

# NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

## Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth Meeting of the Forum,

held in the TEC Conference Room, NPL on August 22, 2014 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 vide his letter dated 10th August 2014. The notice for the meeting had been sent by e-mail to those members who could be so contacted, and by ordinary post to 137 members. Those of the members who had been sent the notice by post who also had e-mail IDs, were also sent the notice by e-mail. Reminders were also sent by some of the Geographical area Coordinators of the Forum.

### AGENDA

Welcome by the President and Introductory Remarks.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

3. Status Report by the Secretary (To be circulated at the time of the meeting).

4. Felicitation of Shri A R S Vashisht and Shri R S Khandekar as new members of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum

5. Talk & Demonstration by Shri R C Dhawan on Pain Relieving by Acupressure and Magneto-therapy, and about his Life's experience

6. Socializing over a cup of tea

7. Any other issues of common interest to the Members.

In addition the Notice for the next Dewali Family Get-together was also sent as under:

To facilitate the planning for the next **Contributory Dewali Family Get-together** proposed to be held on Wednesday the **5<sup>th</sup> November 2014**, members are requested to indicate their intension of participation in it to Dr. Hari Kishan. The contribution per-head will be Rs. 150/- including lunch at the NPL Guest House.

### MINUTES

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

*(Names arranged alphabetically by the Surname)*

1.	Arora, Gyanendra Kumar	22.	Gupta, Jitendra Kumar (Dr.)	43.	Pradhan, Man Mohan (Dr.)
2.	Ashok Kumar (Dr.)	23.	Gupta, Suresh Kumar (Dr.)	44.	Raina, Mohan Krishen (Dr.)
3.	Awasthy, Bal Ram	24.	Gurmukh Singh	45.	Saksena, Rakesh Chandra (Dr.)
4.	Bhasin, Rajinder Kumar	25.	Hari Kishan (Dr.)	46.	Shanker, Virendra (Dr.) [
5.	Bhaskar, Hira Lal Bhagat	26.	Harish Chander (Dr.)	47.	Sharan, Pramod Chandra
6.	Bhatnagar, Abha (Mrs.)	27.	Jain, Prakash Chandra (Dr.)	48.	Sharma, Jagdish Chandra (Dr.)
7.	Bhatnagar, G K @@@	28.	Joginder Singh (Dr.)	49.	Sharma, Jagdish Prashad * * *
8.	Bhatnagar, Kameshwer Nath	29.	Joshua, T V * * *	50.	Sharma, Surinder Dutt (Dr.)
9.	Bhattacharya, Tushar Kant	30.	Kakkar, Om Prakash * * *	51.	Shastri, Shashikala (Mrs.)
10.	Bindal, Vishwa Nath (Dr.)	31.	Kaushik, Asha Rani (Mrs.)	52.	Singhal, Raghunandan Prasad (Dr.)
11.	Chakraborty, Bibhash Ranjan (Dr.)	32.	Kewal Krishan	53.	Singhal, Sunil Kumar (Dr.)
12.	Chakraborty, Tarun Kumar	33.	Khandekar, Ramakrishna Sitaram	54.	Suri, Anil Kumar @@@
13.	Chandra, Subhash	34.	Khattar, Dharam Chand	55.	Tagra, Om Parkash
14.	Chitnis, Vijay Trimbak (Dr.)	35.	Kundu, Namita (Dr. Mrs.)	56.	Vashisht, Avadh Raj Singh
15.	Dabas, Raj Singh (Dr.)	36.	Lal, Krishan (Prof.)	57.	Ved Singh (Dr.)
16.	Das, Bijoy Kishore (Dr.)	37.	Mehta, Hem Raj	58.	Verma, Surendra Singh
17.	Dhami, Tersem Lal (Dr.)	38.	Mendiratta, Roshan Lal	59.	Verma, Tribhawan
18.	Dhawan, Ramesh Chandra	39.	Naib Singh	60.	Viridy, Parvinder Pal Singh
19.	Garg, Satish Chand	40.	Nakra, Deo Raj	61.	Wasan, Ved Parkash
20.	Goel, Ramesh Chandra	41.	Pant, Kavindra		
21.	Govil, Anil Kumar	42.	Panwar, Vinay Singh (Dr.)		

