

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Twenty-Third Meeting of the Management Committee of the NPL Former Scientists Forum, held on Friday, February 27, 2009 at 10.30 A.M. in the Director's Conference Room, NPL

Attendance: The following attended the meeting:

1. Dr. V N Bindal	President
2. Dr V S Panwar	Joint Secretary
3. Shri V P Wasan	Treasurer
4. Shri K N Bhatnagar	Member
5. Dr. Kailash Chandra	Member
6. Shri Subhash Chandra	Member
7. Shri R C Dhawan	Member
8. Dr. A P Jain	Member
9. Dr. P C Jain	Member
10. Dr. (Mrs) Namita Kundu	Member
11. Dr. S K Sharma	Member
12. Mrs. Shashikala Shastri	Member
13. Dr. P L Malhotra	Invitee
14. Shri G K Arora	Secretary

Dr. O P Bahl, Dr. R G Sharma, Dr. S P Singal and Dr. S P Varma had expressed their inability to attend the meeting. Dr. S V Gupta and Dr. R Bhattacharyya also could not be present at the meeting.

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the President: Dr. Bindal welcomed the members to the meeting which was being held after a long time – the last meeting having been held on 6th June 2008. During this period a number of developments had taken place some of which were good and some not so good. A number of reasons contributed to the delay in holding this meeting

He mentioned about the Scholarships and Awards which were presented to the meriting children of the NPL Employees by Dr. Vikram Kumar, Director, NPL on 25th September 2008, which was observed as OPEN DAY by NPL. However, there was no applicant for these Scholarships & Awards from the Grand-children of the members of the Forum who too are eligible for them. Perhaps this was on account of lack of this information among the members, and it was proposed to focus attention of the members in this regard at the next meeting of the Forum.

It was realized that it was not possible to restrict the expenditure on the publication of an issue of the Newsletter to about Rs. Three thousand, but the expenditure that was being incurred on it was being kept well within the amount that was being received by way of advertisements from NPL, CSIR and other sources. He felt that it may be worthwhile for the Publication Committee to explore the possibility of publishing two issues of the Newsletter per year and we could hope to receive financial support by way of advertisement from NPL, CSIR and other sources for both the issues.

Dr. Bindal said that on the recommendation of the Programme Committee, it had been decided to have an 80-Plus Club of the Forum and to start with honouring 16 members who had already attained the age of 80 years. Though this involved some additional expenditure, but it was heartening to know that a number of the Members had been coming forward to meet the expenditure by their contributions. He suggested that there should be a prominent display of the names of the members hosting a particular meeting of the Forum.

Before the other items on the Agenda (*Annexure 'A'*) were taken up, Dr. Kailash Chandra suggested that we should have a Calendar for the Meetings of the Management Committee, the Area Committees and the Forum.

It was decided to fix the Meetings of the **Management Committee** starting from 11.00.A.M. preceded by the meeting of some Area Committee on the same day and at least **four such meetings** may be fixed during the Months of **January, April, August, and October** depending on the availability of suitable dates and venue for these meetings. Similarly, **at least three meetings of the Forum** may also be held in **Feb/March, August and November** – one of them being the Annual General Body Meeting of the Forum.

2. Passing of Resolutions on the Demise of Dr. M S Iyengar, H/O Dr. (Mrs.) S Z Ali, and of Dr. T K Saksena: The members noted the demise of Dr. M S Iyengar on 16. 10. 2008 and of Dr. T K Saksena on 23. 12. 2008, where after the members observed a two-minute silence, and Condolence Resolutions were passed on their expiry. These Resolutions shall be sent by the Secretary to Dr.(Mrs.) S Z Ali and Mrs. Kanak Saksena respectively.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of Twenty-Second Meeting of the Management Committee held on June 6,

2008: The members noted that since no comments had been received on the Minutes of the Meeting as detailed by the Secretary in his Status Report (*Annexure 'B'*) circulated to the members at the time of the meeting, these were confirmed.

4. Follow-up Action on the various decisions taken at the above meeting; The follow-up action on the decisions taken at the above meeting as reported by the Secretary in his status report was noted.

