belonia and Jirania sub - division during the year 2025-26. (Estimate No. - 08/EC/EST/25-26) Rs. 9,99,671.00.
- B) Construction of one shed each in MBB ground and PTA ground for new drinks car and other machineries during the year 2025-26. (Estimate No. - 09/EC/EST/25-26) Rs. 10,06,238.00
- C) The existing agreement of supplying cricket uniform for TCA is already over. It is necessary to invite new quotation for supplying cricket uniform for the period of 2025-26 before the national tournaments start. For this purpose, TCA engineering section prepared estimate based on previous year approved rate and placed before the apex council for administrative approval.
- D) Supplying of Cricket uniform for Tripura Cricket Association during the year 2025-26.
  - a) For Sr. Men's team – (Estimate no. - 10/EC/EST/25-26) Rs. 22,48,738/-
  - b) For Sr. Women's team – (Estimate no. - 11/EC/EST/25-26) Rs.14,99,159/-
  - c) For U-23 Men's team – (Estimate no. - 12/EC/EST/25-26) Rs. 14,55,494/-
  - d) For U-23 Women's team – (Estimate no. - 13/EC/EST/25-26) Rs.12,64,892/-
  - e) For U-19 Men's team – (Estimate no. - 14/EC/EST/25-26) Rs. 14,06,251/-
  - f) For U -19 women's team – Estimate no. - 15/EC/EST/25-26) Rs.12,64,892/-
  - g) For junior (U-14,15,16) – (Estimate no. - 16/EC/EST/25-26) Rs. 12,97,800/-
- E) Supplying of Cricket Full mat 20 no's, Box net 20 no's & Straight Net 20 no's for TCA during the year 2025-26. (Estimate no. - 17/EC/EST/25-26) Rs. 18,29,980.00

**RESOLVED** that the Apex Council got apprised and allowed according of the administrative approval and expenditure sanction to the aforesaid works of the Engineering section. Estimate wise approval will be communicated formally by the Secretary, TCA.

#### **Agenda – 16**

#### **Inauguration of Kamalpur K C Girls' School Cricket Ground, Dhalai**

It has been resolved that the event of inauguration of Kamalpur K C girls School Cricket ground will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2025.

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Apart from this, TCA will organize celebrity exhibition T10 match between TCA XI vs Bengal Tigers at Kamalpur on 03-08-2025 and T20 match at MBB stadium, Agartala on 04-08-2025.

Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura will be the Chief Guest of the. Shri event of inauguration of Kamalpur K C girls School Cricket ground will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2025 and Shri Tinku Roy, Hon'ble Minister, YAS will be the Special Guest. They have kindly consented for this.

### **Agenda – 17**

#### **To allow performance grant for some eligible employees of TCA**

For proper consideration on the matter of pay enhancement to some highly performing employees, it is necessary to evaluate scale to scale difference among various category of staff in TCA compared to the state government employees and if possible, in some PSU's.

It has been resolved to get this evaluation done by the Manager Accounts of TCA by collecting information.

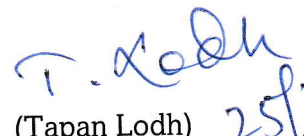
### **Miscellaneous**

Recently it could be gathered that engagement of Justice Shri Swapan Chandra Das in NASA Board is not an engagement in statutory body. Hence, as per decision of the Apex Council meeting held on 07-05-2025, it has been resolved that TCA will approach to Justice Shri Swapan Chandra Das, Retired Judge of the High Court of Tripura, Bidurkarta Chowmuhani, Agartala, West Tripura for the post of OMBUDSMAN for its establishment for functioning within the scope defined under clause no – 39 of MOA of TCA for one year commencing from the date of his actual joining by accepting the appointment.

- Tripura Cricket Association would pay an honorarium @ Rs. 65,000/- per month inclusive of all taxes.
- TCA will provide vehicle for his conveyance to and fro to the office and other office works as and when necessary.
- TCA will provide his office chamber at TCA premise located at Agartala.
- TA & DA would be allowed extra as per TCA norms for outstation journey for official work, if necessary.
- Necessary support staff for office requirement for performance will be provided by TCA management.

There being no other further business and/or no content to discuss.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the chair to the participants.

  
(Tapan Lodh)  
Hon. President, TCA

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