\* \* \* NOTE: Shri T V Joshua (Sr. No. 29, ) Shri Om Prakash Kakkar (Sr. No. 30 and Shri Jagdish Prasad Sharma (Sr. No. 49) attended the meeting but did not sign the Attendance Sheet. There might have been some other such cases also.

@@@ Shri G K Bhatnagar (Sr. No. 7) and Shri Anil Kumar Suri (Sr. No. 54) were new additions to the Membership List of the Forum.

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

*(Names arranged alphabetically by the Surname)*

1.	Agrawal, Arun Kumar (Dr.)	2.	Aggarwal, Rajendra Kumar (Dr.)
3.	Agnihotry, Suhasini (Dr. Mrs.)	4.	Anandani, Ramesh Chandra
5.	Babu, Virendra	6.	Balakrishnan, K Saraswathi (Dr. Mrs.)
7.	Basu, Amitabha (Dr.)	8.	Batra, Virendra Kumar (Dr.)
9.	Bhatia, Gopal (Dr.)	10.	Bhatnagar, Shashi Lekha (Mrs.)
11.	Bhattacharyya, Raghunath (Dr.)	12.	Chandra, Kailash (Dr.)
13.	Chhabra, Kailash Chander	14.	Chhibber, Mohinder Kumar
15.	Das Gupta, Mrinal Kanti	16.	Dhawan, Jagdish Kumar
17.	Dixit, Ganga Prasad	18.	Dwivedi, Sudhanshu
19.	Gera, Bhim Sain (Dr.)	20.	Govindaswamy, G
21.	Gupta, Akhilesh Chandra	22.	Gupta, Anil Kumar (Dr.)
23.	Halder, Sujit Kumar (Dr.)	24.	Jain, Atma Ram (Dr.)
25.	Jain, Sohan Lal (Dr.)	38.	Jain, Sukhmal Chand (Dr.)
27.	Joshi, Shri Krishna (Prof.)	28.	Kanjilal, Alok Kumar
29.	Karfa, Mrityunjay	30.	Kishore, Ram (Dr.)
31.	Kohli, Nand Kishore	32.	Kothari, Prafulla Chandra (Dr.)
33.	Lal, Tripurari	34.	Mahajan, Kushal Kumar (Dr.)
35.	Mahajan, Surender Kumar (Dr.)	36.	Mahesh Chander (Gupta) (Dr.)
37.	Mahesh Chander (Gupta) (Dr.)	38.	Malhotra, Girdhari Lal

39.	<b>Manrai, Santosh (Mrs.)</b>	Abroad	40.	<b>Mathur, Sartaj Swaroop (Prof.)</b>	Abroad
41.	<b>Menon, Thottasari Raghavan Kutty</b>		42.	<b>Mittal, Pramod Kumar</b>	
43.	<b>Narayanaswami, N</b>		44.	<b>Pasricha, Pradeep Kumar (Dr.)</b>	
45.	<b>Ram Swarup (Dr.)</b>		46.	<b>Raman, Vasantha (Dr. Mrs.)</b>	
47.	<b>Rathore, Hazara Singh</b>	Abroad	48.	<b>Rustagi, Vijay Kumar</b>	
49.	<b>Sarma, Kuchibhatla Subrahmanya</b>	Abroad	50.	<b>Sehgal, Madan Gopal</b>	
51.	<b>Sharma, Manmohan Lal</b>		52.	<b>Sharma, Ram Gopal (Dr.)</b>	
53.	<b>Sharma, Sushil Kumar</b>		54.	<b>Som, Jnanendra Nath (Dr.)</b>	
55.	<b>Sootha, Ganesh Datt (Dr.)</b>		56.	<b>Srinivasan, Thirumalai Mappur (Dr.)</b>	
57.	<b>Srivastava, Navin Kumar</b>	Abroad	58.	<b>Tanwar, Lakhn Singh (Dr.)</b>	
59.	<b>Tewari, Shiva Gopal</b>	Abroad	60.	<b>Tripathi, Tara Chand (Dr.)</b>	
61.	<b>Varma, Satya Prakash (Dr.)</b>		62.	<b>Vasishth, Satish Chandra</b>	
63.	<b>Ved Mitra (Dr.)</b>		64.	<b>Vikram Kumar (Prof.)</b>	
65.	<b>Wadhwa, Rajindar Pal (Dr.)</b>	Abroad	66.	<b>Zalpuri, Kunwar Susheel (Dr.)</b>	

**1. Welcome by the President and Introductory Remarks:** Shri S C Garg, welcoming the members, expressed his happiness at Dr. Krishan Lal and Dr. V N Bindal also participating in this meeting.

