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Date: 26 Ashwin 2083 / 12 October 2026

Today's Programme: Regular Weekly Meeting with a presentation by Rtn. Sandhya Regmi on 'Faces of Buddha-a Journey through culture, art and identity'

19 October 2026 – No meeting due to 'Vijaya Dashami' holidays.

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No.2021

Date: 19 Ashwin 2083 / 5 October 2026

1. President Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka called the meeting no. 2021 to order on Zoom with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last weekly meeting minutes issue number 1678 of the RCP were reviewed and approved.
3. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal – for 'Happy Birthday' (Rs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for clean comprehensive health check-up results as a senior citizen (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka – for the excellent 'World Heart Day' programme, and updates made in the RCP's Facebook page, Instagram, and LinkedIn (Rs. 500).
4. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka:
 - Informed about the ICM on 'From Catastrophe to Preparedness: Understanding the Rasuwa-Bhotekoshi Floods 2026 and Managing Himalayan Floods', hosted by RC Rajdhani with other Rotary clubs and the District ICM Committee held on 4 October 2026 at Radisson Hotel. (See more details below).
 - Reminded about the Futsal activity in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Patan at 12:00 hrs. on Saturday, 10 October 2026 and requested for maximum participation of members. Venue details will be provided soon.
 - Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht gave more details on the ICM mentioned by the President above. Six members from the RCP participated in the event hosted by RC Rajdhani and co-hosted by the District and 8/10 Rotary clubs. The meeting had very useful presentations by two young scientists and two senior retirees, followed by deliberations on lessons learned from the disaster and Nepal government's policies. Key message from the meeting was the importance of disaster preparedness for multi-hazards such as earthquake, flood, fire, pandemic for a disaster-prone country like Nepal. The meeting noted the value of a good early warning system and a better coordination mechanism with an appropriate command structure covering all levels of the government.
 - Rtn. Bisht also briefed on the successful completion of the RCP's animal health for public health activity held on 'World Rabies Day' on 28 September 2026 in collaboration with the local government and the RCP's implementing partner for this activity. The activity covered vaccination, spaying/neutering of 53 stray dogs in Mahalaxmi municipality.
 - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty shared the flag of the 'Rotary Club of Bingen am Rhein' in Germany presented by Rtn. Saskia Gruenfelder who is on a visit to Nepal but could not join us as we had our meeting on Zoom yesterday. The club had supported RCP in two of its District grants earlier.
 - Rtn. Preeti Khemka also informed about the flag exchange with the Charter President of the Rotary Club of Yangon South, Myanmar.

During the deliberation, it was also suggested to have a new flag of the RCP and Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht volunteered to propose a new design with cost estimates.

 - Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal shared the activities of the TEACH committee during the Rotary month of 'Basic Education and Literacy' that included five orientation sessions on stress management and global warming in three of the four adopted schools of the RCP.
5. Salutation: By Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang - RC Tollara, Madagascar; Chartered: 1959; and Members: 19. District: 9220, Clubs: 56, and Members: 1403. He also gave a brief highlights on the country.
6. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu announced happy news contributions of Rs. 2,000 to the Sunshine Fund of the RCP, and the attendance of 19 members, and 11 make-ups.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by President Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka

- Q. What is Rotary's Presidential Message for 2026-2027 A. Creating Lasting Impact.
Q. Which Spanish city will host the 2027 RI Convention? A. Barcelona, Spain.
Q. RI President Olayinka Hakeem Babalola began his Rotary journey as the charter president of which type of club? A. Rotaract Club. during his college years.

