

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of Twelfth General Body Meeting (Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Forum), held on Tuesday, the 19th May 2015, at 10.30. A.M. in the TEC Conference Room, CSIR-NPL

The following Programme for the meeting had been notified by Shri G K Arora, the Secretary of the Forum vide his letter dated May 04, 2015 sent to a number of Members of the Forum by ordinary post/ courier, as also by e-mail to those members who could be so contacted through their E-mail IDs. Some prospective members of the Forum had also been invited to enroll themselves as members and participate in the meeting;

PROGRAMME

1. Welcome by the President and Introductory Remarks.
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Forum held on 22. 08. 2014. (To be circulated at the time of the meeting).
3. Felicitating Shri G K Arora and Shri Ram Narain as New Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum.
4. Status Report by the Secretary (To be circulated at the time of the meeting).
5. Consideration and Adoption of the Auditor's Report for the Financial Year ending 31. 03. 2015.
6. Election of the Office Bearers for the period 2015-2017.
7. Any other issues of common interest to the Members.

Attendance: The following members had attended the Get-together:

(Names arranged alphabetically by the Surname)

1.	Agnihotry , Suhasini (Dr. Mrs.)	25.	Hari Kishan (Dr.)	49.	Ram Narain
2.	Arora , Gyanendra Kumar	26.	Jain , Adeshwar Preshad (Dr.)	50.	Ram Swarup (Dr.)
3.	Arora , Vishwa Deepak	27.	Jain , Atma Ram (Dr.)	51.	Rao , M K Dharendra (Dr.)
4.	Awasthy , Bal Ram	28.	Jain , Kiran (Dr. Mrs.)	52.	Roy , Binod Kanti * * *
5.	Basu , Amitabha (Dr.)	29.	Jain , Prakash Chandra (Dr.)	53.	Saksena , Rakesh Chandra (Dr.)
6.	Bhasin , Rajinder Kumar	30.	Joginder Singh (Dr.)	54.	Saxena , Rajan Babu
7.	Bhatnagar , Kameshwer Nath	31.	Joshua , T Verghese	55.	Shanker , Virendra (Dr.)
8.	Bhatnagar , Shashi Lekha (Mrs.)	32.	Kakkar , Om Prakash	56.	Sharan , Pramod Chandra
9.	Bhattacharya , Tushar Kant	33.	Kanjilal , Alok Kumar	57.	Sharma , Jagdish Chandra (Dr.)
10.	Bindal , Vishwa Nath (Dr.)	34.	Kar , Meenakshi (Dr. Mrs.)	58.	Sharma , Jagdish Prashad
11.	Chakladar , Swapan Kumar	35.	Khattar , Dharam Chand	59.	Sharma , Sham Lal
12.	Chakraborty , Bibhash Ranjan (Dr.)	36.	Kishore , Ram (Dr.)	60.	Sharma , Sushil Kumar
13.	Chakraborty , Tarun Kumar	37.	Kohli , Nand Kishore	61.	Sharma , Vijay * * *
14.	Chakravarty , Tushar Kanti	38.	Lakha Singh (Dr.)	62.	Shastri , Shashikala (Mrs.)
15.	Chitnis , Vijay Trimbak (Dr.)	39.	Lal , Tripurari	63.	Singh , Dharam Pal (Dr.)
16.	Chopra , Parvati (Mrs.)	40.	Mahajan , Kushal Kumar (Dr.)	64.	Srivastava , Navin Kumar
17.	Das , Mati Lal	41.	Mahajan , Surender Kumar (Dr.)	65.	Subhash Chander
18.	Dhami , Tersem Lal (Dr.)	42.	Manrai , Santosh (Mrs.) * * *	66.	Suri , Anil Kumar
19.	Dhawan , Ramesh Chandra	43.	Mittal , Pramod Kumar	67.	Tagra , Om Parkash
20.	Garg , Satish Chand	44.	Naib Singh	68.	Uppal , Gian Singh (Dr.)
21.	Gautam , Chhail Behari Lal	45.	Panjwai , Ramesh	69.	Verma , Surendra Singh
22.	Gera , Bhim Sain (Dr.)	46.	Panwar , Vinay Singh (Dr.)	70.	Verma , Tribhawan
23.	Gera , Subhash Chander * * *	47.	Pardeep Mohan (Dr.)	71.	Wasan , Ved Parkash
24.	Ghosh , Anand Krishna	48.	Raina , Mohan Krishen (Dr.)		

