

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Forty-fourth Meeting of the Management Committee
held on Wednesday, the 12th August 2015 at 10.30 A.M. in the TEC Conference Room, NPL

The following Agenda for the meeting had been notified by Secretary of the Forum to the members and invitees for meeting of the Managing Committee Members, vide his letter dated 27. 07. 2015.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the President.
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 9th July 2015.
3. Second Dr. A P Mitra Memorial Lecture – Status Report
4. Follow-up Action on the decisions taken at the Meeting of the Management Committee held on 9th July 2015.
5. Status Report by the Secretary.
6. Induction of New Members to the Forum.
7. Status report by Sh V.P. Wasan, Convener, Scholarship committee & Tree Plantation committee.
8. Re-constitution of the Area Committees and Sub-Committees
9. Photographic Album of the Forum
10. To finalize the date & the Agenda for the next meeting of the Forum.
11. Notification of the next Dewali Family Get-together on 8th November 2015.
12. Honouring Forum members publishing scientific books
13. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance: The following attended the meeting

1. Shri S C Garg	President
2. Shri R B Saxena	Secretary
3. Dr. Hari Kishan	Joint Secretary
4. Shri Tripurari Lal	Treasurer
5. Dr. V N Bindal	Invitee
6. Shri G K Arora	Advisor
7. Dr. V S Panwar	Member
8. Dr. P C Jain	Member
8. Shri S S Verma	Member
9. Dr. Amitabha Basu	Member
10. Shri R C Dhawan	Member
11. Shri V P Wasan	Member
12. Shri Anil Kumar Suri	Member
13. Dr. T L Dhami	Member
14. Shri Vijay Sharma	Member
15. Dr. B R Chakravarty	Member
16. Mrs. Shashikala Shastri	Member
17. Dr. Joginder Singh	Member
18. Shri T V Joshua	Member
19. Mrs. Santosh Manrai	Member
20. Dr. J.C. Sharma	Member
21. Mrs. Shashi Lekha Bhatnagar	Member
22. Dr (Ms.) Mila Mitra **	Invitee
23. Shri Subhash Chander	Invitee

**** Note:** While Dr. (Ms.) Mila Mitra (Sr. No. 22) participated in the meeting, she had not signed the Attendance Record Sheet., Shri R S Tanwar, Members of the Forum was also present at the meeting. Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta had regretted his inability to participate in the meeting. From among the invitees for the meeting, Prof. Vikram Kumar and Dr. Kailash Chandra had regretted their inability to participate and Dr. Mahesh Chandra was absent.

- 1. Introductory Remarks by the Chairman:** Shri S C Garg welcomed the members and invitees. He said that this is a special meeting, in which various Area Committees will be formed. Status of the Tree Plantation function and NPL's Open day function preparations will be also discussed. He requested the Secretary to discuss the Agenda.

2. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 9th July 2015:** The solitary comments that had been received from Dr. V.N. Bindal on the Minutes of that meeting and the action taken thereon as presented in the Status Report by the Secretary were noted where after the minutes of the meeting were confirmed.

3. **Planning for the Second A P Mitra Memorial Lecture:** The Secretary informed that in view of the sad & sudden untimely death of Dr. A.P.J. Kalam, other possibilities were explored. President Sh. Garg had written a request letter to Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Ex-Chairman ISRO on 6th August 2015 and very promptly reply has come from Dr. Kasturirangan on 7th August 2015 giving his consent to deliver the lecture. He has suggested to keep the date of the lecture sometime in middle of October or November 2015. This is a welcome news. Since during 5th to 12th October the president Sh. Garg will not be in Delhi and also this will be festive time, we have to suggest some date convenient to him.

Prof. Vikram Kumar will be meeting with Dr. Kasturirangan next week, he shall discuss with him. Sh. S.C. Garg suggested that we have INCURSI (radio science conference) during 16th to 19th November at JNU, New Delhi and we can keep this lecture during that time. It was decided that Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta, convener of this committee for A P Mitra memorial lecture will pursue this matter further.

