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<p><u>Today's Programme:</u></p> <p>Regular Weekly Meeting</p>	<p><u>Congratulatory Events</u></p> <p><u>Birthdays:</u> Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – 22 Nov.</p> <p><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u> Rtn. Mahendra S. & Ambika Rawal – 26 Nov.</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1976

Date: 1 Mangshir 2082 / 17 November 2025

1. President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 1976 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Guest speaker PP and Chair of District Public Image Committee Rtn. Amit Giri, President of RC Rajdhani Rtn. Shiva R. Bhatta, President of RC Vision Kathmandu Rtn. Jagat Pokharel, and Rtn. Ewerhard Engels from Germany.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for filling-in for the Secretary in today's meeting, and for having Rtn. Amit Giri as the guest speaker (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – to appreciate Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay's support in the PEEF data entry work for all the RCP's PEEF supported schools (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for 'Happy Landing' from the USA, graduation of his daughter with master's from Cornell University and finding a new job in the USA (Rs. 1,500).
 - Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay (Rs. 500), Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi (Rs. 500), & Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel (Rs. 500) - for today's talk programme by District Public Image Committee Chair PP Rtn. Amit Giri.
 - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa (Rs. 500), & Rtn. Preeti Khemka (Rs. 500) – for the participation of Rtn. Amit Giri & Rtn. Shiva R. Bhatta in today's meeting.
 - Rtn. Shikha Prasai – to appreciate Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay's support to Rtn. Gabriele in PEEF work (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Lochan Gyawali – for the sight of 'Gorichen mountain' from Shillong, Meghalaya of Arunachal Pradesh of India for the first time (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for the enjoyable 'Futsal' games with students of RCP's adopted schools, Rotaracts, Interacts and RCP members, and for her interview broadcast by the NTV (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for the 'Futsal' programme mentioned above (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shiva R. Bhatta – for participating in today's RCP meeting. He also spoke a few words about RC Rajdhani and the action group of 13 Rotary Club Presidents of this Rotary Year in the District (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Amit Giri – for participating and being honoured to make a presentation in today's meeting (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for today's guest speaker, and for starting to teach at the Himalayan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (HICAST) (Rs. 1,000).
5. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht:
 - Reminded on the request to contribute to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) during this TRF month of November by the 25th. He also encouraged members to contribute to the PHF at the District's discounted rate before the District's Rotary Foundation Seminar and Recognition Programme being held on 28 November 2025.
 - Informed about his participation in other RC club meetings, and the planned 'Heritage Walk' by a group of Rotary Clubs in Kirtipur. More details on this will be shared electronically.

- Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the completion of this year's PEEF selection/distribution campaign with a total scholarship support of Rs.1,787,000 to 378 students as per summary information shared with all members earlier. For the detailed records, he particularly thanked Rtns. Gabriele Mallapaty, Ramesh L. Maskay, and Ganesh R. Shrestha.

As Soaltee Hotel had contributed Rs. 1,700,000 this year from their CSR funds through the contacts of Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha, he briefed on the final report with all the signed distribution sheets, local government requests, and accounting data duly submitted to the Soaltee Hotel as per the agreement with them.

- Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha provided a summary of financial expenses of the RCP's 1st Birthday fellowship. The total cost of Rs. 64,400 was covered by members' contribution of Rs. 39,500 and contribution from the RCP members' fellowship fund of Rs. 24,900.
 - PHF Pins and certificates were received from Rotary office in India for Rtns. Maheswari Bisht Rawal and Gopal P. Dawadi (not present) for their contributions to TRF. Charter member Rtn. Lochan Gyawali and President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht honoured them with these.
6. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 9,500 to the sunshine fund and Rs. 3,600 to the operational funds of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 4 guests, 18 members, & 11 make-ups.

Summary of talk programme presented by guest speaker Rtn. Amit Giri, District Public Image Committee Chair and PP of RC Rajdhani

President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht welcomed guest speaker Rtn. Amit Giri, District Public Image Committee Chair and PP of RC Rajdhani and Rtn. Preeti Khemka introduced him.

Rtn. Giri is an active Rotarian for over a decade, and has contributed through several leadership roles, including Past President of the Rotary Club of Rajdhani, Assistant Governor, District Secretary, RYLA Chair, ICM Chair, Learning Facilitator, and currently District Public Image Chair for 2024–26.

Rtn. Giri is an entrepreneur who currently serves as the Director & CEO of ICA@IGNOU in Nepal, which is a partnership between the International Centre for Academics (ICA) in Nepal and the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU). Rtn. Giri holds a master's degree in social work and is currently pursuing a Post Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management.

Rtn. Giri made a powerful presentation with video clips and power-point of Rotary's Public Image and our District's efforts at the 'Branding' of Rotary. He summarised Rotary's branding as Rotary 'transforming lives' and provided useful advice for club's public image through branding. His presentation included results of a survey of clubs in our District 3292 to see how we are doing with various data including geographic and gender distributions. Rotary clubs are using Instagram, Facebook, Websites and Public Image courses, and he mentioned that Facebook was the most used followed by websites. He advocated for an increase in Instagram usage.

In terms of the public's impressions, Rotary is rightly most known for community development projects. Rtn. Giri highlighted the importance of every Rotarian's role and what each one of us could do in building the public image of Rotary. He emphasised the benefits of a good public image of Rotary for its growth, in terms of membership, resource growth, and enhanced opportunities to serve the community.

Rtn. Giri advised members to use the Rotary's Brand Centre in the Rotary website, which provides comprehensive guidelines including 'Do's and 'Don'ts. Also, using the Learning Centre of Rotary, members could increase their knowledge of challenges and areas for improvement to serve better through Rotary.

On behalf of the RCP, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Giri for the excellent presentation and advice and offered his own impression of the improving image of Rotary these days. He added that through Rotary service, members could also improve their health, happiness and longevity. President Rtn. Bisht concluded the session with his own words of thanks to Rtn. Giri and presentation of a 'Token of Appreciation' to him and to the visiting Rotary Club Presidents.