

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Forty first meeting of the NPL Former Scientist Forum (16th GB meeting) held on Wednesday the 19th June 2019 at 10 A.M. in the TEC conference room, CSIR-NPL. The Agenda for the meeting was as under:

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the President and his Introductory Remarks.
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 15th G B Meeting (40th Meeting of the Forum) held on 24. 07. 2018
3. Status Report by the Secretary (To be placed on the Table).
4. Report by the Treasurer on the financial situation.
5. Felicitating Mrs. Santosh Manrai, Dr. D.C. Prashar, Dr. Satya Kinkar Sarkar, Shri Abdul Hamid, and Shri J.P. Sharma as New members of the 80-Plus Fraternity.
6. Election of the new Office Bearers & Management committee members (Dr. Amitabha Basu has been appointed Returning officer by MC in its meeting on 14th May 2019)
7. Release of updated Directory of Members of the Forum by Prof. Vikram Kumar, Patron of the Forum.
8. "Approval and Adoption of the Resolution relating to Patrons and Advisers" passed in the MC meeting held on 6th December 2017. (Copy of the resolution to be placed on the Table)
9. Any other issues of common interest to the Members with the permission of the Chair.

The following members were present.

Sl. No	Name	Sl. No	Name	Sl. No	Name
1.	Ram Swarup	2.	T.V. Joshua	3.	B.R. Chakraborty
4.	R.B Saxena	5.	A.C. Gupta	6.	S.C. Gera
7.	K.N. Bhatnagar	8.	Lakha Singh	9.	Abha Bhatnagar
10.	Anil Kr. Suri	11.	D.P. Bahuguna	12.	B.S. Gera
13.	Mange Ram	14.	D.R. Nakra	15.	O.P. Tagra
16.	M.L. Sharma	17.	H.C. Kandpal	18.	Ms. S. Manrai
19.	R.G. Sharma	20.	A. Basu	21.	J.P. Sharma
22.	Ms. S. Shastri	23.	R.K. Saxena	24.	V. Mohanan
25.	S.L Jain	26.	M.K. Raina	27.	S.C. Garg
28.	S.K. Mahajan	29.	R.C. Saksena	30.	R.K. Garg
31.	T.K. Chakraborty	32.	J.K. Gupta	33.	A.K. Ghosh
34.	V.N. Bindal	35.	Niranjn Singh	36.	Shashi Lekha
37.	G.K. Arora	38.	R.S. Tanwar	39.	V.D. Arora
40.	Rajeev Chopra	41.	Joginder Singh	42.	J.K. Dhawan
43.	Y.P. Singh	44.	P.C. Jain	45.	Amitava Sen Gupta
46.	J.C. Sharma	47.	N.K. Wadhwa	48.	Devender Gupta
49.	Ms. S.K. Bhatia	50.	D.C. Prashar	51.	V.R. Singh
52.	Krishan Lal	53.	Vijay Sharma	54.	Vikram Kumar
55.	Hari Kishan	56.	T.L. Dhama	57.	Kewal Krishan
58.	R.K. Aggarwal	59.	R.L. Mendiratta	60.	H.N. Dutta
61.	S.R. Gupta	62.	V.K. Pandey	63.	M.M. Pradhan
64.	S.K. Joshi	65.	M.K. Dasgupta	66.	M.K. Goel
67.	Ms. P. Chopra	68.	T.K. Bhattacharya	69.	Subhash Chandra
70.	O.P. Kakkar	71.	H.K. Maini	72.	Ravi Khanna
73.	R.S. Dabas	74.	S.C. Jain	75.	

The following members of the forum had informed beforehand that they will not be able to attend the meeting as some of them are abroad and others have some prior commitment.

Dr. Anil Kishore Saxena, Dr. S.A. Agnihotry, Dr. D. P. Bhatt, Dr. Ram Kishore, Sh. Prabhat Gupta, Sh. V.K. Ojha, Dr. Kiran Jain, Dr. P. Banerjee, Dr. Atma Jain, Sh. N.K. Kohli, Dr. S.K. Chakladar, Sh. N.K.

