

MEGHALAYA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 26TH APEX COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Saturday, March 7, 2026 | 6:00 PM

ATTENDEES

Name	Designation	Status
James PK Sangma	President	Present
Rayonald Kharkamni	Hon. Secretary	Present
Rajiv Bareh	Vice President	Present
Analdo Mebanphira Swer	Hon. Joint Secretary	Present
Chuba R Marak	Member Councillor	Present
Mark Ingty	ICA Representative to the Apex Council	Present
Dhanalaxmi Chourasia	AG Representative to the Apex Council	Present
Eddystone Shylla	Treasurer	Leave of Absence

PROCEEDINGS

The President called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed all members. He extended a special felicitation to Mr. Mark Ingty on his appointment as ICA Representative to the Apex Council. The Treasurer, Mr. Eddystone Shylla, was granted leave of absence for the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 1: APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANT

The Apex Council noted that the post of Accountant had been vacant since September 2025. An advertisement was floated on January 16, 2026, and an interview was conducted on February 11, 2026. Following due process, Mr. James Nongkynrih was selected.

Mr. Rajiv Bareh raised the matter of fixing the professional fees for the new Accountant. The President explained that the previous Accountant had received Rs. 28,000 as professional fees in 2023, and given three years had elapsed and in consideration of the workload, a fee of Rs. 35,000 — at par with the Manager of Cricket Operations — was proposed.

DECISION: The Apex Council ratified the appointment of Mr. James Nongkynrih as Accountant at a professional fee of Rs. 35,000 per month. An appointment letter was directed to be issued immediately upon ratification.

AGENDA ITEM 2: APPOINTMENT OF OMBUDSMAN

The Apex Council noted that the position of Ombudsman had been vacant since 2024–2025 and that constitutional requirements mandate the post be filled as soon as possible. The President reported that, pursuant to the mandate given at the previous Apex Council meeting, a due search was conducted and Justice (Retd.) BD Agarwal of the Guwahati High Court had consented to take up the role.

The President noted that Justice (Retd.) Agarwal has previously worked in Meghalaya on various assignments and is a resident of Guwahati, making him geographically proximate. Mr. Rajiv Bareh enquired about the honorarium. The President stated that the previous Ombudsman, Justice (Retd.) Alope Chakrabarti, received Rs. 7,50,000 per annum, and proposed retaining this amount in the interest of containing expenses. The President noted this was an established precedent and that an HC Judge must be treated with appropriate regard.

DECISION: The Apex Council ratified the appointment of Justice (Retd.) BD Agarwal as Ombudsman of the Meghalaya Cricket Association at an annual honorarium of Rs. 7,50,000. An offer letter is to be dispatched in the week commencing March 9, 2026.



AGENDA ITEM 3: RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS OF EXISTING MCA STAFF

The President stated that renewal of staff contracts is an important matter and should be taken up at the next Apex Council meeting, along with a detailed delegation of responsibilities for each staff member. He noted that staff currently lack clearly defined responsibilities and powers, and this must be corrected.

Mr. Analdo Mebanphira Swer agreed to draft the responsibilities for various staff positions in preparation for the next meeting.

DECISION: The Apex Council agreed to take up the renewal of staff contracts, along with a formal delegation of responsibilities, at the next Apex Council meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4: FINANCIAL REPORTS AND DRAFT BUDGET

The President noted that the Hon. Treasurer is mandated to present financial reports of the Association every month, and this practice should be observed henceforth. He further noted the need for a budget for financial prudence and stated that he had prepared a draft budget from the President's office. Members were requested to review the budget and submit suggestions so that it may be ratified before the end of the financial year.

DECISION: The draft budget was tabled as a proposal for members' review and suggestions, pending ratification before close of the current financial year. Monthly financial reporting by the Treasurer to be adopted as regular practice.

AGENDA ITEM 5: 35-YEAR AGE CAP ON MCA PLAYERS

The President raised the matter of the existing 35-year age cap on MCA players, noting it was unfair to players who retain the capability to contribute. Mr. Mark Ingty noted that J&K has many players above 35 years of age and that this has contributed to their Ranji Trophy success this season. Mr. Mebanphira Swer observed that the same trend is reflected in local and district matches. Mr. Chuba R Marak and Mr. Rajiv Bareh agreed that selection should be based on performance and that MCA must be positioned to field its best players.

DECISION: The Apex Council resolved to remove the 35-year age cap. Henceforth, selections shall be based on performance, merit, and fitness.

