

MINUTES OF THE 29th APEX COUNCIL MEETING (EMERGENT) OF BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA (BCCI) HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 27th AUGUST 2025 AT 7.00 P.M. (IST) VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCING

Present:

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| 1. | Mr. Rajeev Shukla | Honorary Vice President, Chairperson |
| 2. | Mr. Devajit Saikia | Honorary Secretary |
| 3. | Mr. Prabhtej Singh Bhatia | Honorary Treasurer |
| 4. | Mr. Rohan Gauns Dessai, | Honorary Joint Secretary |
| 5. | Mr. Khairul Jamal Majumdar | Councillor |
| 6. | Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni | ICA Representative (Female) |

BCCI staff members were invited to speak on specific agenda items, as and when required.

1. CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Rajeev Shukla, the Honorary Vice President, BCCI (the “**Chairperson**”) presided over the meeting. He greeted all the members present in the Apex Council and welcomed them to the 29th Apex Council Meeting of the BCCI.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Chairperson informed the members that Mr. Dilip Vengsarkar, ICA Representative (Male) was unable to attend the meeting due to personal reasons. Accordingly, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Vengsarkar.

3. QUORUM

After ascertaining that the requisite quorum for the meeting was present, the meeting was called to order.

Thereafter, Mr. Devajit Saikia, the Honorary Secretary, BCCI, welcomed all the members. With the permission of all the members present, the notice and agenda convening the meeting, having already been circulated, was taken on record.

4. ITEM 1: DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN DREAM 11 AND BCCI PURSUANT TO THE PROMOTION AND REGULATION OF ONLINE GAMING ACT, 2025.

Mr. Shukla took up the first item on the Agenda concerning the implications of the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025 (“**Act**”) on the contract between Dream11 and BCCI.

Mr. Saikia requested Mr. Hemang Amin to brief the members on the prevailing situation.

Mr. Amin explained that the Act prohibits real money online gaming, resulting in Dream11 ceasing substantial business operations. He further noted that the Dream11 contract with BCCI remains valid until March 31, 2026, and immediate termination would cause a substantial financial impact. He added that the immediate repercussions could affect the upcoming Asia Cup and the Senior Australia Women's Team's tour of India. Without a prompt replacement sponsor, the India Senior Men's Team may also face challenges proceeding to the Asia Cup due to kit printing timelines.

Mr. Amin therefore suggested initiating discussions with Dream11 regarding termination in line with the sponsorship agreement. He also proposed that BCCI release an 'Invitation for Expression of Interest for National Team Lead Sponsor' with the goal of onboarding a new sponsor by mid-September.

The members deliberated in detail, particularly on the feasibility of appointing a standalone sponsor for the Asia Cup, and possibly negotiating with Adidas for the Asia Cup sponsorship. However, it was noted that the timelines were too constrained for onboarding a new sponsor for the Asia Cup.

Upon due deliberations, the members resolved that BCCI will initiate a tender process for onboarding a new 'National Team Lead Sponsor' for Team India.

5. ITEM 2: DISCUSSION ON APPOINTMENT OF AGENCY TO ONBOARD SPONSORS FOR BCCI.

Mr. Shukla took up the next item on the Agenda, which pertained to the appointment of an agency to onboard sponsors for BCCI.

Mr. Prabhtej Singh Bhatia proposed that BCCI may consider engaging agencies to onboard sponsors, with the objective of increasing competition and attracting quality sponsors, similar to the practice followed by the International Cricket Council.

Mr. Saikia mentioned that this may mean that BCCI has to do away with its current practice of doing an open tender process. He further mentioned that the process to do an open tender process should continue and BCCI should not deviate from that. Mr. Bhatia agreed with Mr. Saikia and mentioned that an agency should not be appointed at the cost of the tender process.

The members discussed the issue in detail and unanimously reaffirmed the significance of adhering to a tender process for onboarding sponsors.

After due deliberation, the members unanimously agreed to deliberate on this issue further at a later date.

6. ITEM 3: RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICER FOR CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS AT BCCI AGM.

Mr. Shukla took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding the ratification of a resolution passed by circulation.

Mr. Biswa Patnaik, General Counsel, BCCI apprised the members that the following resolution, appointing Mr. Achal Kumar Joti, former Chief Election Commissioner of India, as the BCCI Electoral Officer for the BCCI Annual General Meeting scheduled to be held in 2025, was passed by the Apex council by circulation:

RESOLVED THAT in pursuance of the powers granted to the Apex Council under the Rules and Regulations of the BCCI, it has been resolved to appoint Mr. Achal Kumar Joti, former Chief Election Commissioner of India, as the BCCI Electoral Officer for the upcoming Annual General Meeting in 2025.

The members unanimously ratified the resolution appointing Mr. Achal Kumar Joti as the BCCI Electoral Officer for the BCCI Annual General Meeting scheduled to be held in 2025 with effect from August 11, 2025.

7. ITEM 4: TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRPERSON MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA

With respect to any other business which the Chairperson may consider necessary to be included in the Agenda, no other business was considered for the same.

8. VOTE OF THANKS

The Chairperson thanked the Apex Council members and there being no other business, the meeting came to an end.

