

# NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

## Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Meeting of the Forum, held in the TEC Conference Room, NPL on October 18, 2011 at 10.30 A.M.

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The following Agenda for the meeting had been notified by Shri G K Arora, the Secretary of the Forum to the members, vide his letter dated October 8, 2011 sent to the them by ordinary post, supplemented by e-mail to the members who could be so contacted:

### AGENDA

- Welcome by the President and Introductory Remarks.
- Passing of Condolence Resolution on the demise of Mrs. Poonam Chadha D/o Shri Radhey Kishen Khanna.
- Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting (24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Forum) held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011.
- Follow-up Action on the decisions taken at the above meeting.
- Status Report by the Secretary
- Status Report by the Treasurer
- Facilitating the following Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum and presentation of the Citations, 80-Plus Certificates & Forum's Mementoes to them by Prof. E S R Gopal.
  - Dr. V N Bindal
  - Shri Ram Prasad
  - Shri Mohinder Nath
  - Shri C B L Gautam
  - Dr. V V Shah
  - Shri Sohan Lal Gupta
  - Shri G L Malhotra
  - Shri Chhattar Singh (Bharti)
  - Dr. Prakash Chand Jain
- Highlights of the Chart on SI Units of Measurement and its release by Dr. Satya Vir Gupta.
- Eighth Issue of the Forum's Newsletter – **Main Theme** – “**Superstitions & Myths**” - Remarks by Dr. R Bhattacharyya, Chairman, Publication Committee & Release by Prof. E S R Gopal
- Address by Prof E S R Gopal
- Any other Item with the permission of the Chair.
- Socializing over a cup of tea, and refreshments.

**Attendance:** The following members had attended the meeting:

*(Names arranged alphabetically by the Surname)*

1.	<b>Aggarwal</b> , Rajendra Kumar (Dr.)	27.	<b>Gupta</b> , Sohan Lal	53.	<b>Naib Singh</b>
2.	<b>Arora</b> , Gyanendra Kumar	28.	<b>Gupta</b> , Suresh Kumar (Dr.)	54.	<b>Nath</b> , Mohinder
3.	<b>Bahl</b> , Om Parkash (Dr.)	29.	<b>Halder</b> , Sujit Kumar (Dr.)	55.	<b>Panwar</b> , Vinay Singh (Dr.)
4.	<b>Bahuguna</b> , Devendra Prasad	30.	<b>Hamid</b> , Abdul	56.	<b>Raina</b> , Mohan Krishen (Dr.)
5.	<b>Balchandani</b> , M K	31.	<b>Hans</b> , Gokul Singh	57.	<b>Raja Gopal</b> , Erode Subbranian (Dr.)
6.	<b>Banerjee</b> , Parameswar (Dr.)	32.	<b>Jain</b> , Atma Ram (Dr.)	58.	<b>Ram Swarup</b> (Dr.)
7.	<b>Basu</b> , Amitabha (Dr.)	33.	<b>Jain</b> , Prakash Chandra (Dr.)	59.	<b>Rustagi</b> , Vijay Kumar
8.	<b>Bhasin</b> , Rajinder Kumar	34.	<b>Jain</b> , Sohan Lal (Dr.)	60.	<b>Saksena</b> , Rakesh Chandra (Dr.)
9.	<b>Bhatheja</b> , Ram Chand	35.	<b>Joginder Singh</b> (Dr.)	61.	<b>Sarkar</b> , Ajit Kumar (Dr.)
10.	<b>Bhatnagar</b> , Kameshwer Nath	36.	<b>Kar</b> , Meenakshi (Dr. Mrs.)	62.	<b>Saxena</b> , Rajan Babu
11.	<b>Bhattacharyya</b> , Raghunath (Dr.)	37.	<b>Kewal Krishan</b>	63.	<b>Sharan</b> , Pramod Chandra
12.	<b>Bindal</b> , Vishwa Nath (Dr.)	38.	<b>Khandekar</b> , Ramakrishna Sitaram	64.	<b>Sharma</b> , Jagdish Prashad
13.	<b>Chakladar</b> , Swapan Kumar	39.	<b>Khanna</b> , Radhey Kishen	65.	<b>Sharma</b> , Mahesh Chandra (Dr.)
14.	<b>Charavarty</b> , Tushar Kanti	40.	<b>Kishan Lal</b>	66.	<b>Sharma</b> , Ram Gopal (Dr.)
15.	<b>Chandra</b> , Subhas (Dr.)	41.	<b>Kohli</b> , Nand Kishore	67.	<b>Sharma</b> , Sham Lal
16.	<b>Chattar Singh</b> (Bharti)	42.	<b>Kundra</b> , Krishan Dev (Dr.)	68.	<b>Sharma</b> , Ved Parkash
17.	<b>Das</b> , Mati Lal	43.	<b>Kundu</b> , Namita (Dr. Mrs.)	69.	<b>Shastri</b> , Shashikala (Mrs.)
18.	<b>Dhawan</b> , Ramesh Chandra	44.	<b>Lakha Singh</b> (Dr.)	70.	<b>Singh</b> , Shiv Nath (Dr.)
19.	<b>Dhawan</b> , Urmil (Mrs.)	45.	<b>Mahajan</b> , Surender Kumar (Dr.)	71.	<b>Srivastava</b> , Brahma Nand (Dr.)
20.	<b>Dixit</b> , Prakash Narain (Dr.)	46.	<b>Malhotra</b> , Girdhari Lal	72.	<b>Tagra</b> , Om Parkash
21.	<b>Garg</b> , Satish Chand	47.	<b>Mandal</b> , Shikha (Mrs.)	73.	<b>Tripurari Lal</b>
22.	<b>Gautam</b> , Chhail Behari Lal	48.	<b>Manrai</b> , Santosh (Mrs.)	74.	<b>Ved Singh</b> (Dr.)
23.	<b>Ghosh</b> , Anand Krishna	49.	<b>Marwah</b> , Raksha (Mrs.)	75.	<b>Verma</b> , Surenda Singh
24.	<b>Goel</b> , Ramesh Chandra	50.	<b>Mittal</b> , Pramod Kumar	76.	<b>Verma</b> , Tribhawan
25.	<b>Gupta</b> , Ashok Kumar (Dr.)	51.	<b>Mohanan</b> , Vellur (Dr.)	77.	<b>Virdy</b> , Parvinder Pal Singh
26.	<b>Gupta</b> , Satish Chander	52.	<b>Nagpal</b> , Kailash Chander (Dr.)	78.	<b>Wasan</b> , Ved Parkash

In addition Shri Anil Kumar (Gupta) and Dr. Anil Kishore Saxena, who had been members of the Committee set up by Prof. Vikram Kumar, the then Director NPL, from the side of NPL for revision of the Chart on S I Units of Measurement, also attended the meeting as invitees.

**The Following Members had expressed either their inability to attend the meeting or else were abroad**

*(Names arranged alphabetically by the Surname)*

1.	<b>Agarwal</b> , Shyam Kishore (Dr.)	2.	<b>Aggarwal</b> , Santosh (Mrs.)		
3.	<b>Agnihotry</b> , Suhasini (Dr. Mrs.)	Abroad	4.	<b>Agrawal</b> , Arun Kumar (Dr.)	
5.	<b>Bahl</b> , Madhu (Mrs.)		6.	<b>Batra</b> , Virendra Kumar (Dr.)	Abroad
7.	<b>Bhola</b> , Om Parkash		8.	<b>Bhatia</b> , Gopal (Dr.)	
9.	<b>Chandra</b> , Kailash (Dr.)	Abroad	10.	<b>Chandra</b> , Subhash	
11.	<b>Chaudhary</b> , Janki Nath		12.	<b>Chhotey Lal</b> (Dr.)	
13.	<b>Chitnis</b> , Vijay Trimbak (Dr.)	Abroad	14.	<b>Chopra</b> , Parvati (Mrs.)	
15.	<b>Das</b> , Bijoy Kishore (Dr.)		16.	<b>Das Gupta</b> , Mrinal Kanti	Abroad
17.	<b>Dewan Singh</b>		18.	<b>Dutta</b> , Hirday Nath (Dr.)	
19.	<b>Gera</b> , Subhash Chander		20.	<b>Gupta</b> , Anil Kumar (Dr.)	
21.	<b>Gupta</b> , Jitendra Kumar (Dr.)		22.	<b>Jain</b> , Adeshwar Preshad (Dr.)	
23.	<b>Joshi</b> , Shri Krishna (Prof.)		24.	<b>Kapahi</b> , Shashi Bhushan	
25.	<b>Khattar</b> , Dharam Chand		26.	<b>Lal</b> , Krishan (Dr.)	
27.	<b>Luthra</b> , Ram Krishan		28.	<b>Mahajan</b> , Kushal Kumar (Dr.)	
29.	<b>Mahesh Chander</b> (Gupta) (Dr.)		30.	<b>Mathur</b> , Harish Chand	
31.	<b>Mathur</b> , Sartaj Swarup (Prof.)		32.	<b>Mitra</b> , Ved (Dr.)	
33.	<b>Om Prakash</b> (Dr.)		34.	<b>Pasricha</b> , Pradeep Kumar (Dr.)	

35.	<b>Pradhan, Man Mohan (Dr.)</b>	36.	<b>Ram Prasad</b>
37.	<b>Raman, Vasantha (Dr. Mrs.)</b>	38.	<b>Rao, S Uma Mahehwar</b>
39.	<b>Rathore, Hazara Singh</b> Abroad	40.	<b>Sarma, Kuchibhatla Subrahmanya</b> Abroad
41.	<b>Sharma, Ravi Shanker</b>	42.	<b>Singh, Devendra</b>
43.	<b>Singh, Dharam Pal (Dr.)</b>	44.	<b>Singh, Rama Shankar</b>
45.	<b>Singh, Ved Ram (Dr.)</b>	46.	<b>Singhal, Raghunandan Prasad (Dr.)</b>
47.	<b>Soni, Jai Bhagwan</b>	48.	<b>Srinivasan, Thirumalai Mappur (Dr.)</b>
49.	<b>Tanwar, Lakhn Singh (Dr.)</b>	50.	<b>Tewari, Deepak Kumar</b>
51.	<b>Tewari, Shiva Gopal</b>	52.	<b>Uppal, Gian Singh (Dr.)</b> Abroad
53.	<b>Vasishth, Satish Chandra</b>	54.	<b>Vikram Kumar (Dr.)</b>
55.	<b>Wadhwa, Rajinder Pal (Dr.)</b>		

**1: Welcome by the President and Introductory Remarks:** Shri S C Garg, welcomed the members to the meeting. He specially welcomed the senior members who had attained the age of 80 years since the meeting of the Forum held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010. Since that meeting nine more members had attained this age, who will be facilitated at this meeting by presenting to them their citations, the 80-Plus Certificates and the Forum's Mementos by Prof. E S Raja Gopal. He was specially thankful to him for so readily agreeing to come all the way from Bangaluru and be with us today, and give us the pleasure of his guidance and advice.

Shri Garg said that he was very happy at the response to the notice for this meeting. Only about 30 members had been sent the notice for this meeting by e-mail only, especially to those members who were abroad or were stationed outside Delhi and the nearby areas, and the members who had indicated that such information could be sent to them by e-mail only. He requested the members to respond to such notices in advance as early as possible, so that Shri Arora does not need to ring them up in this regard, and that proper arrangements could be ensured, specially in regard to the tea and refreshments served at the Forum's meetings.

**2. Passing of Condolence Resolution on the demise of Mrs. Poonam Chadha, D/o Shri R K Khanna:** The Forum was informed about the sad and untimely demise of Mrs. Poonam Khanna D/o Shri R K Khanna on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011. He read out the Condolence Resolution where after the members paid homage to her memory by observing two minutes silence. The Secretary was advised to pass on the resolution to Shri R K Khanna and his family.

**3: Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM Meeting held on 24. 08. 2011:** The minutes of the meeting held on 24. 08. 2011 were circulated at the meeting. As there were no comments, they were confirmed.

**4. Follow-up Action on the Decisions taken at the above meeting:** The report on the follow-up action taken at the meeting had been reported under Para 2 of the Status Report by the Secretary (**Annexure – 'A'**), circulated to the members at the meeting. The same was noted by the members.

**5: Status Report by the Secretary:** Before presenting the Status Report, Shri G K Arora, informed the members that Prof. Vikram Kumar, who had expressed his inability to be present at this meeting had been awarded the "Distinguished Scientists of the Year 2012 Award" by the Materials Research Society of India. This had been communicated by Prof. R C Budhani, Director, NPL, conveying Dr. Vikram Kumar's thanks to all colleagues of NPL who had contributed to his research. This had been brought to notice of the Secretary by Shri R B Saxena through his e-mail dated 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011, a copy of which had also been forwarded to Prof. Gopal. The members expressed their joy at this honour conferred on Prof. Vikram Kumar by the clapping of hands.

In addition to the action taken on the decisions taken and reported by Shri G K Arora, the Secretary of the Forum as Sections 2.1 to 2.9, he briefly presented the highlights of the rest of the report (**Annexure – 'A'**). He specifically highlighted the following:

**5.1. Area Committees:** Besides the Management Committee the various activities of the Forum were being looked after by the following Committees constituted by the Management Committee:

1. Scholarship Committee & its Sub-Committee on Tree Plantation
2. Scientific Affairs Committee and its Sub-Committee on Superstitions
3. Medical Affairs Committee
4. Publication Committee
5. Programme Committee
6. Welfare Committee

Each of these Committees has a Chairman and a Co-Chairman (to Function as the Chairman in his absence), and members drawn from amongst the Members of the Management Committee and the Forum.

**5.2 First Meeting of the Management Committee:** The First Meeting of the Management Committee reconstituted at the Annual General Body meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011, was held jointly with the Out-going Management Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011, for taking over the Charge. Dr. V N Bindal was formally invited by Shri S C Garg as a Patron of the forum at that meeting.

In regard to the re-constitution of the various area committees, only the Scholarship Committee was re-constituted for holding a meeting for finalizing the list of awardees of the various Scholarships & Awards on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The composition of this Committee, which met on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011, has been indicated in the status report. As for the other Committees, it was decided that they shall continue till such time that they are re-constituted and it was decided that all members of the Management Committee should also be associated with one or more of the Area Committees/ Sub-Committees. Members of the Forum were also requested to offer to be associated with these committees and contribute to their functioning in any capacity.

**5.3 Directory of Members of the Forum:** A Draft Directory of the Members of the Forum had been presented to Prof. R C Budhani at the time of the first meeting that the Forum had with him on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010. Draft entries in respect of the members which remained to be finalized

had been sent to the members along with the notice for the Annual General Body Meeting held on 24. 08. 2011 for up-dating. The same were also sent to the members along with the notice for the present meeting in respect of those members from whom they were still awaited, as also to those members who had joined the Forum subsequent to the compilation of the Draft Directory. Based on the response, this shall be placed before the Publication Committee for its approval for publication. This Directory constitutes a Sub-set of the "Directory of R & D Associates of NPL" being compiled.

**5.4 Family Get-together on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011:** This is being organized by the Programme Committee, and contributions for it @Rs. 150/- per head were solicited at the time of the Annual General Body Meeting held on 24. 08. 2011. To facilitate collection from those members who were unable to attend that meeting this has also been notified to the participants at the present meeting. It was hoped that this Get-together, for which Prof. R C Budhani and his family are also proposed to be invited, will again be a great success.

**5.5 Donations for Scholarships & Awards:** The members were very happy to note that Mrs. Sadhna Verma, w/o Late Prof A R Verma had made a contribution of Rs. 50,000/- towards the General Scholarship Donation Fund and that Shri R K Khanna had also donated Rs. 21,000/- for institution of another Award in Memory of his Daughter Mrs. Poonam Chadha.

**5.6: Scholarships & Awards open for Direct Descendants of the Members of the Forum:** The Members were requested specifically to note that the various Scholarships & Awards are now open to the Direct Descendants of the Members of the Forum. The scholarships will, however be given to them in case there is no applicant from NPL. They were informed that one Scholarship had been given to the Grand son of Dr. V N Bindal on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011 for pursuing a Degree Course in Medicine instituted by Shri Sohan Lal Gupta as there was no applicant for it from amongst the children of the staff members of NPL.

**5.7: Revision of Pension/ family Pension in implementation of the recommendations of the 6<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission:** There had been a press notification on this subject issued by the Central Pension Accounting Office, Department of Expenditure, ministry of Finance which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011. Another Press notification from the Ministry of Science & Technology on this subject appeared subsequently in the Hindustan Times dated 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Referring to these two notices, a letter was sent by the Secretary to the Director General, CSIR on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011 (with a copy to Director NPL), suggesting that a **Suitable Notification may be issued by the CSIR**, advising what action need to be taken by its Pensioners/ Family Pensioners, indicating also the **time limit, if any**, to enable them to respond.. This issue was also discussed by the Secretary with Shri S Chatterjee, Finance & Accounts Officer, NPL, and as advised by him, a copy of the Membership List was sent to him so that they may be suitably approached for furnishing the necessary information. As of today, there was no information about the action taken by CSIR/ NPL.

The Members felt that this issue may be followed up.

**5.8 Central administrative Tribunal Order passed in respect of Scientist 'G' retirees of DRDO:** Dr. S L Jain, vide his e-mail dated 17<sup>th</sup> August has sent to the Secretary a copy of the CAT Order that had been passed regarding the clubbing of the Special Pay which was being drawn by the Scientist 'G' retirees of DRDO with their Pay for fixation of their Pension/ family Pension. He had observed that this appeared relevant to retirees from CSIR and its Laboratories/ Institutes also, and had suggested approaching CSIR for its implementation in respect of its Scientists who had been drawing special pay prior to their retirement. He had also suggested that this issue, if possible, should be taken up at the AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011. Though it could not be taken up at that meeting, Dr. S L Jain was approached to present his views at the Management Committee meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September. Unfortunately he was not in town to attend that meeting. Dr. A P Jain who had offered to examine the merits of this issue at that meeting had unfortunately expressed his inability to be present at this meeting.

The members were requested to advise regarding the line of action in this regard.

**6: Status Report by the Treasurer:** Shri Tripurari Lal presented the report indicating the following position as on 18. 10. 2011:

Account	Savings Bank Account No. (Syndicate Bank, NPL)	Deposits in the Savings Bank Accounts (Rs.)	Deposits in the Fixed Deposit Accounts (Syndicate Bank, NPL) (Rs)
<b>(A) Scholarships &amp; Awards</b>			
Shri Dev Kumar (Expired on 12. 04. 2010)	91002010029528	26,291.60	20,000.00
Prof. S C Jain (Expired on 10. 12. 2009)	91002010029513	6,083.55	42,198.77
Dr. P C Jain	91002010029493	2,764.00	15,000.00
Prof. S K Joshi	91002010029509	4,816.94	49,500.00
Shri Sohan Lal Gupta	91002010030259	25,722.15	60,000.00
Shri V P Wasan	91002010030244	2,007.05	15,000.00
Shri J N Chaudhary	91002010030770	1,766.82	2,500.00
Mrs. Sushila Verma (Expired on 04. 08. 2010)	91002010030765	2,011.84	28,000.00
Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta	91002010030543	3,452.52	19,000.00
Shri Balraj Singh	91002010030539	3,849.29	19,000.00
Dr. V N Bindal	91002010031420	2,670.67	20,000.00
Shri N K Kohli	91002010031487	2,692.66	65,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>84,129.09</b>	<b>3,55,198.77</b>
General Scholarship Donation Fund	29585	18,503.90	61,000.00
<b>(B) NPL Former Scientists Forum</b>			
NPL-FSF		71,897.57	1,11,631.87
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>1,74,530.56</b>	<b>5,27,830.64</b>

An amount of Rs. 30,300/- had been paid to the recipients of the Scholarships & Awards on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

The funds position indicated in the above table excluded the receipts of Rs. 50,000 from Mrs. Sadhna Verma and Rs. 21,000 received from Shri R K Khanna, mentioned by the Secretary in his Status Report.

**7. Facilitating the New Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum:** Shri Ram Prasad had expressed his inability to come for the meeting and Dr. V V Shah was also absent. The following new Members of the Forum Were facilitated by presentation to them their Citations, the 80-Plus Certificates and Mementoes by Prof. E S R Gopal:

Name	Date of Birth
1. Dr. V N Bindal	[25. 12. 1930]
2. Shri Mohinder Nath	[23. 03. 1931]
3. Shri C B L Gautam	[26. 05. 1931]
4. Shri Sohan Lal Gupta	[06. 07. 1931]
5. Shri G L Malhotra	[11. 07. 1931]
6. Shri Chattar Singh (Bharti)	[17. 07. 1931]
7. Dr. Prakash Chand Jain	[05. 10. 1931]

**8. Highlights of the Chart on SI Units of Measurement and its release by Dr. Satya Vir Gupta:** As Dr. Gupta was not present at the meeting, this item was deferred for a similar meeting at a later date.

**9. Eighth Issue of the Forum's Newsletter dated October 2011:** Dr. Bhattacharyya, Chairman of the Publication Committee said that the main theme of this issue of the Newsletter was "**Superstitions & Myths**". Already Explanations for 50 of the most popular Superstitions & Myths had been presented in this Newsletter. He requested Prof. Raja Gopal to release this issue which had been compiled and edited by Shri G K Arora.

Following the release of the Newsletter Shri Arora invited special attention of the Members to the Membership List appearing on pages 92-103. The Membership of the Forum had crossed the 250 mark and stood at the figure of 254 with the (1) Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta, (2) Dr. S K Sarkar, (3) Shri S U M Rao, (4) Dr. P Banerjee, (5) Dr. Gopal Bhatia, and (6) Dr. L S Tanwar constituting the recent additions to the list. They were welcomed by the Customary clapping of hands.

Another Special feature of this Membership List was the indication of the expiry of the validity of the CGHS Card of the members to facilitate its yearly renewal as also an indication whether ten years CGHS contribution had already been paid by them.

**10. Address By Prof. E S Raja Gopal:** The Members who had heard him speak at other earlier occasions, had again a taste of the lucid presentation and eloquence of Prof. Gopal. He stressed on the philosophy of cooperation which was in-built in the Indian System. This spirit was amply reflected in a greater measure in the working of the Forum, by the honour and respect given to the members who had attained the age of 80-Plus and the cooperation given by the other relatively younger members in assuming the various responsibilities and executing them to perfection.

He said that though he may be physically quite away, his heart is always in NPL, and said that he would try to participate in the Meetings of the Forum as often as it was possible. He wished the Forum's growth from strength to strength, and wished the members to enjoy its fruits for many more years ahead, wishing them also their domestic happiness and wellbeing.

As a token of respect and his guidance and advice to the Forum, Shri S C Garg presented him a Memento of the Forum.

**11. Remarks by Dr. V N Bindal:** Dr. Bindal expressed his gratitude to the Forum for the honour that had been bestowed on him by inviting him to be its Patron. He was greatly touched by this gesture and said that he shall continue to render any help that he was in a position to give. He said that he and the other eight members who have joined the 80-Plus Fraternity at this meeting are among the fortunate ones who have been able to live the life of 80 years. To be respectful to elders is an important part of Indian Culture. Attaining the age of 80, offers a special significance. Around this age a person has the distinction of seeing 1000 full moons and also gets the opportunity of completing 80 *Parikarmas* around the sun, the mighty source of energy and light. He said that he was very happy when Shri G K Arora suggested having this practice of honouring our members on attaining this age.

He made a pointed mention about Shri R K Khanna for having come to the meeting despite his physical handicap, and his contributions to the cause of encouraging children through the Scholarships & Awards Programme. He also expressed his personal condolences to him for the loss of his daughter Mrs. Poonam Chadha.

Dr. Bindal said that a person of this age which the All Mighty has been gracious enough to bestow on him, a person acquires great wisdom and a rich experience of life, which he should share with others without any selfish motives.

**12. Remarks by Shri S C Garg :** Shri Garg, in his capacity as the President of the Forum thanked Prof. Raja Gopal on behalf of all the members for so readily accepting to be with us at this occasion.

In his personal capacity as a member of the Forum, he said that issues like the one relating to the clubbing the special pay of Scientists which they were drawing at the time of their retirement with their pay for fixing their pension should be discussed in groups, involving also the knowledgeable persons from NPL and other sources and pursued to their logical conclusion.

**13: Socializing over a Cup of Tea:** Shri Tribhuvan Verma (Rs. 1,500/- paid in advance at the time of the last Annual General Body Meeting held on 24. 08. 2011), Shri S K Chakladar (Rs. 1,000), and Dr. Amitabha Basu (Rs. 2,000/-) jointly hosted the meeting by contributing the amounts indicated against their names for meeting the expenditure on tea and refreshment served after the meeting. Shri Mohinder Nath and Shri Abdul Hamid also contributed Rs. 500/- each for this purpose.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

# NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the Forum held on  
Tuesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 10.30 A.M in the TEC Conference Room, NPL

## STATUS REPORT BY THE SECRETARY

(*Ref: Agenda Item 5*)

**1. Twenty-Fourth of the Forum:** The following extracts from the Minutes of that meeting (also the Eighth Annual General Body Meeting) held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011, as approved by Dr. V N Bindal, who had chaired that meeting, (circulated at this meeting for confirmation), are relevant to the present meeting of the Forum:

4.3 **Scholarships:** The significant decisions taken at the meeting of the Scholarship Committee held under the Chairmanship of Prof. R C Budhani were as under:

(i) In regard to honouring persons under the Tree-Plantation Programme Prof. Budhani suggested that this may be taken up in alternate years. As such, no trees under this programme were planted on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

(ii) The Committee welcomed the suggestion made by the Tree Plantation Sub-Committee and presented by Dr. V N Bindal of having a function for **honouring Prof. A R Verma on 20. 09. 2011 by dedicating the Lawn in front of the NPL Auditorium in his memory**. Prof. Bhudani said that it would be a good opportunity to release Dr. Verma's recently published book also on that day. The decision taken was that a function will be organized by NPL in the NPL Auditorium on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in the afternoon at about 3.00 P.M. and a befitting plaque will also be installed at a suitable place to be unveiled by Prof. Bhudani. Dr. Bindal had informed the Committee about the proposal of Mrs. Sadhna Verma, W/o Late Prof. Verma, to announce monetary support of a substantial amount to the Forum for its Scholarships activity on 20. 09. 2011. In addition, the Management Committee had suggested release of the Chart on S I Units of Measurement, which had been published as a joint effort between the Forum and NPL also on that day.

Another significant highlight of the Meeting of the Scholarship Committee was the throwing open of the eligibility of the **Scholarships** to children of all the Staff members of NPL without any pay restrictions and also to the direct descendents of the members of the Forum. However, the Scholarships will now be awarded on the means-cum-merit basis to the children of the staff members of NPL. The direct descendents of the members of the Forum will be awarded Scholarships only if there were no applicants from among the children of the NPL staff in each Scholarship Category. As regards the **Awards**, children of all the Staff members of NPL as also the direct descendents of the members of the Forum were eligible.

4.4 **Medical Affairs:** Issue of the money drafts in respect of the renewal of CGHS cards in advance of the expiry of their validity in December 2010 and June 2011, and their dispatch by Speed Post to those members who had made full payment for 10 years contributions was highly appreciated as it has helped not only the Members of the Forum but also all other Retiree-CGHS-beneficiaries from NPL. The information about the members who have benefited by this action by NPL is also proposed to be incorporated in the Membership List of the Forum to be published in the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter.

COA, NPL had also been approached for guidelines to be followed for treatment under emergency conditions.

4.5 **Next Forum meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011:** The Management Committee had decided to have a meeting of the Forum some time in October 2011 to felicitate the members who had attained the age of 80 or more since the last meeting of the Forum, suiting the convenience of Prof. E S Raja Gopal. Accordingly the **next Forum meeting is planned for 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011**. At that meeting, in addition to honouring the new members of the 80-Plus Club, it has been decided to release the **next issue of the Forum's Newsletter with "Superstitions & Myths" as its main theme**.

4.6 **Notices for the Meetings by Ordinary Post:** As the Postal authorities had discontinued their service under 'Certificate of Posting' the notices for the various meetings are now being issued only by ordinary post. It is also proposed that the members who can be intimated through e-mails may not be sent notices by post as a measure of economy. It shall, to start with, be presumed that, the members who had responded to the notice for this meeting by e-mail shall be willing to be sent notices to them through e-mail only, unless they desire intimation by post also.

4.7 **Directory of R & D Associates of NPL:** The efforts made in the compilation of this Directory in a phased manner covering (i) Members of the Forum, (ii) Members presently on the rolls of NPL and (iii) the other Scientists & Technical Officers was highlighted. Member of the Forum who had been approached again for up-dating the draft entries for the Directory of Members of the Forum sent to them along with the notice for the present meeting were requested to respond at the earliest.

4.8 **Forum's Strength:** In numerical terms, the Forum's strength had increased to 248 including 20 members who had expired. Of these 22 had already been felicitated as members of the 80-Plus Club and 7 more had also attained this age since the last meeting. The secretary read out the names of the new members. Those of them who were present at the meeting were welcomed by the members with the customary clapping of hands.

4.9: **Sameeksha:** Members who had specifically expressed their desire to be put on the mailing list for Sameeksha by the Rajbhasha Unit of NPL were: 1. Shri G K Arora, 2. Dr. V N Bindal, 3. Shri T K Chakravarty, 4. Shri J N Chaudhary, 5. Shri Dewan Singh, 6. Shri S C Gera, 7. Dr. J K Gupta, 8. Shri S L Gupta, 9. Dr. Joginder Singh, 10. Shri G L Malhotra, 11. Dr. R C Saksena, 12. Shri O P Tagra, 13. Shri P S Tripathi 14. Shri S S Verma, 15. Shri Tribhavan Verma, 16. Shri P P S Viridy and 17. Shri V P Wasan.

**2. Action Taken on the Decisions taken at the above meeting:** The following is the Status on the action taken:

**2.1 The Present Meeting:** The present meeting has been convened suiting the convenience of Prof. E S Raja Gopal. [*Ref: 4.5 under 1 above*]. The Notice for this meeting had been issued vide the attached letter by ordinary post to majority of the members [*Ref: 4.6 under 1 above*], supplemented by notices also by e-mail in respect of those members who could be so contacted as per the available information reflected in the Membership List published for release at this meeting vide Agenda Item No. 9. It will be noticed that in this Membership List, in addition to the particulars about the **CGHS Card Number** and the **Dispensary Number** the **Validity** of the CGHS Cards of the members has also been indicated to facilitate their renewal every year. [*Ref: 4.4 under 1 above*].

**2.2 Commemoration of the 90<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Prof. A R Verma on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011** [*Ref: 4.3(ii) under 1 above*]: The function was organized jointly by NPL and the Forum for which Director NPL had constituted a Committee on which the Forum was represented by Dr. V N Bindal, Dr. A P Jain, Shri S C Garg and Shri G K Arora. Coverage of this function is also reported in the issue of the Newsletter No. 8, to be released at this meeting by Prof. E S R Gopal, vide Agenda Item 9.

**2.3 Scholarships & Awards 2011** [*Ref: 4.3 (ii) under 1 above*]: The Scholarships and Awards 2011, as approved by the Scholarship Committee at its meeting 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011 under the Chairmanship of Shri S C Garg were given by Prof. R C Budhani. Director, NPL in the NPL Auditorium on the Afternoon of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011 – at the time of the Celebration of the CSIR Foundation Day. Report on this also appears in the Newsletter No. 8 to be released at this meeting.

**2.4: Chart on S I Units of Measurement** [*Ref: 4.3(ii) under 1 above*]: The Chart (*which is also the result of the joint efforts put in by the NPL and the Forum at the initiative of Dr. V N Bindal, with participation of Dr. Kailash Chandra and Dr. S V Gupta representing the Forum on the Committee constituted by Dr. Vikram Kumar, the then Director NPL*), was released by Prof. R C Budhani at the function held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The same will also be released by Dr. S V Gupta at the present meeting vide Agenda Item 8.

**2.5 Directory of Members of the Forum** [*Ref: 4.7 under 1 above*]: Those Members of the Forum whose entries in the Directory remained to be up-dated have been sent their draft entries again for up-dating along with the notice for the present meeting.

**2.6 Forum's Strength [Ref: 4.8 under 1 above]:** The Forum's Strength has further increased by the addition of the following New Members:

(1) Dr. S K Sarkar (2) Dr. P Banerjee (3) Dr. L S Tanwar

**2.7 Eighty-Plus Fraternity [Ref: 4.5 under 1 above]:** The Citations in respect of the 9 New Members of the Forum to be presented by Prof. E S R Gopal at this meeting vide Agenda Item 7, have also been published in the Newsletter to be released at this meeting.

**2.8: Sameeksha [Ref: 4.9 under 1 above]:** The Rajbhasha Unit of NPL has been sent a list of Members of the Forum, including the names of all the 17 Members who had evinced interest in receiving copies of Sameeksha

**2.9 Medical Emergency and Direct Consultation with the Specialists in Govt. Hospitals:** The guidelines to be followed in case of Medical Emergency are awaited from COA, NPL [Ref: 4.4 under 1 above]. However, the relevant extracts from some recent Office Memoranda issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on this issue, as also relating to Direct Consultation with Specialists in Govt. Hospitals, are brought to the notice of the members in the Newsletter to be released at this meeting.

**3. Meeting of the Management Committee:** The First meeting of the following Re-constituted Management Committee was held jointly with the members of the Out-going Management Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011 under the Chairmanship of Shri S C Garg for taking over the charge:

**President**  
**Vice President**  
**Secretary**  
**Joint Secretary**  
**Treasurer**  
**Members**

**Garg, Satish Chand (Dr.)**  
**Jain, Adeshwar Preshad (Dr.)**  
**Arora, Gyanendra Kumar**  
**Panwar, Vinay Singh (Dr.)**

**Tripurari Lal**

1. **Joginder Singh**

3. **Jain, Prakash Chand (Dr.)**

5. **Bhatnagar, Kameshwer Nath**

7. **Verma, Surendra Singh**

9. **Shastri, Shashikala (Mrs.)**

11. **Dhawan, Urmil (Mrs.)**

2. **Singh, Ved Ram(Dr.)**

4. **Wasan, Ved Prakash**

6. **Gupta, Akhilesh Chandra**

8. **Halder, Sujit Kumar (Dr.)**

0. **Dhawan, Ramesh Chandra**

At this meeting it was decided to re-constitute the Scholarship Committee as under, while all other Area Committees shall continue to function till they are re-constituted:

Composition	Scholarship Committee (Sch-C)
Chairman	Prof. R C Budhani, Director, NPL (Or his Nominee )
Co-Chairman	Shri S C Garg, President, NPL-FSF (Ex-Officio)
Convener	Shri V P Wasan , Member
Member	Shri T V Joshua COA, NPL (Or his Nominee)
Member	Shri Tripurari Lal ,Treasurer NPL-FSF (Ex-Officio)
Member	Shri G K Arora, Secretary, NPL-FSF (Ex-Officio)
Member	Dr. V N Bindal
Member	Dr. P C Jain
Member	Prof. S K Joshi
Member	Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta
Member	Shri J N Chaudhary
Member	Shri Balraj Singh
Member	Shri Sohan Lal Gupta
Member	Shri N K Kohli
Member	Mrs. Madhu Lata
Co-opted Member	Dr. V S Panwar

At this meeting Dr. V N Bindal was also formally invited to be a Patron of the Forum in the light of the following resolution that had been passed at the at the Annual General Body meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011:

#### RESOLUTION

Under *Para 4 - Membership*, after Para 4.2 the following is added:

4.3 *The Forum may have Patrons to further its cause. A Patron may be invited by the President in consultation with the M.C., on the basis of the following criteria:*

Any Person who has retired from NPL with meritorious service to Science and who has been taking keen interest in the activities of the Forum.

OR

Any Person who has made extraordinary contribution to the growth of NPL-FSF.

*There shall not be more than five Patrons at any time.*

**4. Re-designing of the Letter-head:** The Letterhead of the Forum has been re-designed as per the above constitution of the Management Committee. This has been used by Shri S C Garg for his first Message to the Forum published in the Newsletter to be released as "From President's Pen".

**5. Family Get-Together on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011:** As indicated in the notice for this meeting), a Family Get-together is being organized for Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Those members who are interested in this Get-together are requested to give their contributions @ Rs. 150/- per head to Shri P K Mittal. It is proposed to invite Prof. R C Budhani and his Family for this Get-together.

**6. Donations for Scholarships & Awards:** Mrs. Sadhna Verma, w/o Late Prof A R Verma has made a contribution of Rs. 50,000/- towards the General Scholarship Donation Fund. [Ref: 4.3(ii) under 1 above]. Shri R K Khanna has also donated Rs. 21,000/- for institution of another Award in Memory of his Daughter Mrs. Poonam Chadha.