Babbar, Sh. S.S. Verma, Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta, Dr. Gopal Bhatia, Dr. Vijay Chitnis, Dr. V.N. Ojha and Dr. S.S. Mathur.

- 1. Welcome & Introductory Remarks by the President:** The President Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta welcomed the members and the Patrons. He told that this forum meeting is being held after 11 months. He gave a gist of what has happened during since the last meeting. In the last two years or so digital modes of connectivity have been steadily picking up. A new feature of the forum has been connectivity via Whats App groups like NPL-FSF Portal, NPL Doyens etc. Already most of the forum members are connected via Whatsapp and e-mail that enables them to be updated with any new developments with almost zero delay. We hope all the forum members will become digitally enabled in the near future.

Due to the sad demise of the Treasurer Sh. Tripurari Lal, Dr. Hari Kishan had taken over as Treasurer and the formalities regarding the operation of Accounts with the Syndicate Bank had been completed with the new signatories' viz. Dr. A. Sen Gupta – President, Sh. R.B. Saxena – Secretary and Dr. Hari Kishan – Treasurer. The operation of Forum accounts with Syndicate Bank is being smoothly run with the new signatories.

We had the fourth A.P. Mitra memorial lecture on 15th March 2018 delivered by Prof. Ananthakishnan. For 5th A.P. Mitra memorial lecture we are in contact with Dr. Archana Bhattacharya. Based on her schedule Delhi visit, the actual date will be announced. Today in this meeting we shall have elections of the new Office bearers & MC of the Forum. He informed the members that today we shall also be felicitating few of our distinguished members for joining 80+ fraternities.

The President then remarked that since we have with us the four Patrons of the Forum Prof. S.K. Joshi, Prof. Krishan Lal, Prof. Vikram Kumar and Dr. V.N. Bindal, who is also the Founder President of the Forum, we shall like to listen to them and seek their advice & suggestion for smoothly running the Forum activities.

Prof. S.K. Joshi in his brief address appreciated the efforts of the Forum MC in executing various responsibilities. He remarked that Dr. R.G. Sharma being a good editor may take up the job of editing of reminiscences of the forum members, advances in sciences etc. The forum should arrange lectures valid for old people and age related problems. He emphasized that at this age of 60+, one should keep oneself healthy & active. Few tips he gave and explained their importance like food selection – green vegetables and nutritious food & fruits, meditation. One should try to keep busy.

Dr. V.N. Bindal, the founder President of the forum, gave a summary of how the forum and with what Aims & Objectives started. He was grateful to all the Directors of NPL since the inception of the forum, for providing their support to the forum. He also emphasized the need of arranging lectures for the forum members.

Prof. Krishan Lal, who had been very actively involved with the forum since its inception, gave a brief of his reminiscences of NPL & the forum. He suggested that there is a need of wide publicity of the new definition of Base units. Prof. Lal also stressed the need to make the Forum office well equipped with a PC, printer and data storage system

Prof. Vikram Kumar emphasized that the Forum should have its own website, where in all circulars of CSIR-NPL, CGHS related and other Government's circulars be there. The Directory, Newsletter, various forms may be also uploaded on the website. The Forum should also simplify various forms & procedures by meeting the NPL Administration.

- 2. As per the Agenda item 3:** The minutes of the 15th G B Meeting (40th Meeting of the Forum) held on 24. 07. 2018 were circulated in the meeting and had also been sent to the members. The Minutes were confirmed.
- 3. Status Report by the Secretary:** The updated Status report was circulated in the meeting.
 - a) Operation of Accounts of the Bank:** *The formalities regarding the operation of Accounts with the Syndicate Bank had been completed after passing a resolution by the General Body Meeting. Now the new signatories are: Dr. A. Sen Gupta – President, Sh. R.B. Saxena – Secretary and Dr. Hari Kishan – treasurer. The operation of Forum accounts with Syndicate Bank with new signatories is being run now.*

b) Renewal of CGHS cards for December 2018 beneficiaries:

A list of CGHS beneficiaries for December 2018 had been prepared by the Secy. This list was sent to the beneficiaries for their confirmation and correctness, if any and was then forwarded to Sh. Giri of E-1 section of NPL. List of those persons, who opted for submission by forum's team, was given to Mr. Giri and the DDs and letters in respect of these persons were received from him and submitted at CGHS centre R.K. Puram. The team consisted of the Secy. R.B. Saxena, Dr. Hari Kishan, Sh. V.D. Arora and Dr. A. Basu.

c) Forum's Newsletter & Directory:

Dr. Amitabha Basu as chairman, as per the tentative target date for publication of the newsletter, has made very sincere efforts and with the help of Sh. G.K. Arora and others have prepared the draft. Dr. Basu briefed in the meeting.

