



Broadcast Engineering Society (India)

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Minutes of AGM of Broadcast Engineering Society (India) held on 09th May 2026 at Delton Hall, IETE, 2, Institutional Area Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

The AGM started at 11.00 am. Since the quorum was not full, the AGM was adjourned for 15 minutes. The members, re-assembled for meeting. The meeting was adjourned again as per by-laws of BES(I) as the quorum was still not complete. Thereafter, Shri Sunil, President, Shri Aftab Ahmad, Hon. Secretary and Shri Manoj Gupta, Hon. Treasurer occupied the respective chairs on the dais.

Shri Sunil, President welcomed the members and requested the members to observe two minutes silence as a mark of respect to the departed souls of the members of society who have left for heavenly abode since last BES (I) AGM.

After observing the two minutes silence, the meeting started.

In his opening address Shri Sunil, President welcomed all the members informed the house that BES Expo 2026 was a resounding success as it was after a long spell of a decade that the exhibition area crossed a booking of over 900 sqm by the exhibitors showing a growing interest from the Broadcasting industry, especially at a time when there was a global slowdown and other broadcasting conferences across the world were showing a decreased participation. He further informed that the BES Conference during the Expo was of a very high standard, well curated with latest broadcasting aspects covering technology, content, news, sports, AI, drones, cybersecurity and the key sessions were chaired by the Additional Secretaries, Joint secretaries of the Ministry of I&B GoI and CEOs of GoI establishments. An excellent lineup of speakers with Secretaries to GoI, Presidents/ CEOs/ senior government functionaries and domain experts on board was the key attraction of the conference. President Sri Sunil appreciated the untiring efforts of the Chairman exhibition Committee Sri Abhishek Agarwal, Chairman Conference Committee Sri CK Jain, Chairmen of various committees, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Council Members and other broadcast fraternity members who steered and were involved directly/Indirectly for successfully organizing the international event BES Expo-2026.

President BES Shri Sunil further informed that set up an innovation zone was the new feature in the Expo-2026 BES (I) witnessing the participation from startup companies showcasing their innovations and products with the latest technologies. He thanked the efforts of the Council Member Sri Rajeev Kumar for the new initiative.

Sunil
President

Aftab Ahmad
Hon. Secretary

Manoj Gupta
Hon. Treasurer



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He also informed and thanked BISAG-N for their continued financial and delegate support to BES since a long time. BISAG N has been extending sponsorship support every year during the BES Expo.

Shri Sunil, President, informed that in view of the success of the previous BES Expo 2026, BES (India) has approached the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB), the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) and other Ministry to facilitate the participation of startup companies in the upcoming BES Expo 2027.

Shri Sunil, President informed that this year there was an increased interest growing from the local chapters as well. BES Hyderabad Chapter organized a two day conference on theme "Digital Convergence in Broadcasting with AI" and witnessed a good industry participation from Reliance, WBEC and private broadcasters. He further informed that Hyderabad Chapter inducted approximately 100 student members in BES (I) during this year and appreciated the efforts of BES nominated member Prof Dr Nuli Namassivaya in this membership drive and technology initiative.

One big visible change during this year's BES Expo was that BES was able to secure the Government support of key Ministries like I&B having an MoU signed with MIB, support from the Ministry of Communication, MIETTY, Defence, etc . He informed that Secretary MEITY was gracious to declare the BES Expo 2026 a Pre Summit event of AI Impact Summit, 2026. Such initiatives brought good visibility, relevance and glory to the Broadcast Engineering Society.

President also assured the august house that all out efforts shall be made this year for getting international broadcasters , foreign exhibitors and international Broadcasting Unions on board BES Expo 2027

Hony Secretary BES Sri Aftab Ahmed was then requested to take up the Agenda points one by one.

Agenda Item No.1:-Confirmation of Minutes of the last AGM held on 26-08-2023 at New Delhi.

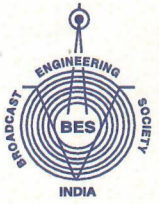
Hon. Secretary informed the members that minutes of last Council Meeting held on 05-02-2017 has already been circulated and requested all members to approve it.

Shri Rajiv Sinha raised a point with reference to the Minutes of the previous AGM regarding the recovery of the amount claimed towards TA/DA expenses incurred by the Immediate Past Treasurer, Shri O.P. Rajpurohit. He stated that, as per the provisions of FROP, office bearers are not entitled to claim TA/DA for BES-related work. He further expressed the view that the President does not have the authority to grant ex-post facto approval for such claims. Shri A.V. Swaminathan and Shri R.C.

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Bhatnagar also told that office bearers should preferably be based in Delhi so that they can effectively manage the Society's office and its day-to-day activities. In this context, he expressed the view that TA/DA for visits to the office by an office bearer residing outside Delhi, such as travel from Jaipur to Delhi and back, should not be admissible. Shri A.V. Swaminathan told that the office bearer or council members only permissible for TA/DA only for Council Meeting. He further told that the TA/DA should not be permissible for other secretarial work carried out on behalf of the BES (I). Shri Sinha told that the above points were raised before last AGM 2023 but it has not been minuted. He further requested to minutes should be amended with above observations.

After long discussion Shri Rajiv Sinha asserted his demand to get this inquired by a duly nominated committee for examining the allegations and contentions raised by the members on TA/DA incurred by Immediate Past Treasurer Shri O.P. Rajpurohit.

Shri Sunil, President agreed to the request of Shri Rajiv Sinha, Shri Ashish Bhatnagar, Shri R.C. Bhatnagar, Shri A. V. Swaminathan and others members and with the consent of the members attending the AGM announced a one member committee chaired by Ms. Archana M. Gupta Council Member and submit the findings and recommendations on the matter of TA/DA of Shri O.P. Rajpurohit to the President within a fortnight for necessary action and further information of the members. The minutes were approved with above points.

Agenda Item No. 2:- Report on the activities of the BES since last AGM

Hon. Secretary presented the report on activities of BES (I) since last AGM.

Hon. Secretary welcomed the all distinguished members of BES (India). He expressed his proud privileged for welcoming member to the Annual General Meeting of Broadcast Engineering Society India being held today on 09th May 2026. He said that the Society was established in 1987 by a group of visionary broadcast engineers to promote the interests of the broadcasting profession at national and international levels. Keeping its aims and objectives in mind, he expressed his sincere gratitude to all previous office bearers and past council members who have contributed immensely in bringing the Society to its present stature.

Further he told that the present Executive Council took over on 03-05-2024 and, during its first meeting, set its priorities under the able leadership of our President Sri Sunil. The foremost task was to strengthen the foundation of the Society, restore its glory, and enhance its activities at both Headquarters and local chapter levels.

As of now, BES (I) has a total of **2,477 individual members** and **47 corporate members**.



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Major Events Organized Since the Last AGM

BES EXPO 2024 (15–17 February 2024)

A three-day conference and exhibition at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on the theme: *“Evolving Media Ecosystem: Innovative, Immersive & Sustainable Broadcasting.”*

WAVES 2025 Partnership (1–4 May 2025)

BES (I) signed a Memorandum of Partnership with WAVES under the Ministry of I&B, Government of India. BES hosted a session on: *“Revolutionizing Content Delivery: Promises of Next-Generation Broadcasting”* at Jio Convention Centre, Mumbai.

BES EXPO 2025 (03–05 July 2025)

Theme: *“Transforming the Media Landscape through AI: Create, Collaborate, Monetize”*
Held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

BES EXPO 2026 (29–31 January 2026)

Theme: *“Broadcast Intelligence Innovation: Make in India for the World”*
Held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Additionally, BES (I) was chosen by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, as a partner for a pre-submission event of the **India AI Impact Summit 2026**.

Progress and Achievements

In the past few years, BES faced challenges, including declining income and reduced exhibitor participation. However, due to the dedicated efforts of the present Council members, we have successfully restored the Society’s mission by a visible participation of the industry.

The contributions of the President, the Hon. Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Exhibition Committee are especially commendable.

Hon. Secretary explained data of exhibition Area Growth (in sqm) from last ten years:

S. No.	BES Expo	Booked Area in SQM
1	2015	1376
2	2016	1024.5
3	2017	757.5
4	2018	882
5	2019	604
6	2020	601
7	2023	510
8	2024	643
9	2025	650
10	2026	911



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This upward trend clearly reflects renewed confidence and participation in BES EXPO.

He also felt proud to reiterate that, under the leadership of the President and with the efforts of the Conference Committee, the conference segment of BES EXPO had scaled new heights. It witnessed participation from policymakers, industry leaders, and key stakeholders from the Media & Entertainment sector, including senior officials from the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and MeitY.

Hon. Secretary hoped that BES(I) would continue to receive full cooperation from all members in the future to further strengthen BES (I). Together, as a community of broadcasters and innovators, we do should not just adapt to change, rather we are to take lead in shaping the future of communication in India. Every idea we nurture today needs to become the signal that reaches millions tomorrow. So we need to continue to innovate, collaborate, and lead.

What we have built together is not just an organization, but a platform for progress, partnership, and possibility and commit to carry forward not just decisions, but a shared commitment to excellence and growth. Our strength lies in our collective vision, and our future in our continued collaboration.

Hon. Secretary quoted **Henry Ford** and said that **“Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, and working together is success.”** and further concluded with the words of Mahatma Gandhi **“The future depends on what we do in the present.”**

Agenda Item No. 3 :- Adoption of accounts for the Financial Year 2023-24 and 2024-25

Shri Sunil, President requested, Hon. Treasurer to present books of accounts.

After welcoming all members, Shri Manoj Gupta, Hon. Treasurer presented books of accounts for the financial year 2023-2024 and 2024-25 for its adoption. He explained the all income and expenditure one by one. He told that this year Income was increased from last year due with historical collection by booking of stalls as well as from sponsorship in BES Expo-2026.

The body approved and passed the accounts for financial year 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Agenda Item No.4:- Report on the activities of Local Chapters

There was no report/presentation made in the AGM by other local chapters as neither the chairman nor its representatives were present in the AGM.



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Agenda Item No. 5 :-Renewal of appointment of Auditor

It was unanimously approved the renewal of appointment of auditor Shri S.K. Sharma M/s. BNPSY & Associates Chartered Accountants, 118-B Munish Plaza, 20 Ansari Road, New Delhi.

Agenda Item No. 6 : Changing the nomenclature for enhanced functional visibility and credibility: Past Presidents as President Emeritus and Honorary Secretary as Secretary General

As per the agenda, President informed the house that the re-nomenclature of the positions is aimed for enhanced functional visibility, credibility and future contributions to the society: Past Presidents as President Emeritus and Hon. Secretary as Hon. Secretary General. This agenda item was already approved in the 12th Council meeting of BES held on 08-03-2026

The house deliberated and agreed to the proposed changes.

Agenda Item No.7:- Any other matter with the permission of chair

There being no other matter, the meeting ended with vote of thanks

Yours Sincerely,


(Aftab Ahmad) 4/6
Hon. Secretary