He said that since the last meeting of the Forum, Tree Plantation in honour/ memory of 20 more persons in Prof. A R Verma Lawn in front of the NPL Auditorium on 15. 08. 2014 (the site selected so very thoughtfully selected by Prof. R C Budhani, over-riding the recommended by the Tree Plantation Sub-Committee for their plantation in the environment Park, keeping in view the difficulties of the persons to be honoured on account of their age, and who were also participants in the programme) had been very successfully done with the meticulous planning done by Shri G K Arora from the side of the Forum and Dr. Harish Chandra from the side of NPL in this joint NPL- FORUM programme. Prof. Budhani not only inaugurated the function by planting the first tree was associated with planting of tress in respect of the other 19 persons.

He also said that in consultation with Prof. Budhani, Director, NPL, it had now been decided to have the First Dr. A P Mitra Memorial Lecture on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 – the International Ozone Day. Prof. Govind Swarup will be delivering this Lecture on the afternoon of that day in the NPL Auditorium. All the Members of the Forum were invited to this lecture.

Another important programme during the month of September will be the CSIR Foundation Day Celebrations at NPL at which the Scholarships & Awards for the year 2014 will also be given by Director, NPL, for which proposals from the Direct Descendents of the Members of the Forum have also been invited.

This being the last formal meeting of the Forum during the current financial year, members were requested to make their contributions @Rs. 150/- per participant. However, in case they have the intension of participation in that get-together but will like to pay later, they may also do so. This will facilitate its planning by the Welfare Committee.

Speaking about the items on the Agenda, he said that two more members have attained the age of 80 years since the last meeting of the Forum and he would request Dr. Krishan Lal to facilitate them as New Members of the 80Plus Fraternity of the forum. Thereafter we shall be having a presentation by Shri R C Dhawan on Acupressure and Magneto-therapy for pain relief.

**2. Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting held on 27th May 2014:** Copies of the Minutes of the meeting had been circulated by the Secretary at the time of the meeting. As there were no comments thereon they were confirmed.

**3. Status Report by the Secretary:** Shri G K Arora briefly presented the Status Report (**Annexure 'A'**), copies of which had been circulated to the members at the time of the meeting. Along with this report, the contents of three more Memoranda relating to (1) Revision of Medical Reimbursement Claim (MRC) Form for CGHS Beneficiaries (2) Ceiling Rates for reimbursement of the cost of Cardiac Pace Maker, AICD, Combo-device, Rotablator and Aortic Stent Graft to beneficiaries of CGHS. CS (MA) Rules, and (3) Withdrawal from the List of Diagnostic Labs. and Imaging Centres empanelled under CGS Delhi – as per recommendations of Ethics Committee of Medical Council of India, were also circulated. Further, in keeping with the topic of the presentation by Shri R C Dhawan an input that Shri G K Arora had received through E-mail on “Massaging the Foot to Alleviate Headache!” was also circulated. The highlights of this report and the decisions taken were:

**3.1. New Members:** Dr. Virendra Shankar and Shri Gurmukh Singh who had recently been enrolled as new Members of the Forum were introduced to the other members and welcomed with the customary clapping of hands.

**3.2. Geographical Area Coordinators:** It was noted that 21 members had volunteered to be Geographical Area Coordinators and a beginning in making the Forum more vital through their cooperation had been made.

**3.3. Tree Plantation on 15. 08. 2014:** The names of the 20 persons in whose honour/ memory trees had been planted on 15. 08. 2014 were noted. With this, a total of 71 trees had been planted so far under this joint NPL-FORUM programme. Suggestions for consideration for honouring more persons were solicited.

**3.4. Contributory Dewali Family Get-together:** Contribution in respect of 12 participants had been received at the time of the meeting.