About the publication of the Directory, Sh. G.K. Arora informed that he has completed the draft for the Directory. The Directory has been printed and will be released in this meeting.

The Policy committee for the Scholarship & Awards is working on the formation of the circular for S&A 2019.

- 4. Felicitation of New Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum:** Five members of the Forum, namely Mrs. Santosh Manrai, Dr. D.C. Prashar, Dr. Satya Kinkar Sarkar, Shri Abdul Hamid and Shri J.P. Sharma have attained the age of 80 years. The forum welcomes them to our 80+ fraternity. Dr. Satya Kinkar Sarkar and Shri Abdul Hamid didn't attend the meeting due to their bad health. Mementoes with certificates and Citations were presented to Mrs. Santosh Manrai, Dr. D.C. Prashar and Shri J.P. Sharma by the President and the Patrons of the Forum. The citations of the above respective members could not be read out due to paucity of time and also due to computer problem could not be projected on screen.
- 5. Report by the Treasurer Dr. Hari Kishan on the financial situation:** Dr. Hari Kishan informed that the total Amount in three savings A/Cs, i.e. 91002010025950, 91002010029585 and 91002140000046 is **Rs. 49,873=73**, Amount in FDRs is **Rs.24,33,778=64** totaling to **Rs. 24,83,652=37**. (**Details were presented – Annexure 1**). As per the suggestions of the treasurer most of the records are kept in the Forum' office. About the involvement of one more official to assist the Treasurer, it was deferred to the next MC meeting, once the new MC takes over. The forum office will be properly cleaned & renovated and needs to be equipped with Telephone line, Computer, printer etc.
- 6. "Approval and Adoption of the Resolution relating to Patrons and Advisers"** passed in the MC meeting held on 6th December 2017. (Copy of the resolution was placed on the Table).
The following resolution was passed in the meeting by more than 2/3rd of the majority (68 out of 74) of the members present in the meeting.

“Under **Para 4 - Membership**, after **Para 4.3** the following may be added:

4.3.1 All the Patrons will be permanent Invitees to the Meetings of the Management Committee

4.3.2 A Patron is expected to give his comments/ guidance/ suggestions for the betterment of the Forum.

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4.4 The MC of the Forum may also have one or more advisers whose advice may be sought for effective functioning of the Forum for a duration co-terminus with the Management Committee

4.4.1. The Adviser will be permanent invitee to the meetings of the Management Committee.

- 7. Election of new Office Bearers & Management committee members** Dr. Amitabha Basu had been appointed Returning officer by MC in its meeting on 14th May 2019. Nominations were invited in the meeting and following were elected unanimously:

President: Dr. R.G. Sharma

Vice-President: Dr. J.C. Sharma

Advisors to the MC: Sh. S.C. Garg and Dr. A. Sen Gupta

Secretary: Sh. R.B. Saxena

Joint Secretary: Sh. N.K. Wadhwa

Treasurer: Dr. Hari Kishan

MC Members: 1. Dr. B.R. Chakraborty, 2. Mrs. Shashi Kala Shastri, 3. Sh. T.V. Joshua, 4. Mrs. Shashi Lekha Bhatnagar, 5. Sh. A.C. Gupta, 6. Dr. P.C. Jain, 7. Sh. Anil Kumar Suri, 8. Sh. V.D. Arora, 9. Dr. V.R. Singh, 10. Dr. T.L. Dhami, 11. Dr. Y.P. Singh, 12. Dr. S.L. Jain and 13 Dr. M.K. Goel.

