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Today's Programme:

Last meeting of this Rotary year with reflexions of the year by the President and RCP Members' Birthday Fellowship

Forthcoming Programme:

6 July 2026 – Installation of RY 2026-2027 President and Team

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha – 1 July
Rtn. Keshab B. Mathema – 2 July

Wedding Anniversaries:

Rtn. Sunil & Anima Gupta – 1 July

Minutes of Meeting No.2006

Date: 8 Asadh 2083 / 22 June 2026

1. President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 2006 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Family of late PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya - Mr. Mahendra Man Shakya, Mr. Gyanendra Shakya, Ms. Sharmila Shakya Bajracharya, Ms. Purnima Shakya, Mr. Satendra Shakya, Ms. Trishanna Bajracharya, Mr. Pranil Bajracharya, and Mr. Sujit Shakya; Chief Guest Mr. Madhav P. Poudyal; Special Guests - Mr. Pushpa Raj Bajracharya and Mr. Kamal Raj Shakya; President of Rotaract Club of Patan Rtr. Nirdesh Subedi with 2 Rotaracts; and 3 spouses of RCP members.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Jeevan & Gunu Shrestha – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya (Rs. 500), Rtn. Lochan Gyawali (Rs. 500), Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha (Rs. 500), Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey (Rs. 1,000), Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa (Rs. 500), Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka (Rs. 500), Rtn. Bishnu P. Sigdel (Rs. 500), - for today's special meeting for the first time 'celebrating the lives of late RCP members.
 - Rtn. Sandhya Regmi - for daughter's graduation and continuation of her master's studies in Boston, USA, and husband's participation in today's meeting (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtns. Khadak S. Bisht & Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for today's meeting and for their participation in the RI convention in Taipei, Taiwan (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for today's meeting and for his 5th granddaughter's wedding (Rs. 1,500).
 - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for today's meeting and for the recent Health Camp in Bandipur (Rs. 500).
 - Rtns. Bijaya and Gabriele Mallapaty – for today's meeting and 'Happy Landing' from Germany (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Sikha Prasai – for today's meeting and for participation in son's graduation in the USA (Rs. 500).
 - Dr. Dinesh R. Shiwakoti (Spouse of Rtn. Sandhya Regmi) – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' (Rs. 500).
5. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht:
 - Reminded on the last meeting of this Rotary Year on 29 June 2026 with his reflexions of the year followed by the celebration of the RCP's last 'Birthday Fellowship' of the year.
 - Informed about the Rotary District Award Ceremony being held on 26 June 2026 on which more details will be shared electronically.
 - Introduced the RCP's first-time celebration of 'Lives of late RCP members' with the celebration of the lives of late PDG Rtn. Tirtha Man Sakya & Mrs. Nani Shobha Sakya. Please see a summary of this on the next page.
 - Reminded all Members to settle their membership fees for the next Rotary Year as soon as possible.
 - President of the Rotaract Club of Patan Rtr. Nirdesh Subedi briefed on the serious health condition of Rtr. Lisa Adhikari who was bullet-injured during the Gen Z uprising of Nepal in September 2025. She has been undergoing treatment. While the government is supporting her treatment in Nepal, she also requires treatment abroad, which is very costly and estimated at 30 to 40 Lakh Rupees. On behalf of the Rotaract Club of Patan, he appealed for voluntary contributions from RCP members to help in her treatment.
Rtr. Nirdesh also invited all the RCP members to participate in the Rotaract Club of Patan's Charter Day Celebrations on 30 June 2026.
6. Before the adjournment of the meeting, on behalf of the Secretary, Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 10,500 to the sunshine fund and Rs. 4,600 for attendance to the operational fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 14 guests, 3 Rotaracts, 3 spouses, 20 members and 9 make-ups.

The Rotary Club of Patan's first celebration of 'lives of late RCP Members'
Celebration of lives of late PDG Rtn. Tirtha Man Sakya and Mrs. Nani Shobha Sakya

President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht requested Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa, Chairperson of the RCP's committee, to conduct the event. On behalf of the RCP, Rtn. Thapa welcomed all the family members of the late Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya and the late Mrs. Nani Sobha Sakya and invited their daughter Ms. Sharmila Shakya Bajracharya to represent them to the dais. Similarly, she invited on the dais - Chief Guest Mr. Madhav P. Poudyal; Special Guests - Mr. Pushpa Raj Bajracharya and Mr. Kamal Raj Shakya; and President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht of the RCP. She welcomed all the participants of the celebration and requested Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey to introduce the programme.

Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey also welcomed all the participants and gave a brief background to the RCP's decision to start annualising the celebration of the 'lives of late RCP members'. He was very happy to have the first programme today celebrating the lives of late PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya and Mrs. Nani Shobha Sakya. He emphasised it as a happy moment as we celebrate their lives remembering their contributions in line with Rotary's motto of 'Service above Self' with its two main pillars 'Service and Fellowship'. Rtn. Pandey highlighted a few of late Tirtha Man ji's contributions and introduced Rtn. Sandhya Regmi for a detailed presentation.

Rtn. Sandhya Regmi stated she felt honoured to present the life histories of late Tirtha Man ji and Nani Shobha ji on behalf of the RCP, and to remember these two special personalities who have greatly contributed to their own family, community, society and the nation as a whole. Late Tirtha Man ji and Nani Shobha ji have two sons and two daughters. Late Tirtha Man ji changed his family profession and pursued advanced studies in Law and Commerce and evolved as a multi-talented and multi-dimensional personality while late Nani Sobha ji ably supported him in raising the family and in all his social and community endeavours. Rtn. Regmi highlighted his key achievements as follows:

Late Tirtha Man ji reached the highest echelon of civil service in Nepal with over 30 years of service. During this period his service included the positions of Chief Secretary, Chairman of Public Service Commission, Law Secretary, and Chairperson of the Nepal Law Society. He made profound contributions to diplomacy in his relations with foreign governments and international partners on behalf of Nepal. He led the establishment of the prestigious 'Gautam Buddha International Peace Award'. Through Rotary, in his 37 years of affiliation, he served as club president in 1995-1996, DG in 2010-2011 and played a pivotal role in upgrading Nepal to its own Rotary District. Among his many leadership roles in Rotary, he chaired several programmes such as - Rotary Nepal Literacy Mission (RNLM), WASH programme, Earthquake Relief and Reconstruction programme, and Gopal-Kamala Rajbhandary Award for Vocational Excellence. He was a recipient of the prestigious 'Service above Self' award from Rotary International.

In other social and community development, he contributed greatly to the protection and promotion of 'Hiranyavarna Mahavihar (The Golden Temple – Buddhist Monastery) in Patan. He was well respected as a personality with knowledge, faith and following in Buddhism, who elevated 'Hakha Tole' into a prominent and celebrated locality. Rtn. Regmi summarised his life achievements and considered him as a priceless gem (amulya ratna) to the nation.

Ms. Sharmila Shakya Bajracharya thanked the RCP on behalf of the family of her late parents for this opportunity to recognise and remember their contributions. She remembers her father as a very disciplined and loving head of the family with pride in his culture and great concern for the society and the nation. His book 'Satya Tathya', published posthumously, was also made available after the meeting with the net profit from its sale being donated to the RCP.

Special guests Mr. Pushpa Raj Bajracharya and Mr. Kamal Raj Shakya remembered late Tirtha Man ji and Nani Shobha ji highlighting their contributions to the culture and community respectively and thanked the RCP for honouring and celebrating the life of 'Aaju' and 'Aaji' as they were titled in Newari language as the guardians of Hakha Tole.

Chief Guest Mr. Madhav P. Poudyal, former Minister of Education, Information & Communication, and General Administration, spoke of his long association with the extraordinarily talented late Tirtha Man ji as his supervisor and mentor for many years in the particular field of 'Legislative drafting'. Late Tirtha Man ji, among all his other contributions, made a particularly distinguished mark as a specialist in drafting the laws including the revision of the constitution of Nepal. He thanked the RCP for inviting him on this special occasion as the Chief Guest.

At the end of the session, Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa thanked Late PDG Rtn. Tirtha Man ji and Nani Shobha ji family and requested President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht to hand over 'Tokens of Appreciation' to the Chief Guest and Special Guests. President Rtn. Bisht concluded the programme thanking all the participants and inviting everyone to join the 'High Tea' on behalf of the RCP family.