4. **Status Report & Follow-up Action on the decisions taken at the 43rd MC meeting held on 9th July 2015**

4.1. The minutes of the forty-third meeting of the Managing Committee held on 9th July 2015 (as approved by the President) had been circulated by the secretary vide his letter dated 20th July 2015 for inviting comments by 4th August 2015. No comments have been received from any member except the following comments from Dr. V.N. Bindal.

I suggest that a Stock Register may please be maintained recording the position of all the items mentioned under (No-3). In this record the information about the memento purchased and distributed etc may also be given. Dr Panwar tells me that he has handed over the keys to you and the information about the memento is available in one of the recent NEWS LETTERS, by Mr. G K Arora.

Action: A Stock register has been prepared and information about mementoes and other assets is being entered.

Could you find time to write Letters about Best Paper & Award and about automatic information on the mobile phone, about the medical claim money has been deposited to the Bank of claimants'?

Action: The Secy. personally met COA about the continuation of Vigyan Pragati delivery to members of the Best paper award committee. Also correspondence has been made with the Editor of Vigyan Pragati. Secy. Has received mail from Sh. Chopra of NISCAIR that there might be some postal problem because they have been sending however on request by the secy. they shall send last fourth month's issues also to Dr. Bindal and Sh. Garg.

Dr. Bindal said that Late Dr. Mitra the then DGSIR had got issued a circular that all retired scientists will get copies of 2 journals of their choice. Sh. G.K. Arora also said that it was the decision of the Forum that NPL will pursue with NISCAIR to get copies to retired persons. Sh. S.C. Garg suggested that since this was an old order, its validity may be checked and the matter be pursued.

About the medical claim money deposit in the bank, Secy. has requested COA. COA had informed in the Scholarship committee meeting on 28th July 2015 that this information is not with Administration but the A/C section. The matter is being taken up with the Accounts officer.

4.2. **Cashless Facility:** The secretary informed that in continuation to the OM dated 23.06.2015 received from NPL, wherein it was informed about 12 hospitals with whom MoA had been signed for cashless facility, another O.M. has been received dated 23.7.2015 informing another 4 hospitals with whom MoA has been signed by NPL. (copy attached). The new O.M. will be circulated soon to all the members of the forum.

A clarification has been sought from NPL authorities about Para 3 & 4 of these OMs. There is no confusion. The pensioner has to produce their valid CGHS card/authorization letter and valid permission of competent authority (which will be issued after showing refer letter from any Govt. Hospital/dispensary) and photo Identity Card issued by Authority of CSIR-NPL at the time of seeking admission in the hospital, except in case of extreme emergency/road accident.

The MOA has been signed with the following hospitals:

Sr. No.	Hospital
1	Mohan Eye Institute, 11-B, Ganga Ram Hospital Marg, New Delhi-110060
2	2 Alchemist Hospital, Gurgaon
3	Bhagat Chandra Hospital, F1/1, Mahavir Enclave, Near Palam, Dwarka Flyover, Delhi

4	Santom Hospital, D-5,6, Prashant Vihar, Rohini sec.-14, Delhi -110085
5	Shakuntla Nursing & Hospital, RZ-1/81A, Sagarpur (West), opp. Delhi Vidyut Board Colony, New Delhi-110046
6	Delhi Heart and Lung Institute 3 MM II, Panchkuian Road, New Delhi-110055
7	Deepak Memorial Hospital, 5&6, Institutional Area, Vikas Marg, Extn-II, Delhi – 110092
8	Jeewan Nursing Home & Hospital, 2-B, Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005
9	Bhagawati Hospital, Rohini, Delhi
10	Goyal Hospital & Urology Centre, E-4/8, Near Lajpat Rai Chowk, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051
11	Jain Hospital, 177-178, Jagriti Enclave, Vikas Marg Extn. Delhi
12	Aryan Hospital, Old Railway Road, Gurgaon (Haryana)
13	Cygnus Orthocare Hospital, C-5/29, SDA, opp IIT Main Gate, New Delhi-110016
14	The Caring Touch, R-721, New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi-110060
15	Delhi Eye Centre, C-120 New Rajinder nagar, New Delhi 110060
16	Kalra SRNC Pvt, Ltd Tulsi Das Kalra Marg, A45&6, Kirti Nagar, New Delhi - 110015

4.3. Next issue of Forum's Newsletter & revised Edition of the Forum's Directory: Sh. G.K. Aroraji has been looking after this activity. New committee will be formed in this MC meeting.

