

**Issue No. 1595**

**Date: 12 Falgun 2081 / 24 February 2025**

<b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b>	<b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b>
<p>Regular Weekly Meeting followed by sharing of experience by Charter Member and Past President Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon on his four decades with Rotary Club of Patan</p>	<p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Rtn. Lila B. Baniya – 22 Feb.</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Rtn. Bharat N. and Meera Joshi – 25 Feb. Rtn. Piyush B. and Ramita Bajracharya – 15 Falgun (27 Feb.) Rtn. Pushkar M. &amp; Rita Shakya – 27 Feb.</p>

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1939**

**Date: 5 Falgun 2081 / 17 February 2025**

1. President Rtn. Preeti Khemka called the RCP's Meeting No. 1939 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Guest speakers Prof. Dinesh P. Chapagain and Mr. Narad Rijal.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
  - Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar – for 'Happy Birthday' (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for 'Happy Birthday' (Rs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Suraj Pradhan – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Bishnu P. and Ausara Sigdel – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Kedar B. and Shanta Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Yagya B. and Mary Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Kamal B. and Sulochana Nyachhyon – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. and Chandra Lekha Pandey – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (Rs. 1,000), and for today's talk programme with his longtime friend Prof. Dinesh Chapagai as one of the guest speakers (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – for having today's guest speakers on Student Quality Circle 'SQC' (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for recovery from a difficult 'flu' (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for today's talk programme by guest speakers on 'SQC' (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Preeti Khemka – for today's talk programme by guest speakers on 'SQC' (Rs. 500).
5. Rotary Information:
  - President Elect Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht:
    - Informed that the names of suggested committee members of the RCP for Rotary Year 2024-2025 will be presented in the next weekly meeting.
    - Informed that he will be participating in the President Elects Training Seminar (PETS) being held in Birgunj during 7 to 8 March 2025.
    - Briefed on the good progress being made by two students from the RCP's PEEF supported schools at the Ullens School under free scholarship. They need laptops, and he requested if members have used laptops to contribute. Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang is providing one and one additional is sought.
  - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal informed that the eye check-ups by B.P. Eye Foundation supported by the RCP at Mahendra Adarsha school has started from last week.
  - President Rtn. Preeti Khemka:
    - Informed about the invitation from RC Bhaktapur to the RCP members to participate in the promotion of tourism of Bhaktapur from 2 p.m. on Saturday, 22 February 2025 following by fellowship dinner. Details are being shared electronically.

- Informed that she will not be available for the next weekly and Board meetings of 24 and 25 February 2025 and requested PP Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty to chair these meetings.
6. Salutation: By Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – RC Tanger, Morocco; Chartered: 1932; & Members: 19. District: 9010, Clubs: 75, & Members: 1371.
  7. Before the adjournment of the meeting, Secretary Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 5,500 to the sunshine funds, Rs. 3,600 for attendance to the operational funds of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 2 guest speakers, 18 members, & 14 make-ups.

**Talk programme on Student Quality Circle (SQC) by guest speakers Prof. Dinesh P. Chapagain and Mr. Narad Rijal**

President Rtn. Preeti Khemka welcomed the guest speakers and Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam introduced them. Prof. Dinesh P. Chapagain is known as the father of Student Quality Circle (SQC) in Nepal, has been the Professor of Engineering and Business at Kathmandu University, and the founder of 'QUEST-Nepal'. He has been leading the SQC research and has been implementing it in schools in Nepal through QUEST. Mr. Narad Rijal is the current President of QUEST-Nepal and Vice Principal of Kathmandu University High School. He has been very active in SQC implementation in schools.

Prof. Chapagain and Mr. Rijal led a comprehensive talk programme with excellent questions/answers session with the RCP. They explained the concepts of SQC and how it could contribute to develop a holistic development of the students in schools. The SQC started with the renowned philosophy of Japan with the objective of productivity increases through motivated workers.

A SQC is a small group of students within an educational institution who voluntarily come together to identify, analyse, and solve problems related to their learning environment using structured problem-solving techniques, aiming to improve the overall quality of their education. It is a platform for students to actively participate in enhancing their learning experience, taking ownership of their learning experience, contributing to the decision-making process and implementing solutions. The student-led SQC involves collaboration with teachers and administrators to ensure proposed solutions are feasible and aligned with educational objectives. Active participation of students increases students' motivation and interest in studies and provide opportunities to develop leadership skills by taking on roles like facilitator or project coordinator. In addition, the process of analysing problems and proposing solutions helps students develop critical thinking abilities by encouraging student involvement in improving their learning environment thus contributing to a more positive school culture.

The SQC programme in Nepal was conceptualised in 1999 and implemented since 2005 in small groups of students of grades 4th to 10<sup>th</sup>. Prof. Chapagain and Mr. Rijal both volunteered to collaborate through QUEST-Nepal with the RCP on Training of Teachers (TOTs) with a three-day workshop for the implementation of SQC in the RCP's PEEF supported schools.

Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam, on behalf of the RCP, gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to the guest speakers and highly appreciated further collaboration between QUEST-Nepal and the RCP. Prof. Chapagain presented a book on SQC authored by himself and President Rtn. Preeti Khemka concluded the session with her own words of thanks and presentation of a 'Token of Appreciation' to the guest speakers.

**Rotary Information – February and March Calendar of Rotary International**

*February 2025*

*Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month*

*9-13 February — International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA*

*23 February — Rotary's anniversary*

*March 2025*

*Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month*

*10-16 March — World Rotaract Week*

*31 March — Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention*