

Record notes of the meeting of the Apex Council of Tripura Cricket Association held on 19th June, 2026 (Friday) at 5.00 PM in the head office, TCA.

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

Name of other 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, Councillor, TCA.
5. Shri Sani Saha, Invitee Member.
6. Shri Vigneshwaran K, IA & AS, Senior Deputy Accountant General (AMG – I & Administration)

Shri Jayanta Dey Hon. Joint Secretary was informed about the meeting but remained absent without prior intimation.

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

With the 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 last Apex Council meeting held on 23/05/2026.

The chairman placed the minutes of the last Apex Council meeting held on 23th May 2026 for confirmation.

The said minutes were confirmed unanimously by all the members present in the meeting.

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Agenda – 2

Administrative approval and Expenditure sanction to the works of the Engineering section of TCA.

Civil Construction of Practice shed at Udaipur, Kamalpur, Dharmanagar, Amarpur, Sabroom & Khowai are in progress and likely to be completed by August'2026. To make this practice sheds ready for use it is necessary to provide sports installation like all-weather performing synthetic turf and box net in these practice shed. To execute these works engineering section prepared preliminary estimate and placed before the apex council for administrative approval.

- i) Supply and Installation of Synthetic Turf for cricket pitch in newly constructed practice shed at Udaipur, sub division of Tripura of American/European/Australian/New Zealand/Asian origin during the year 2026-27. Materials should be of all-weather performing, maintenance friendly, green colour. Estimated cost Rs.10,45,347.00
- ii) Supply and Installation of Synthetic Turf for cricket pitch in newly constructed practice shed at Kamalpur, sub division of Tripura of American/European/Australian/New Zealand/Asian origin during the year 2026-27. Materials should be of all-weather performing, maintenance friendly, green colour. Estimated cost Rs.10,45,347.00
- iii) Supply and Installation of Synthetic Turf for cricket pitch in newly constructed practice shed at Dharmanagar, sub division of Tripura of American/European/Australian/New Zealand/Asian origin during the year 2026-27. Materials should be of all-weather performing, maintenance friendly, green colour. (Estimated cost Rs.10,45,347.00
- iv) Supply and Installation of Synthetic Turf for cricket pitch in newly constructed practice shed at Amarpur, sub division of Tripura of American/European/Australian/New Zealand/Asian origin during the year 2026-27. Materials should be of all-weather performing, maintenance friendly, green colour. Estimated cost Rs.10,45,347.00
- v) Supply and Installation of Synthetic Turf for cricket pitch in newly constructed practice shed at Sabroom, sub division of Tripura of American/European/Australian/New Zealand/Asian origin during the year 2026-27. Materials should be of all-weather performing, maintenance friendly, green colour. Estimated cost Rs.10,45,347.00
- vi) Supply and Installation of Synthetic Turf for cricket pitch in newly constructed practice shed at Khowai, sub division of Tripura of American/European/Australian/New Zealand/Asian origin during the year 2026-27. Materials should be of all-weather performing, maintenance friendly, green colour. Estimated cost Rs.10,45,347.00

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- vii) Supplying and fitting fixing of Box net in newly constructed practice shed at Udaipur, Kamalpur, Dharmanagar, Amarpur, Sabroom & Khowai sub – division during the year 2026-27. Estimated cost Rs.15,51,650.00

Discussion: One observation was made as to what for the estimate for total work was not made tender called for at a time. The Executive Engineer TCA explains that one component was of civil nature construction. The other was for sports infrastructure like providence. So scope of work in these two components is separate. One part has to be done after the other part has got completed. Uncertainty of time for completing the works by the agency is more in civil nature of work. It is better not to carry forward the uncertainty to the other component.

Generally, agency in such two components is different in market. Sports articles are generally not locally available and need to be imported from outside. If the sports component work is done earlier, then investment may get held up for some time. Otherwise also from management angle we have to manage work under technical competency of Executive Engineer as it is the highest Engineering Official available under TCA. Big work done by taking service of consultants.

Resolution: The management requirement was appreciated and **resolved that** the administrative approval and expenditure sanction for the proposed works would be accorded formally by the Secretary, TCA work wise by maintaining proper records as per norms.

Agenda – 3

Appointment of Spotter under each sub-divisional cricket association.

During AGM on 30/10/2024, policy decision was taken for engagement of a few Spotters in the first phase. For first phase engagement the Apex Council decided to take two Spotter in every affiliated subdivision on the basis of an estimate of current necessity. It was prescribed to select 2 (two) interested persons involving in cricket activity for this engagement with monthly honorarium for 1 (one) year engagement was decided for Rs.5000/- only. It was further prescribed that President and Secretary and Representative to TCA of affiliated members (Subdivisional Cricket Association) will unitedly propose two names in writing. Apex Council will verify and finalize the names.

Accordingly, the first list has been submitted by active interested subdivision giving details of every candidate on age, names, where proposed. During discussion it was found that there are two angles of thoughts on selection of young age candidates with very small monthly payment. One reasoning was that young age boys with sport's interest with some honorarium would be better choice if available. Another reasoning was that matured experienced persons would be better for meritorious spotting. After discussion it was **resolved that** at present we may approve the proposal as submitted by respective SDCA's by relaying on their perception and information on suitability recorded against each.

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However, it was also **resolved** next time consideration for reengagement would be in terms of performance report for which a format of reporting has earlier been circulated. On the basis of submission, the following Selection was decided.

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SL.	Sub-divisional Cricket Association	Candidate 01	Candidate 02
1	Khowai	Dipankar Roy	Kinkar Chakraborty
2	Sabroom	Prasenjit Majumder	Rajiv Shukla Das
3	Kamalpur	Prantosh Das	Shankar Dhar
4	Longtorai Valley	Surajit Sarkar	Kriti Kishan Chakma
5	Bishalgarh	Saikat Laskar	Abhilash Sinha
6	Belonia	Saikat Paul	Abhijit Roy
7	Jirania	Debankar Debanath	Akash Debnath
8	Telaimura	Arghajit Nandi	Monto Debnath
9	Sonamura	Dipak Singh	Bikash Majumder

Agenda – 4

Proposal for forming a Pay Revision Committee to review the salary structures of the TCA.

The salary structure of the employees of the Tripura Cricket Association was last revised on 1st October, 2019. Since then, there has been a substantial increase in the prices of essential household commodities and day-to-day living expenses, resulting in a significant rise in the overall cost of living.

The Government pay structure has also been revised. It was generally appreciated that it is time for next review of pay.

Therefore, **RESOLVED THAT**, a pay review committee comprising of suitable members be constituted. The name of such suitable members may be placed before the Apex Council in next meeting after having information by the Hon. Secretary of TCA.

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Agenda – 5

Renewal of contract of Executive Engineer of TCA.

One-year contract period of Shri Dilip Kumar Roy, Executive Engineer of TCA will end on 31/07/2026.

It has been decided to extend the service of Shri Dilip Kumar Roy, Executive Engineer, TCA, for one year on the basis of his performance appraisal by the Hon. Secretary of TCA.

Agenda – 6

Renewal of contract of Manager TCA.

One-year contract period of Shri Sayantan Datta, Manager of TCA will end on 30/06/2026.

It has been decided to extend the service of Shri Sayantan Datta, Manager, TCA, for one year on the basis of his performance appraisal by the Hon. Secretary of TCA.

Agenda – 7

Discussion and Approval for the Formation of a Committee for Selection of Guest Players and Guest Support Personnel.

For BCCI Tournaments, all state cricket associations including TCA are allowed to hire guest cricketers (the players who belongs to other state/from areas outside their jurisdiction) in Senior Men's squads (maximum 03 players) and Senior Women's squads (maximum 03 players) in every cricket season.

Moreover, support staff like Head Coach, Physiotherapist, Strength & Conditioning Coach, Nutritionist and Side-arm Thrower are also to be engaged with different state/ out of state teams under TCA.

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Thus, the Apex Council in its meetings dated 19-06-2024 and 07-05-2025 had constituted a committee of Tripura Cricket Association for the cricket season 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 respectively comprising of the following members for both the said seasons: -

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| 1. Sri Upananda Debbarma | : Hon. Vice-President, TCA - | Chairman |
| 2. Sri Jayanta Dey | : Hon. Joint Secretary, TCA - | Convenor |
| 3. Sri Sanjoy Bose | : General Body Member, TCA - | Member |
| 4. Sri Sani Saha | : General Body Member, TCA - | Member |

After detailed discussion the committee for 2026-27 has been chosen for constitution as below:-

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| 2. Sri Jayanta Dey | : Hon. Joint Secretary, TCA | - | Convenor |
| 3. Sri Sanjoy Bose | : General Body Member, TCA | - | Member |
| 4. Sri Sani Saha | : General Body Member, TCA | - | Member |
| 5. Sri Chiranjib Dey | : General Body Member, TCA | - | Member |
| 6. Sri Ranjan Datta | : General Body Member, TCA | - | Member |

Agenda – 8

Rationalisation of Tournament format for Senior Women's, Under 18 Women's, under 14 Women's team.

It was **resolved that** a detailed report to be submitted by the Advisory Womens' Cricket Committee of Tripura Cricket Association, outlining the current format & proposed format in case of existing tournament and the proposed format for any new tournament.

Agenda – 9

Review on under13 boy's tournament.

As there is no National Tournament in and around under 13, so a matter to review the feasibility to continue under 13 Tournaments across the state has come up in review and has been placed in the meeting of the Advisory Tournament Committee and the Advisory Women's Cricket Committee in presence of the Office Bearers held on 19.06.2026

The matter was discussed at length by the members of the Advisory Tournament Committee and the Advisory Women's Cricket Committee, who carefully examined the present structure of the competition, its objectives, and its role in the overall development of junior cricket in the State.

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After extensive discussions, the members unanimously observed that the existing format of the under 13 Tournament has been functioning effectively and has significantly contributed to the identification, grooming, and development of young cricketers over the years. Both the Committees was of the considered opinion that the present format provides adequate competitive exposure to budding players at the grassroots level and serves as the first structured platform for talented cricketers to progress into higher age-group competitions.

The members of both committees further expressed the view that any alteration to the existing format at this stage would adversely effect the established junior player development pathway. It was noted that the under 13 Tournament plays a crucial role in creating a continuous pipeline of young and promising cricketers. Any unnecessary modification in the competition structure may disrupt this progression and negatively impact the long-term development of junior cricket in the State.

After due consideration of all aspects and recommendation from the Advisory Tournament Committee and the Advisory Women's Cricket Committee, it is **resolved that** the under 13 Tournament shall continue in its existing format without any modification.

It was further **resolved that** the present structure adequately serves the development objectives of junior cricket and shall remain unchanged unless any future requirement arises based on policy directives, practical considerations, or recommendations supported by substantial evidence.

Agenda – 10

Review on under 18 boy's tournament financial aspects.

In view of the need to optimize expenditure for the under 18 Age Level State Meet Tournament 2026–27 without compromising the quality and competitiveness of the tournament, the following measures are proposed for consideration. These suggestions are aimed at reducing avoidable operational costs, particularly in relation to travel, accommodation, daily allowances, and match organization.

(i) Scrapping of the Pre-Quarter Final Stage:

Tripura Cricket Association has introduced under 18 age level State Meet boy's tournament from 2025-26 for the interest of generating quality players for under 19 national tournament teams. The format of the tournament is felt to be improved for making more compact and economic. Format adopted during 2025-26 consist of 48 group league matches while the knock out stage, which includes 8 pre-quarter final matches, 4 quarter final matches, 2 semifinal matches and 1 final match which makes a total 63 no of matches. Last year 48 days were required to conduct the tournament.

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By close scrutiny, the tournament and technical section have appraised the Apex Council these tournaments may be made more compact by scraping the 8 pre-quarter final matches.

Therefore, the Apex Council **resolved** to scrap 8 pre-quarter final matches.

(ii) Restriction of DA to Teams Travelling Outside Their Home Sub-Division:

Tournament and technical section have appraised the Apex Council that there is some reasonable scope of reviewing DA to the team playing under 18 age level State Meet tournament on equitable treatment. At present teams playing matches within their sub-division are allowed DA as well as for the teams staying and playing matches outside their home subdivision. To make the system equitable and actual involvement appropriateness, it is rational not to allow DA to players and support stuffs playing matches within their home subdivision.

Therefore, the Apex Council **resolved** to allow DA to players and support stuff playing matches outside their home subdivision as per approved schedule of matches in under 18 tournaments also.

Agenda – 11

Decide contract Engagement conditions of Sri Atanu Sinha as Physio on requirement.

As per norms of BCCI one Physiotherapist are must to be inducted in each state team during participation in any BCCI tournament in every year season. Presently we have only five numbers of physiotherapist working under TCA on Regular basis. Due to shortage of physiotherapist TCA has engaged Sri Atanu Sinha as physio of Tripura under 23 men's team in connection with Col CK Nayudu Trophy team in connection with Col CK Nayudu Trophy and state a trophy for the period of 16th OCT 2025 TO 2nd FEB 2026.

As per existing financial guidelines of TCA Mr Sinha would be accorded 1500 per day for inside state and 2000 per day for outside Tripura. **RESOLVED THAT**, the same guideline would be followed.

Agenda – 12

Empowering Vice President to exercise some functions by sharing with President.

The President of Tripura Cricket Association Shri Tapan Lodh, informed the House that, owing to unavoidable family circumstances, he require to devote considerable time to the care of his 92-year-old ailing mother, who required assistance with mobility, as well as his wife, who was suffering from multiple ailments and had recently undergone pacemaker implantation surgery. He further informed that his mother was residing at Melaghar and his wife at Agartala. So, he requested for some allocation of function of the President to the Vice President.

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After due consideration on the proposal of the president on the following allocation of functioning to the Vice President decided under the scope of the constitutional clause number 7 (d).

Vice President would perform functioning of the President for the following allocation:-

1. Establishment (including salary).
2. Tournament matters.
3. Small work below a total cost less than Rs. 5,00,000 lakhs.

All other functions will rest with the President himself as usual. President may intervene to any function or Vice President may refer any matters to the President when felt necessary.

Agenda – 13

Miscellaneous.

One time grant to the mother of the deceased selector Rajesh Banik who died in accident while returning from duty.

Sri Rajesh Banik died in scooter accident while returning from his duty as selector appointed under order no 6713.

Sri Banik had played 42 Ranji matches during his life time. He played in list A tournament for 24 matches and T20 18 matches. He was selected in under 19 World Cup 2002 held at New Zealand, which is an exceptional record for Tripura players.

He contributed for state cricket development as player, as selector several times, as coaches in coaching center etc. His demise in accident was a great loss to TCA.

In his family his mother is dependent on his income. He was granted an immediate relief for Rs 50,000/- to defray expenditure of Hospital and funeral ceremony. His mother had appealed for relief for survival to TCA and the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Hon'ble Chief Minister is kindly sympathetic to this case in view of great contribution of Sri Banik to Cricket of Tripura.

Considering all the Apex Council **resolved** to allow a one-time grant of Rs. 2,00,000 to Smt. Chaya Rani Banik, mother of Late Rajesh Banik for affording her survival.

T. Lodh 10/7/2026

Tapan Lodh

Hon. President

Tripura Cricket Association