4.4 Award of the best popular Science paper published in Vigyan Pragati: The nomination for the NPL representative for this committee will be pursued with the Director by the new Scholarship committee which will be formed in this MC meeting. Dr. J.C. Sharma enquired about the logic of awarding to best paper published in Vigyan Pragati. Dr. Bindal told that the main aim and objective was to popularise Science. We take money (funds) from CSIR and we expand our activity to gain popularity. Prof. R.C. Budhani had suggested long back that best Hindi article from Vigyan Pragati be awarded. On a query by the secretary on the subject selection, Dr Bindal told that according to Prof. Vikram Kumar our aim should be for the popularization of Science and not confined to Physics.

4.5 Taking over charge by new Managing committee: Sh. G.K. Aroraji has handed over the charge giving all relevant documents including correspondence folder, membership register etc. besides all information which was there on soft copy.

4.6 Honouring members publishing Scientific Books after retirement: It was decided that the committee on Award of the best popular science paper can make a decision for honouring NPL-SFS members who have published after retirement on any scientific subject.

4.7 Taking over Charge by the New Management Committee: The Charge for the posts of Vice President, the Secretary and the Joint Secretary was handed over by Dr. S K Halder, Shri G K Arora and Dr. V S Panwar to Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta, Shri R B Saxena and Dr. Hari Kishan respectively along with all the relevant documents and keys etc.

4.8 Change of Signatories for managing the A/C with Syndicate bank NPL: A copy of the resolution approved by the MC in its meeting on 9th July 2015, was submitted along with the details of the new signatories to the Syndicate bank. The A/C is now operational by the new signatories in the bank.

4.9 Photographic Album of the Forum: The sub-committee of the Publication Committee consisting of Dr. Amitabh Basu, Sh. G.K. Arora and Sh. Subhash Chandra has done a commendable job. This activity may be continued by the new Sub-committee. It is also suggested that during the next Forum's meeting a formal release/presentation of this album be done. Dr. B R Chakraborty again suggested for providing a soft copy of the titled photographs to the members.

5. Status report by Sh. Wasan, Convener Scholarship/Awards committee and Tree Plantation committee:

Please see **Annexure 'A'** - Scholarship/Awards and **Annexure 'B'** - Tree Plantation

6. There was a discussion about the discrepancies in the Form '16' issued by the Accounts section to members as raised by few members. The secretary was requested to discuss with the accounts section regarding this.

7. Re-constitution of the Area Committees and Sub-Committees: Sh. R.B. Saxena, Secretary made a presentation on the suggested Committees and the names for various committees members along with the Aims & objectives. On the omission of the superstitious committee, the Secretary told that since this committee has already done a commendable job of highlighting this matter, even in our News letter previous issue, he has proposed such. Sh. G.K. Arora pointed out that we cannot discard this important committee and it is a sub-committee of the Scientific Affairs Committee as

per the Memorandum of Association. Dr. Bindal also advised the Secretary not to change the Aims & Objectives. It was unanimously decided to continue with this committee & the Aims & objectives as per the Memorandum of Association. The following Area Committees were formed.

Publication Committee

Sub-committees

Chairman: Dr. J.C. Sharma

Co-Chairman: Dr. B.R. Chakravorty

Convener: Sh. R.B. Saxena

Co-Convener: Dr. Hari Kishan

Members:

1. Dr. Amitabh Basu
2. Sh. Anil Kumar Suri
3. Dr. Mahesh Chandra
3. Smt. Shashikala Shastri
4. Dr. S.K. Gupta
5. Sh. Subhash Chandra
6. Sh. G.K. Arora

1. Website Cte

Sh. Anil Kumar Suri

Smt. Shashi Lekha Bhatnagar

Sh. Vijay Sharma

Dr. J.C. Sharma

2. Forum's album

Dr. Amitabh Basu

Sh. G.K. Arora

Sh. Subhash Chandra

Sh. J.C. Sharma

Sh. R.C. Dhawan

Sh. Rajeev (NPL)

3. Scholarship & Awards Committee

Chairman: Director NPL

Co-chairman: Sh. S.C. Garg (Ex-officio)