**3.5. Benevolent Fund:** The Decision of the Management Committee to send the contributions received for Dr. B C Chakravarty Fund to his sister Shyamali Chakravarty was endorsed. Members were also informed that in addition to the amount of Rs. 35,500/- (as on 24. 06. 2014), Shri Kavindra Pant had had given a cheque for Rs. 1,000/- to the Secretary as his contribution at the time of the meeting. Further, as per the up-to-date information furnished by Shri Tripurari Lal, contributions of Rs. 1,000/- each from Dr. V N Bindal and Dr. Mahesh Chander had also been received. Thus the total amount collected till date under this fund was Rs. 38,500/-

**3.6. Membership of Dr. B C Chakravarty:** In view of the very exceptional circumstances, the suggestion of Prof. Vikram Kumar, and his offer to pay Rs. 1,000/-towards is Membership Fee was welcomed for processing.

**4. Felicitation of Shri A R S Vashisht and Shri R S Khandekar as New Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum:** The Secretary briefly highlighted the Citations before their presentation to Shri Vashisht and Sri Khandekar by Dr. Krishan Lal with their simultaneous presentation on the Screen. They were also presented their 80-Plus Membership Certificates and the Forum's Memento.

**5. Address by Dr. Krishan Lal:** Congratulating Shri Vashisht and Shri Khandekar on having completed 80 years, Dr. Krishan Lal said that whenever he participated in the meetings of the Forum he found something new as also some surprises. He lauded the efforts towards making the Forum more vibrant through the efforts of the Geographical area Coordinators and of benefitting from the expertise that was available from among the members who had already attained this age. Among the surprises, he mentioned about seeing Shri G K Bhatnagar also joining the Forum as a Member.

He said that the persuasive nature of Shri G K Arora, was primarily responsible for him to make adjustments in his other programmes and he was happy to be present here today. However, to attend to his other commitments he said that he would not be able to attend the presentation by Shri R C Dhawan and left the meeting, wishing all success in the future activities of the Forum.

**6. Address by Dr. V N Bindal:** Dr. V N Bindal, at whose initiative the presentations by members of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum had been started, was invited to say what was expected in such presentations.

Dr. Bindal said that by the time a person attains the age of 80, he experiences various flavours of life through his personal experiences. He would have faced various ups & downs both at his work place as also in his personal life, and found solutions to his problems. It was considered only appropriate that the Forum takes advantage of the accumulated experiences and wisdom of members of our 80-Plus Fraternity and also provide them an opportunity to recount the most memorable occasions and events during their association with NPL. *Dukh – Sukh* forms a part of life and it is how one faces them that matters. Mere reading of literature cannot always provide a solution, which one can best be learnt through the wisdom that is available to us from the members of our 80-Plus Fraternity. Already the Forum had lost this opportunity of leaning from the experiences of some of the members about the vicissitudes of their lives, the lessons that they had learnt from them, and sharing them with the other members of the Forum as they were no longer with us. We should not loose from the benefits that can be drawn from those of them who may like to share their wisdom with the other members of the Forum.

**7. Presentation by Shri R C Dhawan:** Shri Dhawan recounted how he got interested in acupressure on account of the problem that his wife was facing on account of her frozen thumb to which no treatment under the allopathic system of medicine was proving effective, but acupressure helped her in providing flexibility to her thumb within four days of start of the treatment. He, decided to study homeopathy and was registered by the Board of Electro Homeopathic System of Medicine, Patna as a Electro Homeopathic Practitioner in 1983. He also conducted an Acupressure Camp at Dharm Bhawan, South Extension Part I, New Delhi under the aegis of *Shrimati Kasturba Devi Gupta Dharmarth* in October 1997 and also participated in the Nature Cure Camp conducted jointly by Nature Cure Society, Delhi, and *Akhil Bhartiya Prakriik Chikitsa Parishad*, New Delhi in 2001. He has been rendering this honorary service to the society at the *Sanatan Dharma Mandir* in his locality.

Shri Dhawan said that unfortunately the equipment that the bag carrying the equipment that he uses for acupressure and magnetotherapy was inadvertently left by him at his residence, and he was unable to demonstrate pain relief. Under the circumstances, he could only explain the treatment that could be had from the charts which he had brought with him and which were projected on the screen.

