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<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b> Regular Weekly Meeting</p> <p><b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b> 2 Feb. - KEEA/GSSA Programme 9 Feb. - Business Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Rtn. Gopal P. Dawadi – 29 Jan.</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma and Dr. Aruna Uprety – 26 Jan.</p>
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**Minutes of Meeting No. 1985**

**Date: 5 Magh 2082 / 19 January 2026**

1. President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 1985 with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Guest speaker Mr. Bharat B. Khanal, Headmaster of Mahendragram Senior Secondary School, Tikathali.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for 'Happy 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday' (Also see under Other Contributions below).
  - Rtn. Shikha Prasai – for 'Happy Birthday' (Rs. 1,000).
  - Rtns. Bijaya & Gabriele Mallapaty – for 'Happy Landing' from the USA (Rs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel – for participation in RC Hetauda meeting and their appreciation (Rs. 500).
  - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht – for having speakers today, and for sharing the news/info. (Rs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:
  - On his birthday, Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha contributed to the RCP's operational fund by sponsoring today's regular weekly meeting costs including snacks/tea at Yala Maya Kendra (Rs. 13,000).
  - Rtn. Shikha Prasai pledged to contribute Rs. 10,000 for a KEEA Award (Taking over the contribution made earlier by her mother, late Rtn. Sharada Prasai).
6. Rotary Information:
  - President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht shared Rotary news/information with the support of a ppt presentation that included the following:
    - Rotary's role on Polio eradication as captured in the last Lalitdhara.
    - His participation in DG Visit meeting at RC Kathmandu Height.
    - Participation of Rtn. Bishnu Sigdel in RC Hetauda.
    - Request for participation in RC Bhaisepati initiative by donating cloth in the 'Cloth Drop Box' at Bhaisepati.
    - Publication of his article in ESRAC South Asia journal on monitoring & care for the success of tree plantation at Hattiban with RCP, other RCs and partners.
    - Request for participation in Rotary 'Haat Bazaar' organised by RC Kathmandu and 'Rotary President Action Group 2025-2026' during 24 and 25 January 2026 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Rotary Office in Thapathali.
    - Request for confirmation in the participation at the 'District Conference in Pokhara – 19-21 February 2026' by maximum RCP members by end of January 2026.
    - Information on the Motor Rally Kathmandu/Pokhara on 18 February 2026 organised by Rotary.
    - Teach Committee Meeting with Heart Club Nepal planning an essay competition for the RCP's PEEF supported schools.
    - Art exhibition for artists with disabilities organised by ADSoN.
    - Request for participation at eyeglasses distribution at Mahendragram Secondary School, Tikathali, in collaboration with B.P. Eye Foundation on 20 January 2026.

- Contribution pledge of 85% of his wealth (Indian Rupees 5,000 crore) to Rotary by DGE Rtn. Ravishankar Dakoja from India.
- Rtn. Preeti Khemka informed about 2026-2027 AGs training 'District Team Learning Seminar' being organised in Bangkok during 20 and 21 March 2026.
- Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty reminded all to pay any outstanding dues to the RCP as soon as possible to finalise the half-yearly budget status before the end of January 2026. She will be sharing the latest Google Sheet wherein members could see their updated status.
- Experience Sharing by Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon and Mr. Bharat B. Khanal, Headmaster of Mahendragram Senior Secondary School, Tikathali, related to vocational service and RCP's support in education sector respectively.

Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon talked about the RCP's active social service in the field of Vocational Service activities. Learning from experience, he emphasised the importance of sustainability with monitoring and follow-up to ensure that training imparted is indeed beneficial. He gave RCP's successful examples of on-the-job training leading to employment to ensure long-term benefits in the areas of travel/ticketing, handicraft, brickmaking, sewing etc. He also mentioned on the ongoing discussions on the RCP's activities in its adopted schools that would lead to longer-term sustainable results. Rtn. Santa K. Shrestha added what has been done in hotel management in Bandipur, and his willingness to support in this area in the future too.

Headmaster Mr. Bharat B. Khanal appreciated the opportunity to participate in the RCP's meeting and present his views. Saying 'working together is success', he was thankful for the RCP's support to his school/students at Mahendragram Senior Secondary School, Tikathali, starting from PEEF scholarship to expanded activities in this adopted school that included quiz contest, SQC training, essay competition, IT training, WASH support, RHD prevention and eye-glasses support activities. He not only appreciated the supported activities from the RCP in the school but also praised the way the RCP raises funds and is organised to work for the benefit of the communities it serves. He would be grateful for the continuation of the excellent collaboration with the RCP and further support including focus on sustainability through monitoring and follow-ups.

President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht thanked Mr. Khanal for his excellent presentation and presented him a 'Token of Appreciation' on behalf of the RCP.

7. Salutation: By Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – RC Amherst, Nova Scotia, Canada; Chartered: 1935; Members: 59. District: 7820, Clubs: 45, and Members: 1604.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma announced: happy news contribution of Rs. 3,000 to the sunshine fund and Rs. 3,400 for attendance to the operational fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 1 guest, 18 members including 16 on Zoom, & 9 make-ups.



**May the Laugh Bug Bite You** 😊😊😊😊😊

*A man is talking to his friend and says, "I think I've finally cured my addiction to high-pressure social situations."*

*The friend asks, "That's great! How did you manage to do that?"*

*The guy replied, "I just stopped putting myself in those positions. For example, yesterday I was at a high-stakes poker game, and I just stood up and walked away."*

*The friend says, "Wow, that takes a lot of willpower. What did the other players say?"*

*The guy replied, "I have no idea. I was the dealer."*