Convener: Dr. Hari Kishan

Co-Convener: Sh. Anil Kumar Suri

Members:

Sh. V.K. Kaushik, COA, NPL (Ex-officio), Sh. M.C. Meena, A.O. NPL (Ex-officio), Sh. Tripurari Lal (Treasurer, NPL-FSF), Dr. V.N. Bindal, Dr. P.C. Jain, Sh. G.K. Arora, Dr. B.R. Chakravorty, Sh. V.P. Wasan, AND all the distinguished persons as invitees, who have sponsored various Scholarships & Awards

3A. Tree Plantation Committee (Sub-committee)

Chairman: Sh. S.S. Verma

Co-Chairman: Sh. V.K. Kaushik, C.O.A. NPL / Sh. M.C. Meena, A.O. NPL

Convener: Sh. R.B. Saxena

Co-convener: Mrs. Santosh Manrai

Members:

Dr. V.S. Panwar, Sh. Subhash Chandra, Dr. P.C. Jain, Smt. Shashi Lekha Bhatnagar, Sh. G.K. Arora, Sh. R.K. Bindal (NPL Representative), Dr. Harish Chandra (NPL Representative)

Welfare Committee

Sub-committees

	1. Geographical Area Cte. Coordinators	2. Medical Affairs Cte.	3. Cultural Program Cte.
Chairman: Dr. J.C. Sharma	Sh. S.S. Verma (west & overall)	Dr. Hari Kishan	Sh. P.K. Mittal
Co-Chairman: Dr. Hari Kishan	Dr. Sunil Kr. Singhal	Smt. Santosh Manrai	Dr. V.S. Panwar
Convener: Dr. V. S. Panwar	Smt. Shashi Kala Shastri	Sh. A.K. Handa (NPL)	Sh. Tripurari Lal
Members: 1. Sh. V.P. Wasan			
2. Smt. Santosh Manrai		4. Superstitions & Myths Committee (S&M-C)	
3. Sh. P.K. Mittal		(A sub-committee to be formed by Welfare Committee)	
4. Sh. S.S. Verma			
5. Sh. T.V. Joshua			
6. Sh. R. C. Dhawan			
7. Dr. P.C. Jain			

Scientific Affairs Committee

Chairman: Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta

Co-Chairman: Dr. T.L. Dhami

Advisory Panel: 1. Prof. Vikram Kumar, 2. Dr. Kailash Chandra, 3. Sh. S.C. Garg

Convener: Dr. S.K. Halder

Co-Convener: Sh. R.B. Saxena

Members: 1. Dr. Joginder Singh
2. Dr. S.L. Jain
3. Dr. R.G. Sharma
4. Dr. Mahesh Chander
5. Dr. Hari Kishan
6. Dr. Amitabh Basu
7. Dr. R.P. Singhal

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



Annexure 'A'

Scholarship & Awards: This year also applications were invited for Scholarships and Awards offered by Former Scientist forum for the year 2015. The committee well publicized the notice and got a fair response. The following scholarships/awards were selected and were awarded to the children on 28th September at the time of CSIR foundation celebration function at NPL.

1. Pragya Yadav d/o Sanjay Yadav Class XII doing B. Tech. S (2) Rs.300/- p.m.
S (2) – Sudha Jain Memorial Scholarship (2015)
2. Nikhil Saini s/o Usha Kiran Class XII doing B. Tech. (Abroad) A (4) Rs. 1000/-
A (4) – M.R. Verma Memorial Award (2015)
3. Rijul Kumar s/o Bhikham Singh Class XII doing B. Tech S (8) Rs. 400/- p.m.
S (8) - Bawa Barkha Nath Memorial Scholarship (2015)
4. Ritika Joshi d/o Pushkar Joshi Class VIII got admission in IX S (3) Rs. 300/- p.m.
S (3) - Ashutosh Joshi Memorial Scholarship (2015)
5. Varsha Gupta d/o Vijay Gupta Class X doing XI with commerce **No Award**

6. Apoorva Puri d/o Rajiv Puri Class X doing XI S (1) Rs.400/- p..m.
S (1) - Astronaut Kalpana Chawla Samman Chhatravriti Scholarship (2015)
7. Mishkat Ali s/o Iqbal Ali & Grand s/o Abdul Hamid Class XII doing B.Tech (comp. Sc) S (8) Rs.400/- p.m.
S (8) - Bawa Barkha Nath Memorial Scholarship (2015)

1. Aman Rai s/o Late Upender Rai Class VIII S (10) Rs. 300/- p.m.
S (10) – NPL-FSF Scholarships
2. Nibha Kumari d/o Radha Devi & L. Upender Rai Class XII doing B.A. (Programming) S (5) Rs. 350/- p.m.
S (5) – Brij Bala Memorial Scholarship
3. Rohit Negi S/o Late Dinesh Singh Negi Class IX S (10) Rs. 300/- p.m.
S (10) – NPL-FSF Scholarships
4. Janita d/o Late Mohd. Naseem Class V doing VI S (10) Rs. 300/- p.m.
S (10) – NPL-FSF Scholarships
5. Ujaifa d/o Late Mohd. Naseem Class IV doing V S (10) Rs. 300/- p.m.
S (10) – NPL-FSF Scholarships
6. Kartik Yadav Grand D/0 L. Mohinder Singh studying in Nursery S (10) Rs. 300/- p.m. -
S (10) – NPL-FSF Scholarships
7. Anuj Kumar s/o Late Ajay Kumar Class III S (10) Rs. 300/- p.m.
S (10) – NPL-FSF Scholarships
8. Ankush Kumar s/o late Ajay Kumar Class VI S (10) Rs. 300/- p.m.
S (10) – NPL-FSF Scholarships
- 9 Preeti D/o Late Upender Rai **Failed in class** **No scholarship awarded**

Tree Plantation on 15. 08. 2015 – A Report

The Tree Plantation Sub-Committee under the chairmanship of Sh. G.K. Arora met on 6th August 2015 to identify the names of persons who had made very significant contributions to the growth of NPL and in whose honour/ memory trees may be planted under the joint Programme between NPL and the Forum as a part of the NPL's Independence Day Celebrations:

It was decided that the Trees will be planted along the Periphery of the Krishnan Vatika starting from the side in front of the Syndicate Bank, NPL, leading towards the NPL Gate opening in IARI. Shri G K Arora had been authorized to invite the representatives from the Forum as also from NPL for this joint Programme as also the persons (if alive) or their representatives for participation in the programme.

Dr. A M Biradar, Acting Director, NPL, inaugurated the Tree Plantation program by planting one sapling of Amaltas. Six more saplings of Amaltas (arranged by Dr. Harish Chandra) and one sapling of a Palm tree (contributed by Dr. Mahesh Chander) in respect of Dr. Sharwan Kumar, were planted in honour/ memory of persons in the sequence indicated in the Table Below:

Sr. No.	Name of the person in whose honour/ memory the tree was planted	INVITEES		
		From the Family, if any	From NPL	From NPL-FSF
1.	Prof. R C Budhani	Abroad	Dr. Suresh Chand	Shri G K Arora
2.	Dr. K D Kundra	Abroad	Dr. R P Pant	Dr. Dharam Pal Singh
3.	Dr. T K Saksena	Expired. Dr. Kamna Saksena (Daughter)	Dr. Yudhishter Kumar Yadav	Dr. Mukesh Chandra
4.	Dr. (Mrs.) D R Lakshmi	Stationed in Hyderabad Mrs. Geeta Madhuri (Daughter-in-Law) & Shri Aswini Shrikumar (Son)	Dr. Rupesh M Das	Shri S C Garg
5.	Shri. K C Gupta	Expired. Shri Jagdish Kumar Gupta (Son)	Shri Mahesh Kumar	Shri J D Batra
6.	Shri P K Kohli	Expired	Shr Vinod Sharma	Shri T K Chakravarty
7.	Dr. Sharwan Kumar	Stationed in Bengaluru	Dr. V N Ojha	Dr. Sita Ram Gupta

With this, the total number of persons in whose honour/ memory trees have been planted under this programme stands increased to 78 (31 on 15. 08 2010; 20 on 25. 09. 2012); (20 on 15. 08. 2014; and 7 on 15.08.2015).