Prof. S.K. Joshi proposed the name of Sh. G.K. Arora for the Patron of the Forum in view of Sh. Arora's esteemed services for the Forum. The entire house unanimously approved & highly applauded and appreciated Sh. Arora Ji's meticulous efforts and contribution to the forum since its inception.

- 8. Release of updated Directory of Members of the Forum:** Prof. Vikram Kumar, Patron of the Forum released the updated Directory of the Forum compiled by Sh. G.K. Arora.
- 9. Forum's Newsletter:** Dr. Amitabha Basu as chairman of the publication committee of the Forum's Newsletter informed that as per the tentative target date for publication of the newsletter, he had composed the files on various topics for the proposed upcoming NPL-FSF newsletter with the inputs provided & help of Sh. G.K. Arora and sent them to the office bearers more than a month ago. Dr. R.G. Sharma has contributed few articles for inclusion in the Newsletter. To date, he has not received any inputs. Seeing the poor response, Dr. Basu remarked that in future, he does not wish to have any future role to play in composing the newsletter, if at all there is interest in bringing it out, now or in the future, of course. Dr. A. Sen Gupta on behalf of the forum expressed thanks to Dr Basu for the efforts, he has made. Secy. assured that he shall try to provide the required missing matter soon. The matter has been postponed pending further consideration of the subject.
- 10.** The Secretary informed the members that the Government has planned to issue new IDs to the pensioners, stating the revised pension (as per 7th pay commission recommendations). The Forum will also approach the NPL Administration for looking into the same.
- 11.** Dr. B.R. Chakraborty raised the issue that arrears of some retd. Sci. G's have not been paid for the problem of recovery of transport allowance, while the Supreme Court has given judgments that recovery cannot be done from retired employees. In the earlier meeting of MC, it was told that since this problem of recovery of transport allowance and the action by the Sci G's of sending RTIs or any legal action, is individually to be handled, Forum as such should not be involved. Some Sci. Gs have already filed the case. Dr. Chakraborty remarked that while Forum is to look after the interest of the forum members, why this case is not considered or taken up for action by the Forum as in all other labs of CSIR arrears have been paid. General Body deferred for future and advised that let all details be brought to the Forum first, then, will be looked into.
- 12. Dr. R.G. Sharma, newly elected President of the forum thanked the gathering for electing him as president and** shared his vision amongst the members. He thanked the MC and other forum members, who have contributed for the forum and he also acknowledged the benchmark created by the earlier team. He said that he will try to maintain and upgrade its level by the help of new team. He further acknowledged the suggestion of Prof. Vikram Kumar regarding the website of the forum which will be taken up on priority basis. We shall try to upload everything like Newsletter, Directory and the list of experts, along with their domain of expertise in the national and academic interest. He was especially happy to have the privilege of working with his colleagues, Dr. Hari Kishan and Shri R B Saxena of Cryogenics & Superconductivity Division yet again. He put forth his priorities to (i) To start Forum's website on a priority basis and upload all types of information on it, (ii) To prepare the list of the members willing to provide consultancy to industry with their expertise, (iii) List of members who would be willing to deliver lectures and short courses to Universities & colleges besides the main objectives of the Forum to look after the welfare of the members of the forum. All other usual activities will continue with enthusiasm. He also emphasized that we should at some point of time debate why India is still not a technologically advanced country and lags far behind even the Asian countries like China and S. Korea. On the glorious past of NPL which was visited by Pandit Nehru often, he felt sad and said that why this does not happen today.

13. The General body unanimously approved, as per the advice of our Patron Prof. Krishan Lal, to equip the Forum room at NPL with an A/C, telephone connection, a PC, Printer and data storage devices like External hard disk drive and few USB drives etc.

The Secretary informed the house that today the Forum has received donations of Rs. 11,000/- from Mrs. Santosh Manrai, Rs. 5,000/- from Sh. G.K. Arora and donation towards expenses for refreshment/tea for this meeting from Dr. S.L. Jain.

Since there was no other item to be discussed, the meeting ended with thanks to the Chair and the Patrons.

The meeting was followed by Lunch at NPL Guest House, hosted by the President Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta.