He said that a number of problems of the body can be solved through exercises with navel as the focus. Dr. J C Sharma, also offered tips as to how to identify the problems arising out of the navel not being in the centre but on one side or the other. He said that majority of the problems of the human body are due to the food that we take, the quantity of food intake, at a time and the frequency and in-between duration between meals.

**8. Other Observations/ Suggestions:** Shri S C Garg recounted his personal experience of having made a certain payment in three equal installments through e-mail, which created a problem for him as they caused confusion, and it took him quite some time to sort out. He advised not to commit the same mistake but, when required, to split it into un-equal installments. He also said that there were often a number of e-mails that get into circulation relating to spiritual, medical or social issues from which members could draw advantage if properly documented.

Shri G K Arora, presented the salient features of two books brought out the members in the recent past which had been presented to him. These were (1) *Priya Sakhi Ke Liye Morpankh* – A book of poems written in Hindi - by Dr. R Bhaattacharyya, and (2) *Wisdom Quotations (A to Z)* – by Dr. P C Jain, and Yogendra Agarwal. Dr. Jain offered to provide complementary copies of this book to other members of the Forum.

Dr. Sunil Kumar Singhal had raised some issues relating to Cashless Facility and Issue of Medicines by CGHS Wellness Centres, as may be prescribed by the Specialists of the Hospitals enrolled by CGHS without their being endorsed by the Government Specialist. These had been referred to Dr. S L Jain (Chairman), and Dr. Hari Kishan (Convener) of the Welfare Committee. It was suggested that if there was any other such issue, the same may also be referred to them.

**9. Socializing Over a Cup of Tea:** The tea was hosted by Dr. R C Saksena through his contribution of Rs. 1,000/- for sharing the joy of his becoming a Grand Father of "Ishan".

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

# NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

**Thirty-Fourth Meeting of the Forum  
held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014 at 10.30 A.M. in the TEC Conference Room, NPL**

## STATUS REPORT BY THE SECRETARY

This Status Report presents the highlights of the activities and achievements of the Forum subsequent to the last meeting held on 27. 05. 2014, which was also the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting. The active strength of the Forum has now increased to 263 members, with the addition of the following as new members of the Forum

Dr. Virendra Shanker;  
Shri C S Prasanna Kumar; and  
Shri Gurmukh Singh.

**1. Meeting of the Management Committee:** The Management Committee had one meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at which Shri T V Joshua was inducted as another member of the Welfare Committee of the Forum. A significant feature of that meeting was the approval of the following Geographical Area Coordinators who were also invited to participate in that meeting.

(1) Dr. Amitabha Basu	(2) Dr. Ashok K.umar Gupta	(3) Dr. P C Jain	(4) Dr. R C Saksena	(5) Dr. R K Aggarwal
(6) Mrs. Santosh Manrai	(7) Dr. S K Gupta	(8) Dr. S L Jain	(9) Dr. V S Panwar	(10) Dr. S K Halder
(11) Shri A K Kanjilal	(12) Shri A C Gupta	(13) Shri G P Dixit	(14) Shri R L Mendiratta	(15) Shri S K Sharma
(16) Shri S S Verma	(17) Shri V K Rustagi	(18) Mrs. Shashikala Shastri	(19) Shri V P Wasan	(20) T K Chakravarti

While it had been possible to accommodate most of the members/ prospective members of the Forum in the tentative lists that had been prepared by the Secretary for these Geographical Area Coordinators and which were given to those of them present at the meeting, there were still certain regions for which it had not been possible to identify any Geographical Area Coordinator.

It was decided that the envisaged work for the Geographical Area Coordinators will be:

- Distribution of copies of the Forum's Newsletter and other Publications of the Forum;
- Mobilizing participation in meetings of the Forum;
- Reaching out to other prospective members of the Forum for enrolling them as members;
- Periodical socializing among members in the area enquiring about their welfare; and
- To help the Secretary in up-dating the contact particulars of the Members/ Prospective Members of the Forum regarding any changes in  
(a) Residential Address, (b) Contact Numbers; (c) E-mail IDs, (d) CGHS Card Number, and (e) CGHS Wellness Centre Number.

It was decided that information about the dates of birth of each may also be indicated in these lists so that they could also be sent greetings to wish them on their birthdays. The new lists have also been subsequently prepared and sent by e-mail to them.

Since that meeting, Mrs. Abha Bhatnagar has also volunteered to be another geographical Area Coordinator and has been provided a list of members/ prospective members.

**2. Tree Plantation on 15. 08. 2014:** In the third Tree Plantation (Earlier two having been on 15. 08, 2010 and 25. 09. 2012), 20, *Ashoka* Tree Saplings were planted on 15. 08. 2014 in the Lawn opposite the NPL Auditorium which had been named as Prof. A R Verma Lawn at the time of his 90<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary, as a joint programme between NPL and the Forum.

These trees were planted in honour/ memory of the following persons under this joint programme between NPL and the Forum in the sequence indicated by their serial numbers:

1. Dr. Kailash Chandra	2. Dr. Anil K. Gupta	3. Shri S.C. Garg	4. Dr. P Bannerjee	5. Shri . K.S. Sarma
6. Shri S.K. Suri	7. Dr. K.C. Nagpal	8. Dr. M.N.M. Rao	9. Dr. S. V. Gupta	10. Shri V. P. Wasan
11. Dr. J.K. N Sharma	12. Dr. S.P. Singal	13. Dr. B.M. Reddy	14. Dr. A. P. Jain	15. Shri R.C.Soni
16. Shri G. K. Arora	17. Shri R. C. Dhawan	18. Shri J. N Chaudhary	19. Shri M. K. Das Gupta	20. Dr. O. P. Bahl

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. R C Budhani by planting the First Tree. With this, 71 trees have so far been planted under this programme. A report on it will be published in the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter.

**3. Family Get-Together:** The next Contributory Get-together (Dewali Get-together) has been planned for *5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 11.00 A.M.* when the participants will gather in the TEC Conference Room for an entertainment programme followed by Lunch at the NPL Guest House. Participants are requested to make contributions of Rs. 150/- per participant to Dr. Hari Kishan. In case they are unable to pay at the time of this meeting, they may kindly indicate their intension to participate as also the number of participants from their family to help in the planning of the Get-together, and make payment to him on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

**4. Dr. A P Mitra Memorial Lecture:** It has been decided to have the First Dr. A P Mitra Memorial Lecture, on the afternoon of *16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in the NPL Auditorium.* The Lecture will be delivered by Prof. Govind Swarup. The detailed programme for this lecture will be notified by the Organizing Committee for this Lecture.

**5. Annual Award for the Best Popular Science Paper Published in Vigyan Pragati:** The issue was discussed by the Management Committee at its meeting held on 15. 07. 2014. It was decided that as the proposal had been initiated by the Scholarships Committee, the decision in this regard may be taken by that committee at its next meeting which had already been scheduled to be held on 18. 07. 2014. At that meeting it was decided not to wait for a response to the letter dated 27. 05. 2014 which had been sent by the Secretary to the Acting Director, NISCAIR in this regard, and to initiate the Award. For this, Prof. R C Budhani, Director, NPL nominated Dr. S T Lakshmikummar and Dr. Chhemendra Sharma to

be members of the Award Committee from the side of NPL, and suggested Dr. V N Bindal and Shri S C Garg as Members from the side of the Forum.

**6. Benevolent Fund:** At the last meeting held on 27. 05. 2014, it was considered desirable to have voluntary contributions for a benevolent fund for Dr. B C Chakravarty who had been in a state of coma for a long time. The information, as on 24. 06. 2014 was, that an amount of **Rs. 35,500/-** had been collected under this fund with contributions from Dr. M M Pradhan (Rs.1,000/-), Dr. M K Raina (Rs. 1,000/-), Dr. J C Sharma (Rs. 10,000/-), Dr. B M Reddy (Rs. 5,000/-), Dr. Krishan Lal (Rs. 5,000/-), Dr. S K Joshi (Rs. 2,500/-), Dr. V T Chitnis (Rs. 1,000/-) and Dr. B K Das (Rs. 10,000/-). Another amount of Rs. 1,000/- from Dr. V N Bindal and Rs. 2,000/- from Dr. S L Jain was also expected.