AGENDA ITEM 6: BAN ON PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN TENNIS BALL CRICKET

The President noted that the current ban on players participating in tennis ball cricket warrants re-examination. Mr. Mark Ingty observed that tennis ball cricket benefits fast bowlers — strengthening the arm and improving speed and accuracy — and helps batsmen develop a wider range of shots. He cited Mohammed Siraj of the Indian Cricket Team as an example of a player who began with tennis ball. Mr. Rajiv Bareh noted that players across East Jaintia Hills regularly participate in tennis ball cricket.

The President added that encouraging tennis ball cricket would aid grassroots development. The Hon. Secretary raised concerns that exposure to tennis ball may affect players' ability to adapt to the heavier ball. Mr. Ingty responded that once players develop a correct perception of the game, transitioning to a cricket ball is a manageable process. He also noted that the ISPL tournament is currently conducted with tennis balls and features participation by many state players. Mr. Bareh added that the ban has had no practical effect, as players continue to play tennis ball cricket regardless.

DECISION: The Apex Council resolved to lift the ban on tennis ball and Maruti ball cricket. Players of the Association will not be penalised or banned for participation in such formats.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INTERNAL AUDIT FINDINGS

The President stated that internal audit is mandated by the Lodha Committee reforms and cannot be dispensed with. He shared the internal audit reports with members and expressed concern that despite findings having been in place for some time, no corrective action had been taken.

The President expressed his disappointment that these deficiencies remain unaddressed and urged the current Apex Council to take corrective action, notwithstanding that the failures arose under previous management.

DECISION: The Apex Council resolved that the CA and Accountant be engaged immediately for necessary action, all audit findings be formally flagged, and corrective actions be initiated at the earliest by the Apex Council.



AGENDA ITEM 8: PERFORMANCE AUDIT

The President presented a performance review and informed members that across all groups for men over two seasons, the win percentage is below 20%, and for women, below 2.5%. Key results:

- Ranji Trophy 2024–25: Team relegated; 2025–26: Third place in Plate Group
- CK Nayudu Trophy 2025–26: All games lost; relegated to Plate Group
- Vijay Hazare Trophy 2024–25: Elite category; 2025–26: Plate category
- SMAT 2025–26: Played 5, Won 2, Lost 3

The President noted that MCA's performance has been on a downward slope since 2019 and that administrative deficiencies are now adversely impacting cricket outcomes. He stated that immediate corrective measures are essential.

Mr. Mark Ingty highlighted the importance of scouting and cited JKCA's revamp over the past 4–5 years despite limited resources and harsh conditions. Mr. Rajiv Bareh emphasised the need for early-age scouting across age categories. The President suggested including as many schools as possible. Mr. Ingty proposed that all districts start inter-school leagues in longer-format (2-day) games, to develop composure and patience in young players. The Hon. Secretary suggested cost-containment measures such as designating zone venues (Tura for Garo Hills, a central venue for Khasi-Jaintia Hills) to reduce lodging expenses and enable more matches.

DECISION: The Apex Council acknowledged the severity of the performance decline and directed that immediate corrective measures be initiated. District inter-school leagues in longer format are encouraged to be explored.

AGENDA ITEM 9: OPERATION OF ASSOCIATION BANK ACCOUNTS

The President stated that constitutionally, any two of three office bearers may sign cheques on the Association's accounts, and that the combination selected must remain permanent. He clarified that no third person should exercise control over the accounts.

DECISION: The Apex Council agreed on the President and Treasurer as the permanent signatory combination. All expenses are to be passed through the Apex Council. The bank is to be notified of this combination forthwith.

AGENDA ITEM 10: CONDUCT OF INTER-DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

Mr. Rajiv Bareh proposed inter-district tournaments up to the U-19 age level. Mr. Mark Ingty suggested a zone-wise format. The following was agreed upon:

- Two zones: Khasi-Jaintia Hills Zone and Garo Hills Zone
- This season: U-19 Boys and Girls categories
- Venues — Garo Hills: Tura (Boys), Mendipathar (Girls); Khasi-Jaintia Hills: Ri-Bhoi (Boys), Nongstoin (Girls)
- Finals to be held in Shillong to ensure a larger field

DECISION: The Apex Council concurred and passed the above inter-district tournament structure.