* * * **NOTE:** Shri Subhash Chandra Gera (Sr. No. 23), Mrs. Santosh Manrai (Sr. No. 42), Shri Binod Kanti Roy (Sr. No. 52) and Shri Vijay Sharma (Sr. No. 61) participated in the meeting but did not sign the Attendance Sheet. It is possible that some other members who had participated in the meeting had also not affixed their signatures on the Attendance Sheet.

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

(Names arranged alphabetically by the Surname)

1.	Aggarwal , Santosh (Mrs.)	26.	Nagpal , Kailash Chander (Dr.)	
2.	Arora , Om Prakash	27.	Ojha , Vijay Kumar	
3.	Batra , Virendra Kumar (Dr.)	Abroad	28.	Om Prakash (Dr.)
4.	Bhatia , Gopal (Dr.)		29.	Padam , Gurusharan Kaur (Dr. Ms.)
5.	Bhattacharyya , Raghunath (Dr.)		30.	Pandey , Jyoti Lata (Dr. Ms.)
6.	Bhatia , Shiv Kumari (Mrs.)		31.	Pasricha , Pradeep Kumar (Dr.)
7.	Dixit , Ganga Prasad		32.	Raja Gopal , Erode Subramanian (Dr.)
8.	Dwivedi , Sudhanshu		33.	Rao , S Uma Mahehwar
9.	Ekbote , Srikant Narayan (Dr.)		34.	Rathore , Hazara Singh
10.	Ghosh , Pradip Kumar (Dr.)		35.	Reddy , Borra Madhava (Dr.)
11.	Govil , Anil Kumar		36.	Sarma , Kuchibhatla Subrahmanya
12.	Govind Swarup (Prof.)		37.	Saxena , Anil Kishore
13.	Govindaswamy , G		38.	Saxena , Mithlesh (Mrs.)
14.	Gupta , Jitendra Kumar (Dr.)		39.	Sen Gupta , Amitava (Dr.) # # #

15.	Gupta, Satya Vir (Dr.)	40.	Sharma, Ram Gopal (Dr.)
16.	Halder, Sujit Kumar (Dr.)	41.	Singh, Rama Shankar
17.	Jain, Sohan Lal (Dr.)	42.	Singh, Ved Ram (Dr.)
18.	Jain, Sushil Kumar (Dr.)	43.	Singhal, Raghunandan Prasad (Dr.)
19.	Kandpal, Hem Chandra (Dr.) # # #	44.	Singhal, Sunil Kumar (Dr.)
20.	Kothari, Prafulla Chandra (Dr.) Abroad	45.	Srinivasan, Thirumalai Mappur (Dr.)
21.	Lal, Krishan (Prof.)	46.	Varma, Satya Prakash (Dr.)
22.	Maresh Chander (Gupta) (Dr.)	47.	Ved Mitra (Dr.)
23.	Marwah, Raksha (Mrs.)	48.	Vikram Kumar (Dr.)
24.	Mathur, Harish Chand	49.	Wadhwa, Rajindar Pal (Dr.) Abroad
25.	Menon, Thottasari Raghavan Kutty		

NOTE: Dr. Hem Chandra Kandpal (Sr. No. 16) and Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta (Sr. No. 36) were enrolled as new members at the time of the meeting, but had regretted their inability to participate in it.

1. Welcome by the President: Shri S C Garg, welcoming the Members to the meeting, said that it was a special meeting at which the Management Committee is to be re-constituted for the period 2015-17. He hoped that the younger members of the Forum will come forward to serve on this Committee to make it more vibrant.

Besides the consideration of the Auditor's Report for the Financial Year ending 31. 05. 2015, which is another very important item on the agenda, today we shall be felicitating Shri Ram Narain and Shri G K Arora as new members of the 80-Plus Club of the Forum. Additionally, Dr. G S Uppal who was abroad and could not be present at the Forum meeting at which he was felicitated as a member of this club will also be formally felicitated at this meeting. He said that he has requested Dr. V N Bindal to perform the duty of inducting them as members of the 80-Plus Fraternity on behalf of the Forum

Shri Garg said that in his view the greatest contribution that this Forum has made is in bringing together its members to interact with each other at frequent intervals. Other activities e.g. Scholarships & Awards and Tree Plantation etc. are also very important, but they can be considered primarily as supporting activities.

He said that Shri Arora has been one of the most active members of the Forum, and besides his having discharged his duties as the Secretary of the Forum ever since its formation in January 2003, he has made very significant contributions in his capacity of the Convener/ member of the various area Committees, and particularly as the editor of the Forum's Newsletter and the Directory of Members of the Forum. He has expressed a desire to be relieved of the responsibility of the secretary of the Forum. He shall however, continued to be associated with the Management Committee as an invitee to its meetings as provided for under the Rules & Regulations of the Forum.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Forum held on 22. 08. 2014: The minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Forum held on 22. 08. 2014 had been circulated to the members. As there were no comments they were confirmed.

