

# NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

## Minutes of the Get-together of Members of the Forum held in the TEC Conference Room, NPL on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 10.30 A.M. in Celebration of 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Forum

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The following Programme for the Get-together had been notified by Shri G K Arora, the Secretary of the Forum vide his letter dated March 05, 2014 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. The spouses of the Members of the Forum who had expired or else the Family members of such of those members whose spouses had also expired, were also invited for participation in the Get-together. Invitation was also sent to a few prospective members of the Forum to participate in the programme and also to enroll themselves as members of the Forum.

### PROGRAMME

1. Welcome by the President
2. Passing of Condolence Resolutions on the Demise of (1) Shri Shiv Nath (20.12.2013); (2) Mrs. Urmil Dhawan (12.02.2014); Mrs. Prem Gupta W/o Dr. S V Gupta (22.02.2014); and (4) Shri M K Balchandani (24.02.2014) on the dates mentioned against their names
3. Status Report by the Secretary
4. Felicitation of (1) Dr. B N Srivastava; (2) Prof. S S Mathur; (3) Shri S G Tewari; (4) Dr. K D Kundra; (5) Shri K N Bhatnagar; (6) Shri M G Sehgal; (7) Dr. S P Singal; and (8) Dr. R L Seth as new Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum by Prof. R C Budhani, Director, NPL
5. Release of the 11<sup>th</sup> Issue of the Forum's Newsletter by Prof. R C Budhani
6. Address by Prof. R C Budhani
7. Any other item with the permission of the Chairman
8. Socializing over a cup of Tea

