

# ललित धारा

RI District 3292

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## Today's Programme:

Talk programme by Rtn. Badan L. Nyachhyon on 'Metro rail system for prosperity' in Nepal with the participation of NRCL

## Congratulatory Events

**Birthday:** Nil

## **Wedding Anniversaries:**

Rtn. Jamuna K. & Meera Tamrakar – 21 April  
Rtn. Sandhya Regmi & Dr. Dinesh R. Shiwakoti – 25 April

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1850**

**Date: 4 Baisakh 2080 / 17 April 2023**

1. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the RCP's Meeting No.1850 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Guest speaker Mr. Saroj Mahato, Mr. Sunil Kusuwaha, Mr. Nabin Shakya, Mr. Jyoti Regmi Adhikari and Interact Abhisekh Adhikari.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
  - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Mahendra B. and Lalita Thapa – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Prakash R. and Upasana Regmi – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for the induction of member Rtn. Sandhya Regmi and Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam's birthday (NRs.500).
  - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for her retirement and joining post-graduate yoga studies, birthday of Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam and the induction of Rtn. Sandhya Regmi (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for 'the hills have turned golden with ainselu' (NRs. 200).
  - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – for having today's guest speaker Mr. Saroj Mahato, guest Mr. Nabin Shakya, and for himself nominated as the Management Committee chair of Anandakuti Vidyapeeth (Rs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for the induction of member Rtn. Sandhya Regmi and today's guest speaker (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Sandhya Regmi – for the induction as a member of the RCP today, presentation of her PhD paper in Lumbini, and return of her nephew Ajit after graduation from Berkley University in California, USA (NRs. 500).
5. Rotary Information:

Rtn. Sandhya Regmi briefed about the excellent District workshop on new member orientation and retention participated by herself and President Elect Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal from the RCP. The presentations of the District were excellent establishing a very welcoming environment of new members to the Rotary. Many female members had joined the orientation and she particularly appreciated the promotion of Rotary's focus area on environment with the distribution plants by 'Green Valley Green Nepal' founder Rtn. Mohan Shrestha.
6. Induction of Rtn. Sandhya Regmi:

Induction of Rtn Sandhya Regmi, classification 'Engineer – Environment', sponsored by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi started with Rtn. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan's welcome message read by Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht. PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Shakya pinned her with the Rotary Pin, conducted the 'Oath of Office' welcoming her the RCP and the family of Rotary around the world. In her acceptance statement, Rtn. Sandhya Regmi was honoured to be a member of the RCP and the Rotary International and committed herself to the ideals of Rotary. As a social activist, she would be proud to serve for the better of the community through Rotary.
7. Salutation: By Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam - Rotary Club of Dhaka, Bangladesh; Chartered: 1938; & Members: 53. District: 3280, Clubs: 158, & Members: 4415. He also shared some information about their Club/District.

8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: happy news contributions of NRs. 7,350 (NRs. 3,100 to the Sunshine Fund and NRs. 4,250 including for one telephone ring to the Operational Fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 5 guests, 16 members and 12 make-ups.

### Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon

- Q.** When (Rotary year) did District 3290 come into existence? **A.** In 1991-1992.
- Q.** From which year was the 4-digit numbering introduced for Rotary Districts? **A.** 1st July 1991.
- Q:** What is the new term used for District Assembly as per the decision of COL 2013? **A.** District Training Assembly.

### Summary of talk programme by Mr. Saroj Mahato on 'Alternative Education'

President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan welcomed guest speaker Mr. Saroj Mahato and Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya introduced him to talk about alternative education. The RCP is particularly interested in this topic as it has been providing educational support to public school students for a long time.

Mr. Mahato did his master's in fine arts from Lalit Kala Campus, Nepal, and another master's programme in Fine Arts from Korean Ministry of Culture and Supports. An experienced film/documentary director, Mr. Kushwaha has done several art exhibitions nationally and internationally and produced many short movies and documentaries including one on Lord Buddha's birthplace in Lumbini. He has also participated in a Nepali film festival in Toronto.

Mr. Mahato appreciated the opportunity to talk to a Rotary audience for the first time, through his contacts with Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya, on the topics of alternative education in which he has been very active. He emphasised the importance of progressive learning system practiced in many countries, particularly in Scandinavian countries.

Explaining about the alternative education, Mr. Mahato mentioned that he has recently been working as the coordinator for cultural and creative industry, culture unit, UNESCO office in Kathmandu. This involves creative learning pedagogy and progressive learning system as a framework to provide vocational training alternatives through a community learning centre. All the ward offices of Kathmandu and Lalitpur are attempting to do it although not yet very actively. The approach will include skill development of students as well as adults for better economic development geared towards public schools. UNESCO's support is expected once the application by Kathmandu and Lalitpur metropolis would be approved sometime in October.

Some 7/8 years ago, he did a survey of to find that the children of street vendors were working in foreign countries and grandchildren at private boarding schools. This demonstrated the poor standard of public schools with their infrastructure not fully used while private schools remain in a dominating role.

The Rotary supported Anandakuti Vidyapeeth's attempts to revive community involvement is a good example. Mr Mahato has also been collaborating with 'Hastakala Mahasangha' for a creative economy with vocational training as an alternative education system. The community learning centres would value cultural heritage, encourage tourism, and promote export of local resources through creative citizen efforts. UNESCO is supporting this globally with concept of 'happy schools' and a framework for creative learning pedagogy.

Following a Questions/Answers session, President Elect Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Mr. Saroj Mahato for talking about the creative ideas on education and learning with possibilities of the RCP' role in this regard.

### Rotary Information

(source: rotary.org)

#### **Share your experience as a Rotary leader**

*As a Rotary leader, we want to learn about your experience this past year. In May, you will receive a survey via email where you can tell us what you enjoy about the role, any challenges you faced, and how Rotary International can further support future generations of Rotary leaders.*