3. Felicitation of Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity: Dr. V N Bindal presented (1) bouquet of flowers, (2) 80-Plus Certificate, (3) Citation and (4) Forum's Memento to Dr. G S Uppal, Shri Ram Narain and Shri G K Arora. Shri Arora and Shri S C Garg also presented briefly the highlights of citations in respect of Shri Ram Narain and Shri Uppal respectively. The citation presented to Shri Arora was also projected on the screen.

4. Address by Dr. V N Bindal: Dr. Bindal said that he, in his capacity as President of the Forum had the opportunity of intimate interaction with Shri Arora as its Secretary (since its formation in January, 2003). It was so very nice of Shri Garg to provide me an opportunity to speak at this meeting and to recall that association.

He said that a lot of preliminary work to form this Forum had been going on earlier to 2003 also. In this the cooperation received from Dr V V Shah and Dr AP Jain was very helpful. The support received from Prof AR Verma, was very encouraging. It was only when a meeting was held in which Shri Arora was also invited to participate, that we got started. Though we were aware of his very methodical way of working as Scientist-in-Charge of PME Group, NPL, we did not realize that he would take up the work of this Forum as a mission. He compiled contact particulars of various prospective members of the Forum and contacted them, resulting in the formation of this Forum.

Shri Arora not only works hard, but also has a knack of making other people also to work hard. In fact he even gives credit for the work that he has done to others who have been only marginally involved with that work. He works with full devotion and expects the same from others as well and is prepared to shoulder new responsibilities within his competence.

He has been a store-house of information about the members of the Forum and has been keeping it updated through periodic interaction with them. He is very courteous, which is one of his most outstanding qualities.

There is an old saying that 'It is very difficult to be *Hardilaziz*' conveying that one cannot be close to the heart of everyone, in other words one cannot please or make everyone happy. He said he would like to call all those such believers, to come and see that here is a person with us, who is *Hardilaziz*. He is being loved and respected by everybody.

Concluding his address he said, we respect his desire to be relieved of the responsibilities of the Secretary. He certainly deserves some rest. The Forum looks forward to his guidance and support, which I am sure he shall be very willing to provide and to honor him let us give him a standing ovation.

In response from the members, the dB level of applause was quite high and it kept on reverberating for quite some time.

5. Status Report by the Secretary: Shri G K Arora briefly presented the highlights of the Status report, (Annexure 'A'), which had also been circulated in advance He also specifically invited attention to the Extracts from the Rules & Regulations of the Forum relating to the responsibilities of the various Office Bearer and also his remarks thereon, particularly in regard to the following responsibilities that the elected members of the Forum could undertake to serve as Geographical Area Coordinators, which had also been circulated:

- (i) Distribution of copies of the Forum's Newsletter and other Publications of the Forum;
- (ii) Mobilizing participation in meetings of the Forum;
- (iii) Reaching out to other prospective members of the Forum for enrolling them as members;
- (iv) Periodical socializing among members in the area enquiring about their welfare; and
- (v) 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.

The Committee appreciated the tremendous effort that had been put in by Shri G K Arora and Dr. Amitabha Basu in the titling of the photographs for printing along with the photographs and approved the expected expenditure of Rs. 6,000/- on getting one copy each of the members of the Forum in passport size and of the activities of the Forum in 5"x7" size by Shri Subhash Chander, for the Album(s) of Photographs of the Forum.

6. Auditors Report for the Year Ending 31. 03. 2015: Shri Tripurari Lal presented the Auditor's Report which too had been circulate in advance ('Annexure 'B')

The Report was adopted.

7. Election of Office Bearers for the Period 2015-17: The following is the result declared by Shri P K Mittal the Returning Officer:

PRESIDENT	:	Shri Satish Chand Garg
VICE PRESIDENT	:	Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta
SECRETARY	:	Shri Rajan Babu Saxena
JOINT SECRETARY	:	Dr. Hari Kishan
TREASURER	:	Shri Tripurari Lal
MEMBERS	:	1. Shri Anil Kumar Suri
		2. Dr. Vinay Singh Panwar
		3. Shri Surendra Singh Verma
		4. Mrs. Santosh Manrai
		5. Mrs. Shashikala Shastri
		6. Mrs. Shashi Lekha Bhatnagar
		7. Dr. Prakash Chandra Jain
		8. Dr. Jagdish Chandra Sharma
		9. Dr. Tarsem Lal Dhama
		10. Shri Ved Parkash Wasan
		11. Shri Ramesh Chandra Dhawan
		12. Shri Vijay Sharma
		13. Dr. Joginder Singh
		14. Dr. Amitabha Basu
		15. Dr. Bibhash Ranjan Chakraborty
		16. Shri T Verghese Joshua (From Administration)

8. First Meeting of the New Management Committee: Shri S C Garg said that the next meeting of the Management Committee – a joint meeting of members of the out-going and the New Management Committee for the handing over and taking over the charge - may be held at an early date in the month of June 2015 instead of 9th July 2015 as had been decided by the MC as per the tentative calendar of meetings and programmes for 2015.

9. Socializing over a Cup of Tea & Group Photograph: Shri G K Arora hosted the meeting, for meeting the expenses on tea and refreshments.

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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 22. 08. 2014. During this period the Forum lost the following members as a result of their demise on the dates indicated against each:

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| (1) Shri Satish Chandra Vasishth (03. 09. 2014) | (2) Dr. Kanwar Bahadur (01. 10. 2014) |
| (3) Shri Shiva Gopal Tewari (07. 10. 2014) | (4) Shri Janki Nath Chaudhary (28. 10. 2014) |
| (5) Shri Shiv Nandan Nangia (27. 11. 2014) | |

Condolence resolutions on their demise were passed at the intervening meetings – [Meeting of the Management Committee held on 24th September 2014 (in respect of Shri Vasishth) and 11th December 2014 (in respect of Dr. Bahadur, Shri Tewari and Shri Chaudhary), and the Foundation Day Get-together held on 19th March 2015 (in respect of Shri Nangia)]. The Forum pays homage to their memory once again.

The active strength of the Forum has now increased to 273 members, with the addition of the following as new members of the Forum:

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| (1) Shri G K Bhatnagar | (2) Shri Anil Kumar Suri | (3) Dr. (Ms.) Jyoti Lata Pandey |
| (4) Prof. Govind Swarup | (5) Shri Vijay Sharma | (6) Dr. Bidhan Chandra Chakravarty |
| (7) Shri Mange Ram | (8) Dr. Rakesh Behari Mathur | (9) Shri Kuldeep Kaushik |
| (10) Shri Ramesh Panjwani | (11) Shri Anil Kishore Saxena | (12) Shri Om Prakash Arora |
| (13) Shri Balraj Singh (Yadav) | (14) Dr. Bhuwan Chandra Arya | (15) Dr. (Ms.) Rashmi |
| (16) Mrs. Shiv Kumari Bhatia | | |

Some prospective members of the Forum have also been invited to participate in this meeting. The Forum welcomes the new members to the meeting and hopes that they will take active part in its functioning as well through their association with the Management Committee to be re-constituted today for the period 2015-17, as also Geographical Area Coordinators and in its area Committees also to be re-constituted by the Management Committee s.

Meetings of the Management Committee & the Foundation Day Get-together: The Management Committee had three meetings on 24. 09. 2014, 11. 12. 2014 and 07. 04. 2015. The 12th Foundation Day Get-together which was held on 19th March 2015, was also celebrated as HOLI MILAN Day. The highlights of these three meetings are summarized below:

Annual Award for the Best Popular Science Paper published in Vigyan Pragati: The decision of the Scientific Affairs Committee (at its meeting held on 18. 09. 2014) for institution of an Annual Award of Rs. 5,000/- for the Best Popular Science Paper published in Vigyan Pragati, and the composition of the following Sub-Committee for the same was endorsed:

Dr. V N Bindal	Chairman
Shri S C Garg	Co-Chairman
Dr. P C Jain	Member
Dr. S T Lakshmikummar	Member
Dr. Chhamendra Sharma	Member
Dr. V S Panwar	Co-Convener
Shri V P Wasan	Convener

A P Mitra Memorial Lectures: The First A P Mitra Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Govind Swarup on 16th September 2014. It was decided to have Forum's own Organizing Committee for the Second A P Mitra Memorial Lecture as under:

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| 1. Shri S C Garg | 2. Dr. S L Jain | 3. Dr. Hari Kishan | 4. Dr. S K Halder |
| 5. Dr. (Ms.) Mila Mitra | 6. Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta | 7. Dr. K K Mahajan | 8. Dr. Mahesh Chander |

It has been decided that Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta will be the Convener of this Committee. His concurrence for this has been obtained by the Secretary on phone. He will formally be inducted as a Member of the Forum also at this meeting .

Whether the Lecture should be held on 16th September – the International Ozone Day, was debated. It was felt that this depended on a number of factors viz., the availability of the NPL Auditorium on that day and the time of the Lecture, suiting the convenience of the invited lecturer and also of Director, NPL. etc. It was decided that the Lecture may be held in the month of September and preferably on the 16th September. This will provide flexibility in arranging the Lecture.