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

*(Names arranged alphabetically by the Surname)*

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| 1.  | <b>Aggarwal</b> , Rajendra Kumar (Dr.) | 28. | <b>Gupta</b> , Sita Ram (Dr.)           | 55. | <b>Ram Narain</b>                         |
| 2.  | <b>Aggarwal</b> , Santosh (Mrs.)       | 29. | <b>Hans</b> , Gokul Singh               | 56. | <b>Rustagi</b> , Vijay Kumar              |
| 3.  | <b>Alam</b> , Mohammed Izhar           | 30. | <b>Hari Kishan</b> (Dr.)                | 57. | <b>Saksena</b> , Rakesh Chandra (Dr.)     |
| 4.  | <b>Arora</b> , Gyanendra Kumar         | 31. | <b>Jain</b> , Kiran (Dr. Mrs.) * * *    | 58. | <b>Sarkar</b> , Ajit Kumar (Dr.)          |
| 5.  | <b>Ashok Kumar</b> (Dr.)               | 32. | <b>Jain</b> , Prakash Chandra (Dr.)     | 59. | <b>Saxena</b> , Rajan Babu                |
| 6.  | <b>Babu</b> , Virendra                 | 33. | <b>Jain</b> , Sohan Lal (Dr.)           | 60. | <b>Sehgal</b> , Madan Gopal               |
| 7.  | <b>Bahl</b> , Om Parkash (Dr.)         | 34. | <b>Jain</b> , Sukhmal Chand (Dr.)       | 61. | <b>Seth</b> , Roshan Lal (Dr.)            |
| 8.  | <b>Basu</b> , Amitabha (Dr.)           | 35. | <b>Joshua</b> , T V * * *               | 62. | <b>Sharan</b> , Pramod Chandra            |
| 9.  | <b>Batra</b> , Jai Dev                 | 36. | <b>Kakkar</b> , Om Prakash              | 63. | <b>Sharma</b> , Mahesh Chandra (Dr.)      |
| 10. | <b>Batra</b> , Virendra Kumar (Dr.)    | 37. | <b>Kanjilal</b> , Alok Kumar            | 64. | <b>Sharma</b> , Sham Lal                  |
| 11. | <b>Bhasin</b> , Rajinder Kumar         | 38. | <b>Kapur</b> , Sudarshan Singh          | 65. | <b>Sharma</b> , Sushil Kumar              |
| 12. | <b>Bhatnagar</b> , Kameshwer Nath      | 39. | <b>Kaushik</b> , Asha Rani (Mrs.)       | 66. | <b>Sharma</b> , Ved Parkash               |
| 13. | <b>Bhatnagar</b> , Shashi Lekha (Mrs.) | 40. | <b>Kohli</b> , Nand Kishore             | 67. | <b>Shastri</b> , Shashikala (Mrs.)        |
| 14. | <b>Bhattacharya</b> , Tushar Kant      | 41. | <b>Kothari</b> , Prafulla Chandra (Dr.) | 68. | <b>Singal</b> , Sagar Pal (Dr.)           |
| 15. | <b>Chakravarty</b> , Tushar Kanti      | 42. | <b>Kundra</b> , Krishan Dev (Dr.)       | 69. | <b>Singhal</b> , Raghunandan Prasad (Dr.) |
| 16. | <b>Chandra</b> , Kailash (Dr.)         | 43. | <b>Lakha Singh</b> (Dr.)                | 70. | <b>Som</b> , Jnanendra Nath (Dr.)         |
| 17. | <b>Chattar Singh</b> (Bharti)          | 44. | <b>Luthra</b> , Ram Krishan             | 71. | <b>Subhash Chander</b>                    |
| 18. | <b>Chitnis</b> , Vijay Trimbak (Dr.)   | 45. | <b>Mahesh Chander</b> (Gupta) (Dr.)     | 72. | <b>Tagra</b> , Om Parkash                 |
| 19. | <b>Dixit</b> , Ganga Prasad            | 46. | <b>Manrai</b> , Santosh (Mrs.)          | 73. | <b>Tanwar</b> , Randhir Singh             |
| 20. | <b>Garg</b> , Satish Chand             | 47. | <b>Mathur</b> , Sartaj Swaroop (Prof.)  | 74. | <b>Tomer</b> , Tej Ram                    |
| 21. | <b>Gera</b> , Subhash Chander          | 48. | <b>Mittal</b> , Pramod Kumar            | 75. | <b>Tripurari Lal</b>                      |
| 22. | <b>Gupta</b> , Akhilesh Chandra        | 49. | <b>Mohinder Nath</b>                    | 76. | <b>Ved Singh</b> (Dr.)                    |
| 23. | <b>Gupta</b> , Ashok Kumar (Dr.)       | 50. | <b>Naib Singh</b>                       | 77. | <b>Verma</b> , Surendra Singh             |
| 24. | <b>Gupta</b> , Davinder (Dr.)          | 51. | <b>Om Prakash</b> (Dr.)                 | 78. | <b>Verma</b> , Tribhawan                  |
| 25. | <b>Gupta</b> , Jitendra Kumar (Dr.)    | 52. | <b>Panwar</b> , Vinay Singh (Dr.)       | 79. | <b>Wasan</b> , Ved Parkash                |
| 26. | <b>Gupta</b> , Satish Chander          | 53. | <b>Pardeep Mohan</b> (Dr.)              | 80. | <b>Zalpur</b> , Kunwar Susheel (Dr.)      |
| 27. | <b>Gupta</b> , Satya Vir (Dr.)         | 54. | <b>Raina</b> , Mohan Krishen (Dr.)      |     |   |

- \* \* \* **Note:** Dr. (Mrs.) Kiran Jain (Sr. No. 31) and Shri T V Joshua (Sr. No. 35) attended the function and also enrolled themselves as New Members of the Forum.
- It is possible that some other members of the Forum, e.g. Dr. Harish Chander, had not affixed their signatures on the Attendance Record and their names are not listed above.

