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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Business Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Preeti Khemka – 3 Nov. Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – 5 Nov.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Nil</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1973

Date: 10 Kartik 2082 / 27 October 2025

1. President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 1973 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness. He announced this meeting dedicated to commemorating the 'World Polio Day – 24 October'.
2. Guests welcomed by President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht: Guest speaker Mr. Bharat B.C. and Ms. Richa Saud from ADSoN, Rtn. Ewerhard Engels from RC Tegernsee, Germany; Dr. Abindra Sigdel (Son of Rtn. Bishnu Sigdel); Rotaract Club of Patan's President Rtr. Nirdesh Subedi and Treasurer Rtr. Pramoon Shrestha.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – for 'Happy Landing' from Ireland and becoming a member of Golf Club there (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for 'Tihar' festivities, and for being saved from a hacking attack (Rs. 500).
 - Dr. Abindra Sigdel – for the opportunity to participate in the RCP meeting (Rs. 1,000). Dr. Sigdel also introduced himself as a Cardio-Vascular Surgeon working in the USA. Having achieved success in the USA, he is now interested to 'give back to society' and looking for opportunities to collaborate in Nepal.
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – to welcome Dr. Sigdel and for possible collaboration with him (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for have the guest speaker of today and for the Polio Day (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ewerhard Engels – for 'Happy Landing' from Germany (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for today's guest speaker's success story, and for completing a wonderful trek to Som valley and Mu Gumba (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for 'Happy Landing' from Ireland, and for Polio Day (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha – to celebrate today's meeting with a contribution of his company's new whisky at half the market price to the first offer made by Rtn. Shikha Prasai (Rs. 7,000). This contribution will go to the RCP's Operational Fund. Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha also reminded about the RCP's good practice of contributing gift items from members travelling abroad or from other occasions for auctioning these during weekly meetings to raise funds for the RCP.
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for 'Polio Day' and today's talk by the Polio affected guest speaker (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shikha Prasai – for the appointment of Dr. Sudha Sharma as the new minister of Health (Rs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:
 - Rtn. Rabindra R. Pandey confirmed the matching payment of Rs. 50,000 to KPAD Fund as pledged earlier.
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi confirmed his payment equivalent to US \$500 to TRF (\$250 to the Annual Fund and \$250 to Polio Plus) as pledged earlier.
 - Rtn. Ewerhard Engels announced a pledge to contribute the equivalent of Euro 1,000 to the RCP's PEEF Trust Fund from himself, his sister Muecke Engels, and friends Werner Thiess, Ines Huss, Sabine Albig & Gisela Grünbeck (From RC Tegernsee & Inner Wheel Club Tegernsee, Germany).
 - Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha pledged to contribute the equivalent of US \$200 to Polio Plus Fund of TRF.
6. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht:
 - Informed about Rotarians from Nepal participating in the Golf tournament in Hyderabad, India, being held during 2-8 November. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey added that 6 Rotarians including himself and one spouse are participating.

- Informed about the RCP's 1st 'Birthday Fellowship' being coordinated by Fellowships Coordinator Rtn. Kedar Shrestha to be held on 10 November 2025.
- Requested all the sponsors of advertisements in the RCP's Lalitdhara Souvenir to pay their contributions as soon as possible.
- Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtr. Nirdesh Subedi briefed on their very successful 'Deusi Bhailo' programme hosted by Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa. They raised funds totalling Rs. 85,500. After the expenses, an amount of Rs. 35,000 is being used to establish a Disaster Relief Fund of the Rotaract Club of Patan. He encouraged all to contribute to this fund with a target of reaching one Lakh Rupees.

Rtr. Subedi also briefed on the planned President/Secretary meeting of all the Rotaract Clubs of Nepal with planned participation of some 500/600 Rotaracts being hosted by their twin club 'Rotaract Club of Birgunj' in Birgunj on 8 November. He requested contributions and sponsorships of Rs. 10,000 each, particularly from Rotarians with businesses, which would build good public image of Rotary and sponsoring businesses of Rotary members.

7. Salutation: By Rtn. Sandhya Regmi - RC Bad Herzfeld, Gernamy; Chartered: 1955; and Members: 62. District: 1820, Clubs: 65, and Members: 3480. She also provided key highlights of the town in Germany.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma announced: happy news contributions of Rs.7,500 to the sunshine fund and Rs. 12,600 to the operational fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 4 guests, 2 Rotaracts, 22 members and 9 make-ups.

World Polio Day-24 October Commemoration by the RCP

To commemorate this day, President Rtn. Bisht welcomed guest speaker and Polio affected 'Person with Disability' (PWD), Mr. Bharat B.C. from ADSoN, for a presentation. A video clip from Rotary International was shown. Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty briefly updated on the latest situation on Polio eradication efforts worldwide with two countries (Afghanistan and Pakistan) still having few cases. Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal introduced Mr. B.C. as an example of 'struggle, courage, and success'. Despite being disabled, he has achieved so much and continues to work for the benefit of PWDs. He is a vivid proof of 'We Are All Able' and is currently working as a 'Project Manager' at ADSoN.

Mr. Bharat B.C. made a presentation with the support of action photos on ppt and a heart-touching narrative of his life of enduring faith, commitment, and success. Born in a poor village family of Jajarkot District in Karnali Province of Nepal, Mr. B.C. was affected by the crippling Polio in childhood. It was a time when in the rural areas of Nepal Polio was considered as a social curse, instead of a disease. While societal neglect and disregard could have even resulted in suicide, Mr. B.C.'s was inspired reading a success story of a disabled person in a magazine, and through inner strength was able to turn his disability into ability. With the support of his family, he started his education in the hospital for rehabilitation of disabled people in Banepa and in a children's home in Kathmandu.

Despite not getting good marks in his studies in the beginning, he did not give-up and struggled to top the class at grade 5. Struggle and success continue with topping at the national level in grade 11 in Nepali language. Supporting himself by tutoring children and working with a NGO, he continues his studies with a scholarship from ADSoN. He was very active in sports and won a gold medal in wheelchair race in '2017 Para Sports Camp & Competition' held in Japan. He also continued his social work in Nepal and occasional worked abroad spreading the message of 'disability not as a weakness, but possibility'. He has been working in his current important position of 'Project Manager' in ADSoN.

Today, he has established himself in the society as an exceptionally successful individual. With his own efforts, he has built a house, married and has a family, rides a 4-wheeler motorcycle, works in a full-time job, socialises, and continues his advanced studies. He gives priority to his work for the upliftment of PWDs in different circles including with the government. In summary, a proof of a success story of a PWD – an example.

On behalf of all the RCP family, Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal thanked Mr. B.C. for his excellent success story and wished him all the best. She emphasised that his story confirms that disability is not a weakness, but only a lack of support and opportunity. Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey joined her in thanking Mr. B.C. and added how pleased and proud he was to have been collaborating with him. He iterated the importance of awareness raising that the RCP have been doing with success since a long time, including through Rotary's national level 3H Grant Project during 2008-2012.

President Rtn. Bisht also thanked and congratulated Mr. B.C. and concluded with the presentation of a 'Token of Appreciation' to him.