This was brought to the notice of the Management Committee at its meeting held on 15. 07. 2014, along with the following report from Prof. Vikram Kumar:

Last Sunday (29/06/2014), Dr S L Jain and I, accompanied by my wife Mrs. Reetam Kumar, visited Dr. B C Chakravarty's residence. We were with the family for well over one hour.

It is sad to inform you that Dr Chakravarty continues to be in coma though he is responsive. When his sister talked to him, he opened his eyes wider and his pupils turned towards me. After gazing at me for a while, he closed his eyes again. Otherwise the family, his sister Shyamali and nephew Deepak, are now well settled into a routine looking after him. They take care of him personally and no nurse etc. is employed. He has to be fed through tubes. Occasionally, he has to be taken to Max Hospital, Saket for change of tubes etc. perhaps once in about six months. This entails calling an ambulance and admitting him to the hospital for a few hours. They are not getting any CGHS benefits as the treatment has been from the beginning from MAX (private hospital) and it is difficult to show him to a CGHS doctor. We were told that financially they do not have much problem now. Initially they had a lot of difficulty. They told us of the difficulties in getting his pension and the necessity to go to court and high court to get problems sorted out in getting Shyamali recognised as his guardian to receive pension. They talked about the poor support and lack of response from NPL and CSIR in getting these matters sorted out. However, they are now well settled. Bidhan's pension is reasonable to take care of him now.

I am happy to see the response of fellow FSF members who have generously donated funds for supporting Bidhan Chakravarty. As we have seen that they do not really need monetary support. So what do we do now? There are two possibilities.

One: we return the money to all the donors.

Two: we give a cheque to Ms Shyamali for whatever we have collected.

Personally, I would prefer the second alternative. After all, money is always needed especially for someone confined like Bidhan. I am sure that occasional visit to Max Saket is also not very cheap. A little bit of our small contribution will be useful for Bidhan at some time.

Further, I would request the executive committee to consider making Bidhan an honorary member of FSF. After all, **if Bidhan could speak, he would surely have become a member.** Probably, there is no such thing as honorary member in FSF. But extra-ordinary conditions need extra-ordinary solutions.

At the meeting of the Management Committee it was decided that as suggested by Prof. Vikram Kumar, the contributions received for Dr. B C Chakravarty Fund may be sent to his sister Shymali Chakravarty. No decision was, however, taken on his proposal for enrolling Dr. B C Chakravarty as Honorary Member.

Subsequently, Prof Vikram Kumar sent a mail on 28. 07. 2014 reading as under, in response to the Minutes of the MC Meeting held on 15. 07. 2014 which had been circulated by the Secretary for soliciting comments from members of the Committee and invitees to that meeting:

I do hope that the Forum will consider favourably my suggestion for making Bidhan a member without him applying for it. A membership of the Forum will be useful for Bidhan's family in giving them a link to NPL where he spent most of his life. This psychological support will go some way in helping them and Bidhan.

As for the funds for Bidhan Chakravarty, I have not contributed to this effort financially. I will like to give Rs 1000. Perhaps this can be used as his fee for making him a member of the Forum.

Members of the Forum may like to express their views in this regard.

**New Medical Memoranda:** It may please be noted that the Newsletter No. 11 was published in March 2014. In keeping with the intension of increasing the frequency of the Newsletter, 5 new OMs on medical issues which had been issued after the publication of that Newsletter were brought to the notice of the Members at the time of the last meeting. Three more OMs issued subsequently are brought to the notice of the members at this meeting. These OMs will also form a part of the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter.

**8. Renewal of CGHS Cards:** Section Officer, E-I Section was furnished the details of those members, the validity of whose CGHS cards was due to expire on 30. 06. 2014 so that money drafts for renewal of their CGHS Cards up to 30. 06. 2015 could be issued to them well in time.

**9. Scholarships & Awards:** Scholarships & Awards for the year 2014, which are also open to the Direct Descendents of the Members of the Forum, have been notified by Dr. V S Panwar. They are requested to take cognizance of that notice.

Shri J N Chaudhary has also contributed an additional amount of Rs. 45,000/- for the Savitri Devi Memorial Award that he had instituted in memory of his wife.