3rd Board Meeting of the RCP of the Rotary Year 2026-2027 held on 2 October 2026

The RCP Secretary Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu presented the minutes/decisions of the 3rd Board Meeting, held from 17:30 to 18:30 hrs. on 2 Oct. 2026, which was hosted by Rtn. Kamal B. Nyachhyon at Bakery Café, Pulchowk, with the participation of 10 Board members. The 'House' endorsed/approved the minutes/decisions of the meeting as follows:

1. Vice President Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa chaired the meeting in the absence of the President on travel.
2. Secretary Rtn. Krishna Hachhethu reviewed the minutes of the 2nd Board meeting with the status of actions taken.
3. Financial Updates: Treasurer Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty presented the RCP's financial status with income and expenditure statements (shared electronically) as of 30 September. Timely progress was noted in the receipt of contributions from advertisement sponsors to the Lalitdhara souvenir, and pledges for social activities from members.
She also informed that Mr. Basanta Ale Magar officially started from 1st Ashwin to assist us in managing our accounts using 'Odoo' software including issuance of vouchers.
4. Service Projects Update: (i) Flood relief and rehabilitation – Rs. 200,000 contributed to the District Disaster Relief Fund from a total of Rs. 20 Lakh received so far. Fund-raising is continuing with plans for the RCP to contribute towards rehabilitation in consultation with local government entities as decided by the Board earlier. (ii) STAR project and ADSoN accounts: Financial status of expenses for 2082-83 have been confirmed with ADSoN and release of Rs. 300,000 (RCP's share equal to each of the four partners) from current year's budget made.
5. World Health Day – The Board noted that this year's programme was excellent and extended a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi for coordinating the organisation of the event including finding sponsors to fund this event at Tulip Hotel, Gwarko, Lalitpur, with over a 100 participants. The Board also approved a token contribution of Rs. 25,000 from the RCP for this event.
6. World Rabies Day: Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht briefed on the successful completion of the animal welfare for public health activity of vaccinating, spaying, and neutering of stray dogs at Mahalaxmi municipality in collaboration with the local government and the implementing partner. Final report is being received. Over 50 dogs were covered, with the local government expected to contribute Rs. 30,000.
7. Global Grant proposal for Shahid Ganga Lal Hospital National Heart Centre (SGNHC) – A draft request from SGNHC has been received, which needs to be reviewed and refined by the RCP to make a proposal for the next Rotary Year. This is being done.
8. Interact Clubs: (i) Payment of registration fee of the Interact Club of St. Xaviers with the District has been done. (ii) Registration of the new Interact Club of Siddhi Mangal School is in progress, and (iii) the President is taking Action to confirm and remove the records of the closed Interact Club of Pragati school.
9. Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal confirmed that the planned 'Futsal' in coordination with the Rotary Club of Patan is being held on Saturday, 10 October 2026. Further details will be communicated electronically.
10. The Board noted that the Rotaract Club needs to submit detailed income & expense records for past activities such as the Blood Donation camp together with a request for any contributions to any upcoming activity. In this regard, the Youth Services Chair will be planning separate orientation sessions for the Rotaract Club and the Interact Clubs.
11. Membership: Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty proposed to consider Rtn. Ewerhard Engels from RC Tegernsee, Germany for an 'Honorary' membership of the RCP as he frequently joins the RCP's regular meetings and has been contributing significantly. Following deliberations, the Board approved Rtn. Engels' honorary membership.
12. Forthcoming activities: (i) Inter-City Meeting on 'From Catastrophe to Preparedness: Understanding the Rasuwa–Bhotekoshi Floods 2026 and Managing Himalayan Floods', hosted by RC Rajdhani with other Rotary clubs and the District ICM Committee on 4 October from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Radisson Hotel with a registration fee of Rs. 1,600 per person – Interested members are requested to participate. (ii) World Polio Day – 24 October: It was suggested for members to participate in the District events during the Polio week and to have a presentation on Polio by Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty during the RCP's regular weekly meeting.
13. A request for computers and photocopy machine received from Bal Vinod School, Naj Tole was shared. The Board noted lack of funds to support this kind of ad hoc requests.
14. Board meeting: Rtn. Sandhya Regmi will host the 3rd Board meeting on Friday, 30 October 2026, as planned.
15. On behalf of all the participants, Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal extended a 'Vote of Thanks' to the host for an excellent Board meeting and the fellowship dinner. Rtns. Bishwa B. Sharma and Prakash R. Regmi added their appreciation and comments. The host thanked everyone for their active participation and enjoyable fellowship.