5. Status Report by the Secretary: The Secretary presented briefly the report which had been tabled at the meeting.

6. Status Report by the Treasurer: Shri V P Wasan said that in so far as the Account of the Forum was concerned there was an amount of about Rs. 19 thousand in the banks Saving Fund Account and another amount of Rs. 50,000/- was in Fixed Deposit. As for the Scholarship and Awards Funds the position as on 01. 09. 2009 was – **NPL-SFS -A/C Sh Dev Kumar** (Rs. 12,731.56 including FD of Rs. 10,000); **NPL-FSF A/C Prof. S C Jain** (Rs. 45,074.15 including FDs of Rs. 40,022.87); **NPL-FSF A/C Dr. P C Jain** (Rs. 17,539.73 including FD for Rs. 15,000); **NPL-FSF A/C Prof. S K Joshi** (Rs. 53,985.11 including FD of Rs. 49,500) ; **NPL-FSF A/C Sh V P Wasan** (Rs. 15,062.50 including FD of Rs. 14,500/-); **NPL-FSF A/C Sh S L Gupta** (Rs. 57,452.77 including FD of Rs. 55,000/-) and **NPL-FSF A/C General Donation Fund** (Rs. 6,623.42 including FD of Rs. 4,000/-).

Shri Wasan informed that the Syndicate Bank, NPL sought some clarification before opening separate Saving Fund Accounts in respect of the Awards instituted by Smti Sushila Verma, Shri J N Chaudhary, Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta and Shri Balraj Singh, and these Accounts were yet to be opened. It was decided that the issue will be taken up with the Bank for furnishing the desired clarification, and if it can still not be solved, it shall be referred to the Scholarship Committee.

7. Reports of the Area Committees: As Dr. O P Bahl was not present, no report of the *Medical Affairs Committee* could be presented. However Shri G K Arora informed the Committee about the contents of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare OM No. 4-18/2005-C&P[Vol. I – Pt. (1)] dated 20th February 2009 on the subject of “**Relaxation of Procedures to be followed in considering requests for medical reimbursement**”, which appears on the website of the Ministry, and read out its contents for the benefit of the members.

There was nothing significant to report by the *Welfare Committee*, as the payment of the Pension/ Family Pension which had been fixed by NPL as per the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission had not been made in respect of those members who get this from the SBI. Dr. Panwar informed that he was pursuing the matter with the concerned officer in the CSIR Headquarters.

Dr. Kailash Chandra, Chairman of the *Scientific Affairs Committee* informed that he had already had a meeting earlier during the day regarding the Chart on S I Units of Measurement, and it was hoped that it may be ready for publishing by NPL during the month of March 2009. He also added that he planned a joint meeting of the Scholarship Committee and its Sub Committee on Superstition, and would expect the members to come prepared with the information on superstitions that they already had with them. In this connection Dr. A P Jain said that he shall try to lay hands on some compilation on this subject which had already been published. Shri G K Arora informed that Dr. R G Sharma had informed him some time back about his association with a Delhi State Committee for encouraging the pursuit of science in Colleges and Schools through popular lectures, and wanted to know whether the Members of the Forum would be interested in this programme. It was decided to invite Dr. R G Sharma also for that meeting,

As for the *Scholarship Committee*, Dr. V N Bindal had already informed the Committee about its Report in his Introductory Remarks. He had also suggested exploring the possibility of publishing two issues of the Forum's Newsletter for consideration by the *Publication Committee*.

Dr. S K Sharma Chairman of the *Programme Committee* said that it was proposed to honour the Members of the 80-Plus Club by presenting them with the 80-Plus Certificates and Mementos of the Forum as also the citations which had been prepared by Shri G K Arora,, and also got edited and approved by the 16 members who had already attained the age of 80-Plus.

8. Approval to the Induction of New Members to the Forum: The Committee approved the induction of all the fourteen new members to the Forum as placed before it in the Status Report by the Secretary.

9. Removal of the names of the Defaulting Members of the Forum for non-payment of the Arrears of Membership Fee, from the Membership List: The Committee approved the removal of the Eleven Members from the Membership List of the Forum as per the information furnished by the Secretary in his Status Report.

10. Arrangements for the meeting of the Forum for honouring Members of the 80-Plus Club; The Committee was shown the Memento which was to be presented to the Members of the 80-Plus Club. Certificates on Glossy Photographic

Paper had been designed by Shri V P Wasan for presentation to the members of this club. In addition, the Citations will also be passed on by Shri G K Arora to Shri Wasan for taking out their computer print-outs on Glossy Photographic Paper, with appropriate highlighting in colour. Both the Certificates and the Citations will be laminated. In addition to their presentation, the Citations will also be read out, as well as projected on the screen.

11. Collecting information of historical significance relating to NPL and the highlights of specific contributions made by the members in this regard; The Committee endorsed the suggestion made by the Secretary in his Status Report to request all the Members to furnish information on the following lines:

1. Full Name, Recorded Date of Birth and the actual date of Birth, if different) and Place of Birth.
2. Parentage, and the influence of the parents, brothers, sisters, or guardians in shaping their career
3. Educational career and the influence of the teachers starting from High School/ Metric etc , carrying information about the Institution/ University/ Subject, year and their special achievements. In case of Doctorate Degree Holders, also the title of their doctoral thesis, and the names of their guides.
4. Career before joining National Physical Laboratory, and career development during association with NPL, starting from the first post (including Research Assistantship etc) till their duration of association with the Laboratory, the last post held, and the reason for leaving the Laboratory.
5. Guidance to others in their career development, and Information about their associates and other contemporaries with whom they had special interaction or who helped them in their career development to the extent they can recall, viz. their dates of birth, period of association with NPL, specialization, and date/ year of expiry (in case already deceased)
6. Areas of Specialization, and highlights about their research and other publications, participation in national/ international conferences, deputation assignments, specialized training etc. within the country and abroad
7. The major achievements for which they can lay a just claim during their association with NPL, including Planning/ Execution/ Implementation of Scientific as well as Administrative Programmes and Organization of Special Events/ Lectures/ Reference Publications etc
8. The activities in which associated after severing connection with the Laboratory. For members who left NPL before their retirement from this Laboratory, the institutions served, the positions held etc.
9. Honours, Awards and Recognitions received e.g. Fellowships of the Learned Societies within India and Abroad, indicating also the year of the recognition. Special Lectures invited to deliver, and association with the Advisory Boards of various Journals etc.
10. Special Events of historical significance held during their association with NPL, and any documents of historical significance of the Laboratory that they have.
11. National and International personalities – Nobel Laureates, Scientists, Academicians, and other personalities - that they have intimately known and who have influenced them in their career development.
12. Hobbies in the younger age and the present hobbies e.g writing of prose/ poetry/ indoor/ outdoor games/ fine arts, collection of stamps/ coins, gardening etc. and any significant achievements therein, as also their present pastime, viz. study of literature, reviewing books, viewing Educational and Quiz Programmes/ Films/ Serials on T V./ Solving Puzzles etc.
13. Information about their family – wife, children, brothers, sisters - their careers and welfare.
14. Any events of special significance which they may like to mention :

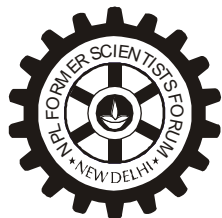
12. Appointment of Returning Officer for Election of the Members of the New Management Committee of the Forum: The Committee authorized the President and the Secretary to decide about the appointment of the Returning officer in consultation with each other

13. Utilization of the Room Allotted to the Forum: Dr. V S Panwar apprised about the difficulty that he faced in regard to the repair of the furniture in the room for making an effective use of it. It was decided that Dr. V N Bindal shall approach Director, NPL in this regard.

As for making the Room available to members of the Forum for use when they come to NPL, Dr. A P Jain offered to explore the possibility of the Key of the Room being kept at the NPL's Reception Counter for issue and return by the member who wants to use the room by making the necessary entries in the register at the time of issue and return of the key. Other details about the use of the room will be decided later

14. Venue, Date & Time for the next Meeting of the Forum: It was decided that the main item of the Agenda for the next meeting will be the inauguration of the 80-Plus Club of the Forum and honouring the 16 Members who have already attained the age of 60-Plus. The Secretary shall fix up this meeting in consultation with the President.

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



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Subject: Twenty-Third Meeting of the Management Committee of the NPL Former Scientists Forum on ...
Friday, February 27, 2009 at 10.30 A.M in the Director's Conference Room, Main Building, NPL

Dear

It has been decided to hold the **Twenty-Third Meeting** of the Management Committee of the NPL Former Scientists Forum on **Friday, the 27th February 2009 at 10.30 A.M.** in the Director's Conference Room, Main Building, NPL.

The following will be the **Agenda** for this meeting:

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the President
2. Passing of Resolutions on the Demise of Dr. M S Iyengar, H/o Dr. (Mrs.) S Z Ali and of Dr. T K Saksena
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Management Committee held on June 6, 2008
4. Follow-up Action on the various decisions taken at the above meeting.
5. Status Report by the Secretary
6. Status Report by the Treasurer
7. Reports of the following Area Committees:
 - 7.1 Medical Affairs Committee (Chairman – **Dr. O B Bahl**/ Convener – **Dr. V S Panwar**)
 - 7.2 Welfare Committee (Chairman – **R G Sharma**/ Convener – **Dr. V S Panwar**)
 - 7.2 Scientific Affairs Committee (Chairman - **Dr. Kailash Chandra/Dr. S V Gupta**/ Convener – **Shri G K Arora**)
 - 7.3 Scholarship Committee (Chairman - **Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta/ Dr. V N Bindal** / Convener – **Shri V P Wasan**)
 - 7.4 Publication Committee (Chairman – **Dr. R Bhattacharyya**/ Convener – **Shri G K Arora**)
 - 7.5 Programme Committee (Chairman – **Dr. S K Sharma**/ Convener – **Dr. V S Panwar**)
8. Approval to the Induction of New Members to the Forum
9. Removal of the names of the Defaulting Members of the Forum for non-payment of the Arrears of Membership Fee, from the Membership List
10. Arrangements for the meeting of the Forum for honouring Members of the 80-Plus Club
11. Collecting information of historical significance relating to NPL and the highlights of specific contributions made by the members in this regard
12. Appointment of Returning Officer for election of the Members of the New Management Committee of the Forum
13. Utilization of the Room Allotted to the Forum.
14. Venue, Date & Time and Agenda for the next Meeting of the Forum.
15. Any other Item with the permission of the Chair.

Kindly make it convenient to participate in the meeting.

An acknowledgement of the receipt of this letter by e-mail/ Telephone will be highly appreciated.

With Best Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

G K Arora

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**Twenty-Third Meeting of the Management Committee on Friday, 27th February, 2009, at 10. 30 A.M.
in Director's Conference Room, NPL**

STATUS REPORT BY THE SECRETARY

(Ref: Agenda Item 5)

1. Twenty Second Meeting of The Management Committee (Ref: Agenda Item 3): The Minutes of the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Management Committee held on 6th June 2008, (as approved by the Chairman), had been circulated by the Secretary vide his letter dated June, 24, 2006 by e-mail/ post/ courier service, inviting comments by July 10, 2008. Copies of this letter and the Minutes of that Meeting same will be tabled at the time of the meeting.

As no comments from any members had been received, the minutes of this meeting may be confirmed.

2. Follow-up Action on the Decisions taken at the above Meeting (Ref: Agenda Item 4):

2.1. **Demise of Shri Surinder Kumar S/o Shri J N Chaudhary:** The Resolution passed at the meeting was sent to his Shri J N Chaudhary by the Secretary, vide his letter dated June, 9, 2008.

2.2. **Opening of Accounts in respect of New Awards:** The status of opening New Accounts in respect of the Awards instituted by Smti Sushila Verma, Shri J N Chaudhary, Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta and Shri Balraj Singh will be presented by the Treasurer in his report (Ref: Agenda Item 6):

2.3. **Re-formulation of the Aims & Objects of the Forum:** A single-point meeting for endorsing the re-formulated Aims & Objects of the Forum was held on 27th October 2008, as required under the rules prescribed by the Registrar of Societies. .

2.4. **Honouring Members of the Age of 80 years & above:** The issue will be taken up under Agenda Item 10.

3. Reports of the Area Committees (Ref: Agenda Item 7): Reports on the six Committees will be presented by the Chairmen / Co-Chairmen/ Conveners of these Committees.

4. Induction of New Members (Ref: Agenda Item 8): Filled up Membership Forms have been received from the following persons, whose induction as New Members of the Forum is proposed:

Sr. No.	Name & Date of Birth	Amount Received	Last Post Held	Remarks
1.	Shri Rama Shankar Singh [01. 07. 46]	Rs. 700/- (Cash)	Tech Offcr (E-1)	Retired from NPL on 30. 06. 1998
2.	Shri Jai Bhagwan Soni [08. 07. 48]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Tech Offcr (E-1)	Retired from NPL on 31. 07. 2008
3.	Dr. Mahendra Mohan [30. 06. 47]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 30. 06. 2007
4.	Dr. (Mrs.) Vasantha Raman [15. 04. 47]	Rs. 700/- (Cash)	Scientist 'G'	Retired from NPL on 30. 04. 2007
5.	Shri Tushar Kanti Chakravarty [05. 01. 48]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'E-II'	Retired from NPL on 31. 01. 2008
6.	Dr. Vijay Trimbak Chitnis [16. 08. 48]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'G'	Retired from NPL on 31. 08. 2009
7.	Dr. Prafulla Chandra Kothari [09.08.48]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'G'	Retired from NPL on 31. 08. 2009
8.	Dr. Hirday Nath Dutta [05.01. 47]	Rs. 700/- (Cash)	Scientist 'G'	Retired from NPL on 31. 01. 2007
9.	Dr. Vijay Kumar Pandey [01. 07. 47]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 30. 06. 2007
10..	Shri Navin Kumar Srivastava [17. 10. 48]	Rs. 700/- (Cash)	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 31. 10. 2008
11.	Dr. Gian Chand Uppal [25. 12. 31]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'E-I'	Retired from NPL on 31. 12. 1991
12.	Dr. Shyam Kishore Agarwal [23. 11. 48]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 30. 11. 2008
13.	Dr. Mukesh Chandra [19. 09. 48]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'E-II'	Retired from NPL on 30. 09. 2008
14.	Shri Hari Nandan Prasad Poddar [04.11. 48]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'G'	Retired from NPL on 30. 11. 2008

5. Removal of the names of the Defaulting Members of the Forum (Ref: Agenda Item 9): Repeated reminders in writing as well as orally had been sent to the defaulting members for clearing their arrears of the Membership Fee. But the following members have not done so. It is proposed to remove their names from the Membership List of the Forum:

Sr. No.	Name & Date of Birth	Amount of Arrears Due	Membership Number	Remarks
1.	Bhamra, Gurdial Singh [10. 05. 38]	Rs. 400/-	MEMBER [127]	Retired as Tech Offcr (B) w.e.f. 31. 05. 1998
2.	Damodar Prasad [18. 11. 41]	Rs. 400/-	MEMBER [071]	Retired as Tech Offcr (B) w.e.f. 30. 11. 2001
3.	Dhama, Jag Bir Singh [21. 08. 38]	Rs. 400/-	MEMBER [093]	Retired as Scientist 'C' w.e.f. 31. 08. 1998
4.	Didar Singh [10. 01. 40]	Rs. 300/-	MEMBER [041]	Retired as Tech Offer (C) w.e.f. 31. 01. 2000
5.	Jusht, Mahesh Chand [10. 07. 38]	Rs. 400/-	MEMBER [048]	Retired as Tech Offer (E-1) w.e.f. 31. 07. 1998
6.	Kalsi, Harmahender Singh [15. 06. 41]	Rs. 400/-	MEMBER [022]	Retired as Tech Offcr (E-1) w.e.f. 30. 06. 2001. Had not submitted his Membership Form
7.	Kapur, Harkrishan Lal [12. 05. 34]	Rs. 300/-	MEMBER [118]	Retired as Deputy Secretary, CSIR H.Qrs w.e.f. 30. 06. 1999
8.	Parthasarathi, Seshadri [12. 05. 35]	Rs. 400/-	MEMBER [025]	Retired as Scientist (C-1) w.e.f. 31. 05. 1995. Had changed his address. His Contact Particulars are not known
9.	Rai, Jitendra [04. 09. 31]	Rs. 400/-	MEMBER [079]	Retired as Scientist 'E-1' w.e.f. 30. 09. 1991
10.	Sharda, Surrinder Kumar [14. 01. 42]	Rs. 400/-	MEMBER [029]	Retired as Tech Offer (E-1) w.e.f. 31. 01. 2002
11.	Vaishya, Jagdish Sharan (Dr.)	Rs. 400/-	MEMBER [061]	Retired as Scientist 'F' w.e.f. 30. 11. 2002

Note: Members listed at Sr. Nos. 6, 8 and 10 were among the Founder Members of the Forum.

6. Collecting Information of historical Significance relating to NPL and specific contributions made by the members in this regard (Ref: Agenda Item 11): This item has been included in the context of the following remarks made by Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta while releasing the September 2008 Issue number 5 of the Forum's Newsletter:

"...the publication of the Laboratory's historic, "**Diamond Jubilee Document**", would not have been possible if this effort had not received support from the members of the NPL Former Scientists Forum and, in particular from Dr. V N Bindal, Dr. K K Mahajan, Dr. Ashok Kumar Gupta, Dr. P C Jain, Shri G K Arora, Shri S M Dhawan and Shri R C Dhawan. *He said that the Members of the Forum had contributed very significantly to the growth of NPL and it would be worthwhile if this information could be pooled for attempting any other historical document on NPL in future.*"

Compilation of information for this document titled, "**NPL Diamond Jubilee Volume – 47 ... The Legacy Continues...07**", copies of which have been made available to the Members of the Forum, was done by Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta.

A beginning in this direction has already been made through citations which have been prepared and approved by the 16 members of the 80-Plus Club to be facilitated (**Ref: Agenda Item 10**)

It is for consideration whether the members of the Forum could be approached to furnish the following information: **in any manner as they prefer;**

14. Full Name, Recorded Date of Birth and the actual date of Birth, if different) and Place of Birth.
15. Parentage, and the influence of the parents, brothers, sisters, or guardians in shaping their career
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26. Information about their family – wife, children, brothers, sisters - their careers and welfare.
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The NPL Diamond Jubilee Issue of the Forum – Issue No. 3 dated August 2006, carried a "Bare List of Old R & D Associates of NPL" on pages 24 to 51. On the bottom of page 24 it was indicated that by enlisting the cooperation of the available scientists, it was contemplated to compile and publish a "**Directory of R & D Associates of NPL**". Work on this compilation is continuing, and the above information, particularly as indicated at Sr. No. 5 above could prove very much helpful in this regard.

Another advantage that can be visualized is that it shall be possible to identify members who may be able to undertake tasks towards the attainment of the Re-formulated Aims & Objects of the Forum, especially relating to Popularization of Science, giving Talks in Schools & Colleges and create interest in pursuing science.

7. Appointment of Returning Officer for Election of the Members of the New Management Committee of the Forum (Ref: Item No. 12): The two- year tenure of the Present Management Committee is due to expire on 31. 03. 2009.

Para 17 of the Rules & Regulations of the Forum stipulates that, "**The MC Shall decide the appointment of the Returning Officer for the meeting of the GB at which the election of the Office Bearers of the New MC is to take place**" The matter is accordingly placed before the Management Committee..

8. Utilization of the Room Allotted to the Forum (Ref: Agenda Item 13): Though at the last meeting the MC endorsed the suggestion made by Dr. Kailash Chandra that each member of the Management Committee should contribute Rs. 1,000/- and all the Members of the Forum should be requested to contribute generously, and using the money so collected, for development of the Forum's Room and making it functional yet no headway has been made in this regard. The issue is brought up again before the Committee.

9. Venue Date, Time & Agenda for the next meeting of the Forum (Ref: Agenda Item 14): It is proposed to have the next meeting of the Forum as a Special Meeting around 'Holi' as the HOLI MILAN Meeting, with the main item being the Inauguration of the 80-Plus Club and honouring the 16 Founder Members of this Club. It is proposed to have this meeting also in the TEC Conference Room. It is proposed to invite also the Spouses/ Escorts of the members of the 80-Plus Club to this meeting.