**Invitees:** In addition to the above listed members of the Forum the following invitees also attended the Get-together:

| Sr. No. | Name & Relationship with the Member                                |
|---------|--|
| 1.      | Shri Ranjan Mathur <i>Son of</i> (Late) Shri Shiv Nath             |
| 2.      | Mrs. Meeenu Mathur <i>Daughter-in Law of</i> (Late) Shri Shiv Nath |
| 3.      | Shri Munish Soota <i>Son of</i> (Late) Shri Jagdish Lal Sota       |
| 4.      | Km. Mahima Soota <i>Grand Daughter of</i> Shri Jagdish Lal Sota    |
| 5.      | Shri Puneet Kumar Sehgal <i>Son of</i> Shri Madam Gopal Sehgal     |

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

*(Names arranged alphabetically by the Surname)*

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| 1.  | <b>Agnihotry</b> , Suhasini (Dr. Mrs.)    | 25. | <b>Pant</b> , Kavindra                        |
| 2.  | <b>Bhattacharyya</b> , Raghunath (Dr.)    | 26. | <b>Phull</b> , Surendra Kumar                 |
| 3.  | <b>Bhola</b> , Om Parkash                 | 27. | <b>Raja Gopal</b> , Erode Subrabanian (Dr.)   |
| 4.  | <b>Chakraborty</b> , Bibhash Ranjan (Dr.) | 28. | <b>Rathore</b> , Hazara Singh Abroad          |
| 5.  | <b>Chakraborty</b> , Tarun Kumar          | 29. | <b>Roy</b> , Binod Kanti                      |
| 6.  | <b>Chhibber</b> , Mohinder Kumar          | 30. | <b>Sarma</b> , Kuchibhatla Subrahmanya Abroad |
| 7.  | <b>Dhawan</b> , Ramesh Chandra            | 31. | <b>Sharma</b> , Surinder Dutt (Dr.) Abroad    |
| 8.  | <b>Ghosh</b> , Anand Krishna              | 32. | <b>Singh</b> , Rama Shankar                   |
| 9.  | <b>Goel</b> , Ramesh Chandra              | 33. | <b>Singh</b> , Ved Ram (Dr.)                  |
| 10. | <b>Govil</b> , Anil Kumar                 | 34. | <b>Singhal</b> , Sunil Kumar (Dr.)            |
| 11. | <b>Govindaswamy</b> , G                   | 35. | <b>Srinivasan</b> , Thirumalai Mappur (Dr.)   |
| 12. | <b>Gupta</b> , Anil Kumar (Dr.)           | 36. | <b>Srivastava</b> , Brahma Nand (Dr.)         |
| 13. | <b>Gupta</b> , Sohan Lal                  | 37. | <b>Srivastava</b> , Navin Kumar               |
| 14. | <b>Halder</b> , Sujit Kumar (Dr.)         | 38. | <b>Subrahmanyam</b> , Pattamatta              |
| 15. | <b>Jain</b> , Atma Ram (Dr.)              | 39. | <b>Taneja</b> , Pran Nath                     |
| 16. | <b>Jain</b> , Kamlesh Kumar (Dr.)         | 40. | <b>Tanwar</b> , Lakhn Singh (Dr.)             |
| 17. | <b>Joshi</b> , Kundal Chandra (Dr.)       | 41. | <b>Tewari</b> , Shiva Gopal Abroad            |
| 18. | <b>Khanduja</b> , Radhey Sham             | 42. | <b>Trehan</b> , Jagdish Chander (Dr.)         |
| 19. | <b>Lal</b> , Krishan (Prof.)              | 43. | <b>Tripathi</b> , Prabhu Shanker              |
| 20. | <b>Mahajan</b> , Kushal Kumar (Dr.)       | 44. | <b>Varma</b> , Satya Prakash (Dr.)            |
| 21. | <b>Malhotra</b> , Bansi Dhar (Dr.)        | 45. | <b>Vikram Kumar</b> (Dr.)                     |
| 22. | <b>Malhotra</b> , Girdhari Lal            | 46. | <b>Virdy</b> , Parvinder Pal Singh            |
| 23. | <b>Mehta</b> , Hem Raj                    | 47. | <b>Wadhwa</b> , Rajindar Pal (Dr.) Abroad     |
| 24. | <b>Nagpal</b> , Kailash Chander (Dr.)     |     |   |

**1. Welcome by the President:** Shri S C Garg, welcoming the Members to this Foundation Day Celebration Get-together, said that though the Forum was formed 11 years back on 17<sup>th</sup> January, keeping in view the very cold weather conditions, it had been decided to have it today. For the same reason there was a substantial gap between the last meeting of the Forum and this meeting.