AGENDA ITEM 11: CONSTITUTION AND RATIFICATION OF SUB-COMMITTEES

The Apex Council deliberated on the constitution of sub-committees and finalised the following:

Tournament Sub-Committee:

- Secretary (Convenor), Distar M. Marbaniang (Chairman), Tiewshailin Lyngdoh (Vice Chairman), Prewinson D. Sangma

District Sub-Committee:

- Secretary (Convenor), Desarius Banri Kharmalki (Chairman), Nightstarwell Wahlang, Raju D. Sangma, Obed Sangma

Ground and Infrastructure Sub-Committee:

- Secretary (Convenor), Peter J. Lamare (Chairman), Pobitra Rabha, Teilang D. Shadap, Tnebha Phawa (Vice Chairman)



Cricket Advisory Sub-Committee:

(Comprising only former cricket players; no office bearers. Responsible for constituting selection sub-committees, recommending coaches, captains, players for net practice, and all other responsibilities set out in the MCA Constitution.)

- Jason J. Lamare (Chairman), Aditya Singhania, Wanlambok Nongkhlaw

Disciplinary Sub-Committee:

- President (Convenor), Secretary, Bakhain Nongsiej (Chairman), Wanpyntgen Lyngdoh Nonglait; additional members may be co-opted

Umpires Sub-Committee:

- Committee dispensed with for the current cycle, as no qualifying member is available.

DECISION: The Apex Council ratified the constitution of all sub-committees as detailed above.

AGENDA ITEM 12: PANEL OF SELECTORS

DECISION: Responsibility delegated to the Cricket Advisory Sub-Committee, to be constituted and action taken at the earliest.

AGENDA ITEM 13: ROADMAP FOR THE NEXT CRICKETING SEASON

DECISION: Members are requested to submit suggestions and roadmaps to the Cricket Advisory Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee will present a final roadmap to the Apex Council.

AGENDA ITEM 14: TRIALS AND SELECTIONS

DECISION: Responsibility delegated to the Cricket Advisory Sub-Committee, to act at the earliest.

AGENDA ITEM 15: CONDUCTING LEVEL-0 COACHING AND UMPIRING COURSES

DECISION: The Apex Council delegated this to MCA Administration, with a directive to act at the earliest and prepare a comprehensive off-season activities roadmap, to be presented at the next Apex Council.

AGENDA ITEM 16: DATE OF NEXT APEX COUNCIL MEETING

DECISION: The next Apex Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2026.



SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

The following decisions were taken at the 26th Apex Council Meeting of the Meghalaya Cricket Association held on March 7, 2026:

1. Appointment of Mr. James Nongkynrih as Accountant ratified, at a professional fee of Rs. 35,000 per month; appointment letter to be issued immediately.
2. Appointment of Justice (Retd.) BD Agarwal as Ombudsman ratified at an honorarium of Rs. 7,50,000 per annum; offer letter to be issued in the week of March 9, 2026.
3. Renewal of staff contracts and delegation of responsibilities to be taken up at the next Apex Council meeting; Mr. Mebanphira Swer to draft responsibilities and present at next Apex Council meeting.
4. Draft budget tabled for member review and ratification before close of financial year; monthly financial reporting by the Treasurer adopted as standard practice.
5. 35-year age cap on MCA players removed; selections henceforth based on performance, merit, and fitness.
6. Ban on tennis ball and Maruti ball cricket lifted; Association players will not be penalised for participation in such formats.
7. Apex Council directed that all internal audit findings be flagged with the CA and Accountant and corrective actions initiated urgently.
8. Severity of performance decline acknowledged; district inter-school leagues in longer format to be explored; immediate corrective measures directed.
9. President and Treasurer designated as permanent signatory combination for all bank accounts; bank to be notified forthwith.
10. Inter-district U-19 tournament structure approved in zone-wise format, with finals in Shillong.
11. Sub-committees (Tournament, District, Ground & Infrastructure, Cricket Advisory, Disciplinary) constituted and ratified; Umpires Sub-Committee dispensed with.
12. Cricket Advisory Sub-Committee tasked with constituting the Panel of Selectors at the earliest.
13. Roadmap for next cricketing season to be submitted to and finalised by the Cricket Advisory Sub-Committee.
14. Trials and selections delegated to the Cricket Advisory Sub-Committee.
15. Level-0 coaching and umpiring courses delegated to MCA Administration; off-season activities roadmap to be prepared, and presented in next Apex Council meeting.
- 16. Next Apex Council Meeting scheduled for March 23, 2026.**



There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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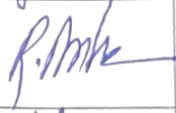



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Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Signature
1	James PK Sangma	President	
2	Rayonald Kharkamni	Hon. Secretary	
3	Rajiv Bareh	Vice President	
4	Analdo Mebanphira Swer	Hon. Joint Secretary	
5	Chuba R Marak	Member Councillor	

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Signature
6	Mark Ingty	ICA Representative	
7	Dhanalaxmi Chourasia	AG Representative	



FEE/TA/DA PAID TO THE APEX COUNCIL MEMBERS OF MCA DURING THE 26TH APEX COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH MARCH 2026 AT SHILLONG CLUB.

SL.NO	NAME	DESIGNATION	FEE	TA/DA	TOTAL NO. OF DAYS	TOTAL	SIGNATURE
1	MR JAMES P K SANGMA	PRESIDENT					
2	MR RAJIV BAREH	VICE PRESIDENT					
3	MR RAYONALD KHARKAMNI	HONORARY SECRETARY					
4	MR A MEBANPHIRA SWER	HONORARY JOINT SECRETARY					
5	MR EDDYSTONE SHYLLA	HONORARY TREASURER					
6	MR CHUBA R MARAK	MEMBER COUNCILLOR-APEX COUNCIL					
7	MS DHANLAXMI CHOURASIA	AG REPRESENTATIVE					
8	MR MARK J INGTY	ICA PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE (MALE)					
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						GRAND TOTAL	



MEGHALAYACRICKETASSOCIATION(MCA)

(Member – BCCI)

(Registration No -SR/MCA-577/97 of 1997)

J.N. SPORTS COMPLEX MEGHALAYA

Date: March 9, 2026

NOTIFICATION

Constitution of Sub-Committees of the Meghalaya Cricket Association

In exercise of the powers vested in the Apex Council of the Meghalaya Cricket Association under its Constitution, and pursuant to the decisions taken at the 26th Apex Council Meeting held on March 7, 2026, suppressing all previous orders, the following Sub-Committees are hereby constituted with immediate effect:

1. Tournament Sub-Committee

Sl. No.	Role	Name
1	Ex-officio Member	Mr. Rayonald Kharkamni, Hon. Secretary
2	Chairman	Mr. Distar M. Marbaniang
3	Vice Chairman	Ms. Tiewshailin Lyngdoh
4	Member	Mr. Prewinson D. Sangma

2. District Sub-Committee

Sl. No.	Role	Name
1	Ex-officio Member	Mr. Rayonald Kharkamni, Hon. Secretary
2	Chairman	Mr. Desarius Banri Kharmalki
3	Member	Mr. Nightstarwell Wahlang
4	Member	Mr. Raju D. Sangma
5	Member	Mr. Obed Sangma



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3. Ground and Infrastructure Sub-Committee

Sl. No.	Role	Name
1	Ex-officio Member	Mr. Rayonald Kharkamni, Hon. Secretary
2	Chairman	Mr. Peter J. Lamare
3	Vice Chairman	Mr. Tnebha Phawa
4	Member	Mr. Pobitra Rabha
5	Member	Mr. Teilang D. Shadap

4. Cricket Advisory Sub-Committee

Note: As mandated by the Constitution of Meghalaya Cricket Association, this Sub-Committee shall comprise only former cricket players of the Association. Unless they are former players of the Association, no office bearers shall be members. This sub-committee shall be responsible for constituting the Selection Sub-Committee across groups, recommending coaches, captains, players for net practice, and all other responsibilities assigned to it under the Constitution of the Meghalaya Cricket Association.

Sl. No.	Role	Name
1	Chairman	Mr. Jason J. Lamare
2	Member	Mr. Aditya Singhanian
3	Member	Mr. Wanlambok Nongkhaw



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5. Disciplinary Sub-Committee

Note: Additional members may be co-opted by the Convenor as required.

Sl. No.	Role	Name
1	Convenor	Mr. James PK Sangma, President
2	Ex-officio Member	Mr. Rayonald Kharkamni, Hon. Secretary
3	Chairman	Mr. Bakhain Nongsiej
4	Member	Mr. Wanpyntgen Lyngdoh Nonglait

All concerned are hereby notified accordingly. The Sub-Committees are directed to convene at the earliest and commence their respective mandates as assigned.

Every sub-committee is expected to convene at least one mandatory meeting every quarter and submit the minutes of the meeting to the MCA office for review of the Apex Council. Sub-committees are also expected to discharge assigned responsibilities given by the Association as per requirement.

James PK Sangma

President

Meghalaya Cricket Association