Prof. Vikram Kumar had suggested inviting **Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam** for the Lecture. The other possible names that were suggested, in the event of his not being able to deliver the lecture included:

(1) **Prof. Veerabhadran Ramanathan**, Director, Centre for Atmospheric Sciences at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego, USA; (2) **Dr. Sibaji Raha**, Director, Bose Institute, Kolkata; and (3) **Prof. C N R Rao**, National Research Professor & Director, International Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore.

Dr. Mila Mitra announced her contribution of Rs. 1,50,000/- for augmenting the funds for A P Mitra Memorial Lectures announced at the time of the MC Meeting held on 7th April 2015. It was felt that a suitably drafted letter may also be issued by the Organizing Committee for raising additional funds so that this lecture could be an annual feature for which the expenditure could be met on the interest earned thereon.

Dr. B C Chakravarty Benevolent Fund: A Cheque for Rs. 40,500/- contributed by the Members for this fund, drawn on the Syndicate Bank, NPL, was sent by the Secretary to Ms. Shyamali Chakravarty. However, through oversight on the part of the Bank, it was not honoured and was received back by the Secretary from her by post. As advised by the Bank, it was re-presented, and the amount has been credited to the Account of Dr. B C Chakravarty.

While returning the bounced cheque to the Secretary, Ms. Shyamali Chakravarty, had reiterated on phone that they were not having any financial problems now, and she has resented the re-presentation of the cheque to the bank without her prior knowledge.

Contributory Dewali Family Get-together: A contributory Family Get-together was held on 5th November 2014. Dewali falling on 12th November 2015, another similar Get-together is being planned for Wednesday the 15th November 2015.

Status of the 80-Plus Fraternity and the Depletion of Strength of the Forum: With the addition of (1) Shri G K Arora and (2) Shri Ram Narain to the List as New Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity at this meeting, the total number of members of the 80-Plus Club since the formation of this Club on 16th March 2009, stands increased to **60**. However, **16** of them have expired.

Renewal of CGHS Cards: To facilitate the renewal of CGHS Cards for the period 01. 01. 2015 to 31. 12. 2015, the Updated Membership List of the Forum giving information about the CGHS Card Numbers of the Members and their due validity was provided to the E-I Section, NPL. As the Money Drafts for the pensioners who have already paid their full (10-Years) contribution are being sent by NPL by Speed Post to the Members in advance of the expiry of the dates of validity of their Cards, it is requested that the Secretary may be kept informed in this regard for up-dating this information. The new members of the Forum who are also CGHS Beneficiaries are requested to provide information about their CGHS Card Numbers and the Dispensary (Welfare Centre) Numbers at which they are registered, for incorporation in the Membership List.

Album of Photographs: The sample prints that Shri Subhash Chander had got prepared from the titled photographs of the Members of the Forum (in Passport size), and of the activities of the Forum (in 5'x7' size), were approved by the Management Committee at its meeting held on 07. 04. 2015 and the go-ahead signal was given to the Publications Committee for getting the Albums ready. While the passport size copies will cost Rs. 3 each, the 5"x7" photographs will cost Rs. 12 each. The total expenditure, (excluding the cost of the Albums) will be around Rs. 6,000/-

Scholarships & Awards: Dr. Virendra Shankar has contributed Rs. 1,00,000 for institution of Dr. Ram Naresh Lal Scholarship to encourage study of Science in Classes XI and XII. This amount has been credited to the Premium Account of the Forum with the Syndicate Bank, NPL.

Scholarships & Awards – 2014 were presented by Prof. R C Budhani on 29. 09. 2015 as per the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee at its meeting held on 18. 09. 2014. These include Shri Shivam Bhatnagar, Son of Mrs. Abha Bhatnagar, recipient of Astronaut Kalpana Chawla Samman Chhatravritti.

Cashless Facility: As per the decision taken by the Welfare Committee at its meeting held on 16. 09. 2014, Director, NPL was approached again by the Secretary for re-considering the request for provision of Cashless Facility by Private Hospitals. Informally it had been learnt that about 10 hospitals had already agreed for this and addition of a few more to this list was being processed. However, no official communication about this has so far been received.

Forum's Room: With the personal efforts of Dr. Hari Kishan, Convener, Welfare Committee, the Forum's Room, is now made functional with the installation of an Air Conditioner, some more items of furniture, Computer Facility, Internet and Telephone Facility. He deserves fullest appreciation from the Members of the Forum.