As had been notified, eight new members of the Forum who had attained the age of 80 years were to be felicitated by Prof. R C Budhani, Director, NPL who had very kindly agreed to spare some time out of his busy schedule, and also release the 11<sup>th</sup> Issue of the Forum's Newsletter.

During this period in addition to the four condolence resolutions which were proposed to be passed at this meeting, as had been notified, it was learnt that Mrs. Mithlesh Saxena had been bereaved by the demise of his life partner Shri Ajit Kumar Saxena on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014, and Shri Subodh Kumar Singhal had also expired on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

Shri Garg said that the meeting will start with the passing six condolence resolutions.

It was also proposed to take up some other issues that may arise from the Status Report to be presented by the Secretary, before Prof. Budhani joins at 11.30 A.M.

**2. Homage to Members who had expired since the Last Meeting of the Management Committee held and Passing Six Condolence Resolutions:** Shri G K Arora informed about the two Condolence Resolutions that had been passed at the last meeting of the Management Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013 on the Demise of Shri Kishan Lal on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and of Shri Radhey Kishan Khanna on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013 had been sent to their family members. He also read out the names of the grieving family members of Shri Shiv Nath, Mrs Urmil Dhawan, Shri M K Balchandani and Shri Subodh Kumar Singhal as also those left behind by Mrs. Prem Gupta Wife of Dr. Satya Vir Gupta, and Shri Ajit Kumar Saxena Husband of Mrs Mithlesh Saxena. The Six Condolence Resolutions were read out by the Secretary, and after observing two minutes silence, he was advised to send them to the grieving members.

**3. Status Report by the Secretary:** The highlights of the activities of the Forum which had been presented in the status report circulated to the members in advance (**Annexure 'A'**) were presented by the Secretary.

**4. Felicitation of the Eight New Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum:** The Members were informed about the inability of Dr. B N Srivastava and Shri S G Tewari to be present. Both were getting treatment for their medical problems – the latter also being presently abroad. The other six new members of the 80-Plus Fraternity viz. Prof. S S Mathur, Dr. K D Kundra, Shri K N Bhatnagar, Shri M G Sehgal, Dr. S P Singal and dr. R L Seth – were felicitated by Prof. Budhani by presentation to each of them Bouquets, their 80-Plus Certificates and Citations. While they were being felicitated, the Secretary briefly mentioned about their association with NPL and their contributions to the growth of the Laboratory, while their citation slides prepared by Shri V P Wasan were projected on the screen.

**5. Release of the 11<sup>th</sup> Issue of the Newsletter:** Prof. Budhani released the 11<sup>th</sup> Issue of the Newsletter – Founday Day Special Issue, after brief information about its contents by Shri G K Arora, its Compiler & Editor.

**6. Address by Prof. R C Budhani:** Prof. Budhani said that he was very happy to meet the members of the Forum and congratulated them at the Forum having completed 11 years since its formation. He said that shortly he too will be attaining the age of 60 and he would need to plan for his activities thereafter. He said that it was very necessary for one to keep on solving critical problems. He appreciated the problems that one has to face as the age advances, and had instructed the Administration of NPL to cooperate in solving their problems. He hoped that this has been noticed.

He said that during his tenure as Director, NPL, a number of new facilities have been created and activities like harnessing of solar energy have been given a boost. On the scientific and technological front also a number of new initiatives have been taken and a substantial number of research papers from the staff members and students are being published in journals of repute. He said that there was a substantial increase in the number of young research fellows also, but simultaneously, the problem about their accommodation has to be solved. He was planning to have a new hostel built for them. A spirit of ownership of the Laboratory has to be created among the new entrants to the Laboratory and he urged that whenever an opportunity is there for the members of the forum to interact with them, they may try to inculcate the feeling of togetherness and ownership among them.

Prof. Budhani said that every year the NPL observes an Open Day in celebration of the CSIR Foundation Day. In the afternoon session a cultural programme by the staff members of NPL is also organized. He extended invitation to the members of the Forum to participate in this programme.

**7. Vote of Thanks:** Shri S C Garg, thanked Prof. Budhani for sparing time for these celebrations out of his very busy schedule, and for his very understanding and sympathetic approach in addressing to the problems faced by not only the members of the Forum but also the other pensioners of NPL.

He specifically referred to the spirit of togetherness that Prof. Budhani had mentioned. He recalled that when the Laboratory undertook the responsibility of developing suitable Pay-loads for conducting scientific investigations in space for the SROS Aeronomy Satellite Project of ISRO, a team of about 40 staff members of NPL joined hands to make this a success.

He also thanked Prof. Budhani for his invitation to participate in the Cultural programme organized by the Laboratory at the time of CSIR Foundation Day Celebrations.

Before, breaking for socializing over a cup of tea, the Secretary sought cooperation from NPL in regard to its project on a 'Directory of R & D Associates of NPL', and also for a slot for the NPL Former Scientists Forum on NPL's Website. Prof. Budhani said that these issues may be referred to him with appropriate notes for consideration. As for another suggestion about the participation of members of the forum in the academic programmes of NPL, Prof. Budhani said that he would welcome if some members of the forum would offer to give talks of interest to the staff and students of NPL.

**8. Socializing over a Cup of Tea:** The Get-together was hosted by Shri K N Bhatnagar who contributed Rs. 3,500/- towards meting the expenses on tea and refreshments. Shri J D Batra also contributed Rs. 100/- for this purpose.

# NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Forum's 11<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Get-together  
held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 10.30 A.M. in the TEC Conference Room, NPL

## STATUS REPORT BY THE SECRETARY

Since the last Forum's Get-together held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013 – the First such Get-together ever since its formation – Dr. V N Bindal had briefly presented the achievements of the Forum since its inception on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2003. Attempt is made here to present the highlights of developments that have taken place since then and also the efforts that have been made towards the achievement of the various Aims & Objects of the Forum.

**1. Management Committee:** The Management Committee had one meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 prior to the General Body Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at which elections for the Officers for the New Management Committee were held. The Re-constituted Management Committee had a joint meeting with the members of the Out-going Management Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013, with the addition of Dr. A P Jain, Shri P K Mittal and Shri A C Gupta as Nominated Members of the Management Committee to fill up the three available vacancies on this Committee. At this meeting the formal Handing-over of the Charge by the out-going Management Committee and the Taking-over of Charge by the New Committee took place. Subsequently another meeting of the Management Committee was held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013. With Shri A C Gupta having expressed his inability to serve as a member of the Management Committee, Shri R C Dhawan had been nominated as a member of this Committee. However, with the demise of Mrs. Urmil Dhawan on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013 there is presently a vacancy on the Membership Committee.

**2. Area Committees:** The Area Committees have also been re-constituted. A major change has been about the merger of the Medical Affairs Committee also with the Welfare Committee, with which the Programme Committee had been merged earlier. Composition of the new Area Committees other than the Scholarships Committee and of its Sub-committee on Tree Plantation is given below:

| Composition | Publication Committee (Pub-C)             | Welfare Committee (Wel-C)                                  | Programme Committee (Prog-C)      | Scientific Affairs Committee (SAC) | Superstitions & Myths Committee (S&M-C) |
|-------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Chairman    | Dr. Amitabha Basu                         | Dr. S L Jain   | Merged with the Welfare Committee | Prof. Vikram Kumar                 | Dr. K Chandra                           |
| Co-Chairman | Dr. Ashok Kumar                           | Dr. S K Halder   |                                   | Dr. K Chandra                      | Dr. Amitabha Basu                       |
| Convener    | Shri G K Arora                            | Dr. Hari Kishan  |                                   | Dr. Amitabha Basu                  | Dr. V S Panwar                          |
| Member      | Dr. P C Jain                              | Dr. A P Jain   |                                   | Dr. S L Jain                       | Dr. V N Bindal                          |
| Member      | Shri V P Wasan                            | Shri S S Verma   |                                   | Shri G K Arora                     | Dr. Prakash C Jain                      |
| Member      | Shri R C Dhawan                           | Mrs. Shasikala Shastri                                     |                                   | Dr. P C Jain                       | Dr. A P Jain                            |
| Member      | Shri R B Saxena                           | Shri V P Wasan   |                                   | Dr. S K Halder                     | Shri V P Wasan                          |
| Member      | Shri A C Gupta                            | Dr. P C Jain   |                                   | Shri R B Saxena                    | Mrs. Shasikala Shastri                  |
| Member      | Shri S K Sharma                           | Shri H R Mehta   |                                   | Prof. S S Mathur                   | Mrs. Santosh Manrai                     |
| Member      | Shri Subhash Chander                      | Shri Promod K Mittal                                       |                                   | Dr. Gopal Bhatia                   | Shri G K Arora                          |
| Member      | Dr. R K Garg                              | Shri K N Bhatnagar   |                                   | Dr. R K Garg                       | Prof. S S Mathur                        |
| Member      | Dr. R Bhattacharyya                       | Dr. V R Singh  |                                   | Dr. Ashok Kumar                    | Shri R C Dhawan                         |
| Member      |   | Dr. R K Garg   |                                   | Dr. Sumil K Singhal                | Dr. R Bhattacharyya                     |
| Member      |   | Mrs. Santosh Manrai  |                                   |                                    |   |
|             | Committee On Forum's Website              | Geographical Area Committee – Coordinator – Shri S S Verma |                                   |                                    |   |
|             | Committee on Forum's Album of Photographs |  |                                   |                                    |   |

It may be noted that Two more Committee – one on Forum's Website and another on Photographic Album – have been constituted under the Publications Committee, and another Committee – Geographical Area Committee have been visualized under the Welfare Committee with Shri S S Verma as the Coordinator.

In regard to the Scholarships Committee, all the persons who have instituted a scholarship or an award are also members of this Committee. From the side of NPL Shri T V Joshua, was a member from of this Committee in his Ex-Officio Capacity as COA, NPL. Consequent to his retirement from the service of NPL, he may get replaced by Shri V K Kaushik who has taken over as COA, NPL. The other change may be replacement of the name of Shri R K Khanna by the name of Mrs. Prem Khanna who has also instituted an Award in the Memory of Shri R K Khanna after his demise. Similarly, in regard to the Tree Plantation Sub-Committee of the Scholarships Committee, Shri V K Kaushik may be replacing Shri T V Joshua as a Member of this Committee and some other member may be getting nominated as a Member on this Sub-Committee from the side of NPL, in replacement of Dr. J C Sharma who has also retired and is now a member of the Forum.

**3. Album of the Members of the Forum:** Scanned copies of photographs of all the members of the Forum (as on 07. 03. 2014) [except two members] have been prepared and it is proposed to get copies thereof made in uniform passport size. In addition copies of about 150 other photographs of the Forum's various activities are also proposed to be prepared in size 5" x 7" after selecting them from the available soft copies of photographs taken from time to time.

**4. Forum's Website:** The Management Committee had been toying with the idea of having its own website, but this issue could not be pursued vigorously. Now that we have some persons who have knowledge of maintaining and up-dating of websites, the issue is again being considered in the light of the suggestion made by Prof. S K Joshi of putting the so very well documented information on medical issues published in the various issues of the Forum's Newsletter while releasing Issue No. 10 of the Newsletter on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Director, NPL had earlier offered to provide a link to our Website on NPL's website. It is proposed to approach him for a slot on their Website, as it may be too expensive for the Forum to maintain it with our meager resources, before exploring other possibilities for having our own Website.

**5. Geographical Area Coordinators:** At the Joint Meeting of the Welfare Committee and the Erstwhile Medical Affairs Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013 under the Chairmanship of Dr. S L Jain it was decided to have Geographical Area Coordinators for various activities of the Forum viz.

- (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.*

Shri S S Verma had offered to be one of the Coordinators as also to be the Overall Coordinator of this decentralized activity, and to identify various geographical areas and their coordinators. Members of the Forum are requested to offer their services as Geographical Area Coordinators.

**6. Meetings of the Forum:** In addition to the Forum Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at which Issue No. 10 of the Forum's Newsletter was released, the Election of the Office Bearers of the Management Committee were conducted with Shri P K Mittal as the Returning Officer, at the General Body Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013. At that meeting a resolution was also passed to increase the Membership Fee of the Forum to Rs. 1,000/- for the new membership of the Forum. Subsequently one more meeting of the Forum was held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013. At that meeting, Mr. Mukesh Kumar, Medical Social Service Officer and Transplant Coordinator, Organ Retrieval Banking Organisation (ORBO), AIIMS, New Delhi, gave a talk on Organ Donation. As a result of this talk, Shri Pervinder Pal Singh Viridy and another friend of his have registered themselves as donors with ORBO.

**7. Contributory Family Get-together:** A contributory Family Get-together was held on 8<sup>th</sup> November– Dewali Get-together. Contribution of Rs. 150/- per head was made by the participants Another similar Get-together is being planned tentatively for Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 after Dewali falling on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014.

## **Other Highlights of this Report**

**8. Membership of the Forum:** Since the Foundation Day Get-together held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013, the membership of the Forum has increased by 17, with the addition of (1) Shri S K Phull, (2) Dr. M K D Rao, (3) Dr. (Ms.) G K Padam, (4) Shri A K Govil, (5) Dr. Ashok Kumar, (6) Shri Omkar Sharma, (7) Dr. Ramji Rai, (8) Mrs. Abha Bhatnagar, (9) Shri Subodh Kumar Singhal, (10) Shri Subhash Chander, (11) Dr. Sunil Kumar Singhal, (12) Shri P subrahmanyam, (13) Dr. J C Sharma, (14) Mrs. Santosh Sharma, (15) Shri D R Nakra, (16) Shri Virendra Babu and (17) Dr. S K Jain. Enrolment of some more members at this Get-together is also envisaged.

During this period, however, the strength of the Forum also registered a decrease with the demise of **Shri Dewan Singh, Dr. P L Malhotra, Shri S M Khullar, Dr. Chhotey Lal, Shri K K Datta, Shri Kishan Lal, Shri R K Khanna, Shri Shiv Nath, Mrs. Urmil Dhawan and Shri M K Balchandani.**

For this Get-together, all the Members of the Forum who have unfortunately expired are also remembered through participation of their spouses, and in the event of the spouses also having expired, some other member of the Family to represent them.

**9. 80-Plus Fraternity:** With the addition of the following eight more members to the List as New Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity at this Get-together, the total number of members who had been felicitated as Members of this Fraternity since the formation of this Club on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2000, had increased to 52.

- (1) **Dr. B N Srivastava**, (2) **Prof. S S Mathur**, (3) **Shri S G Tewari**, (4) **Dr. K D Kundra**, (5) **Shri K N Bhatnagar**, (6) **Shri M G Sehgal**, (7) **Dr. S P Singal**, and (8) **Dr. R L Seth**

**10. Forum's Newsletter Issue No. 11:** This Issue of the Newsletter is also being issued at this Get-together. Communication to the members of the Forum the information contained in the various Memoranda and Circulars issued by the Government or by the CSIR/ NPL, has been a regular feature of the Newsletter, and is also done in respect of those issued after the publication of the last issue of the Newsletter in May 2013. In addition, certain articles relating to issues of Diabetes, Joint Pain, Fitness etc. drawn from the articles received through e-mails from Dr. R P Wadhwa and Dr. P C Jain have also been included. Intension was also to publish certain articles or relevant extracts there from, appearing in the Science Reporter and Dream 2047, but keeping in view the monetary constraints, only information about the Suggesting Readings from these publications have been listed. Status at which the implementation of the recommendations of the

Sixth CPC rests with the Supreme Court and Gazette notification of the setting up of the Seventh CPC and its terms of reference is indicated. The Forum, through its 'Superstitions & Myths Committee', which has been created towards the achievement of one of the stated objectives of the Forum viz. – creating awareness against these social drawbacks has made very valuable contributions which are also highlighted in the backdrop of the martyrdom of Shri Narendra Dabholkar and the general awareness against these social evils through the press. The Citations presented to the three new members of the Forum on their felicitation as members of the Eighty-Plus Fraternity of the Forum after the release of the last issue of the Newsletter, as also of the eight members to be felicitated today have been published. Sharing joys of our Members and Honours & Awards received by our members have also been regular features of the Newsletter. The Children who received the Scholarships & Awards for the Year 2013 from Prof. R C Budhani, Director, NPL, at the time of the CSIR Foundation Day Celebrations held at NPL on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013 & Brief information about the New Scholarships & Awards – Bawa Barkha Nath Scholarship and Radhey Kishen Khanna Memorial Award – is also given. Also remembered are ten of our members who have unfortunately expired since the publication of the last issue of the Newsletter in May 2013, through write-ups on them under 'Transitions'.

**11. Re-imburement of Medical Expenses :** Attention is specially invited to the S-11045/40/2012/HEC/CGHS (P) dated 15. 01. 2013, "Regarding tests/ investigations at private hospitals/ diagnostic laboratories/ imaging centres empanelled under CGHS" published as [M10-16] on page 13 of the Newsletter dated May 2013, and in particular to the following paragraph of that Memorandum:

*"5. The medical prescription issued by a CGHS Medical Officer/ Government Specialist prescribing diagnostic tests/ investigations shall be treated as valid **for a single use within a period of two weeks** from the date of prescription unless specifically provided otherwise by the Government Specialist in the prescription, about the date or period after which the prescribed tests are to be conducted for a follow up treatment. The medical prescription would require revalidation or issue of a fresh prescription from the prescribing CGHS Doctor/ Government Specialist for getting the prescribed tests done after expiry of the validity period of two weeks, as indicated above."*

As for the tests/ investigations conducted by the various Centres of **Dr. Lal Path Lab Pvt. Ltd.**, 54, Hanuman Road, New Delhi, reference may be made to the Memos issued by NPL, and published as [M11-02] and [M11-16] of the Newsletter Issue No. 11, to be released at this Get-together.

**12. Cashless Facility:** At the joint meeting of the Welfare Committee and the Erstwhile Medical Affairs Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013, a select list of major hospitals from different regions of Delhi and the NCR was prepared and after incorporating certain modifications in that list it was sent to Director, NPL for exploring the possibility of entering into MoUs with them on the terms indicated by the DG,CSIR in his letter dated 12. 03. 2013 addressed to Director, CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow, with copies to Directors/ Heads of all National Laboratories/ Institutes under CSIR. Despite subsequent reminders in this regard, it has not been possible to get any response. It appears that there is hesitation by NPL in entering into MuOs with hospitals on account of financial constraints. As per the newspaper reports, for the same reasons, CGHS itself is facing difficulties in implementation of this scheme for the Central Government pensioners.

**13. Renewal of CGHS Plastic Cards:** As per the advice of the CMO In-charges of the CGHS Welfare Centres, a number of members of the Forum are learnt to have submitted their applications for renewal of the CGHS plastic cards in respect of themselves and other dependent members of the Family. It is learnt that while earlier they had been issued the Plastic Cards with a Green Strip, they are being sent new cards with yellow strips applicable for Beneficiaries of Autonomous Bodies. Further, instead of indicating a specific validity period their validity is indicated to be 'As per the CGHS Data Base', which gets up-dated on yearly basis. It is also learnt that CMO In-charges issue certificates of validity of the cards, if required. As for those members, who have not applied for the renewal of their CGHS cards, they may do so now, using the instructions and the prescribed application Form as per OM No. 11011/1/2014-CGHS(P) dated 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 published as [M11-17] in the Newsletter No. 11 being released today.

**14. Nomination Facility under CGHS:** Nomination Facility under CGHS for claiming medical reimbursement in the event of death of the principal CGHS card holder has also been introduced vide O M No. S11011/12/ 2013/ CGHS (P) dated 25. 09. 2013 which has been published as [M11-13] in the Newsletter No. 11, which is being released at this Get-together today at this Get-together. However, it is not clear as to how it will be applicable in respect of beneficiaries of Autonomous Bodies. This clarification may need to be sought.