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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Doscocs,

The Rose Bowl Committee of the DSOBS have decided that the President should make some observations in each issue of the Rose Bowl.

Pursuant to our Annual General Meeting held on 20th October 2001, it is my pleasure to welcome Mr. Lalit Badhwar, Mr. Jayant Sahai, Mr. Sharad Sharma and Mr. Gurmeet Singh on to the Executive Committee. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to Mr. Chit Bakshi, Mr. Ajai Singh, Mr. Samir Kuckreja and Mr. Rahul Prasad, who are retiring from the Executive Committee, for their input and support over the last many years.

I am happy to state that the funds collected in the Gujarat Earthquake Relief Account are being well utilized for putting up a 7-room school in Sarwar Village, Dhrangadhra (Gujarat). The school is expected to be ready

by end February, 2002.

Our funds collection drive for a permanent home for the DSOBS is moving ahead, but unfortunately a little slowly. We have made an action plan in our last Executive Committee and hopefully, would be able to start collecting funds for a permanent home. On the 24th of October, we had a joint meeting between the Board of Governors of the IPSS and the Executive Committee of the DSOBS. This has been a good beginning of exchanging ideas and clearing the air between the two Committees. What was unanimously agreed, was that the objectives are similar i.e. of working to continuously improve The Doon School.

We have recently started work on updating the Old Boy's register. The accuracy of information is important to ensure a meaningful document, which can be used effectively. I will request old boys, who have

not yet updated their records, to please send an e-mail to [nalin@del2.vsnl.net.in](mailto:nalin@del2.vsnl.net.in) - who will get back to you for updating your personals details. This is important.

I will request all Regional Reps and Class Reps to have some events and get-togethers soon. This will ensure interaction and communication between old boys. As you may remember, the DSOBS is among the 10 most effective Alumni Associations of the world ! However, there is always scope for improvement.

I take this opportunity to wish all old boys and their families a happy and prosperous new year and wish all of you the very best always.

With regards.

Your sincerely,  
**Ajay S. Shriram**  
President



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## OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

◆ Capt. Amarinder Singh (Ex 45-T '59) has taken over as Chief Minister of Punjab.

◆ Jyotiraditya M Scindia (Ex 632-JB '88) has been elected as Member of Parliament recently.

◆ Alok N. Sinha, (Ex 58K '72) Chairman, Alar Group of Companies received the Crown Medal of the King of Belgium from

Prime Minister of Belgium Mr. Guy Verhofstadt who is also the President of the Council of European Union. This Award has been presented to Mr. Alok Sinha, as an outstanding Indian strengthening the ties between India and Belgium in the field of Industry, Commerce and Culture. This is a rare honor given by the Government of

Belgium to a foreign national. The Presentation was performed on 23.11.01 by the Prime Minister Mr. Guy Verhofstadt at a Banquet arranged by the Ambassador of Belgium Mr. Guy Trouveroy and attended by over 500 dignitaries both from the Government of India and the Diplomatic Corps including the Delegates of the EU Conference Dr. Karan Singh, Dr. L. M. Singvi and others.

## For the Record

### CAREERS

✎ Edul Daver (Ex 230-H '60) was the proud recipient of the 2001 Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay, Distinguished Alumnus Award. Edul has been in the USA since 1966. He currently owns and operates ACuPowder International, LLC, a leading manufacturer of non-ferrous based metal powders.

✎ Vikram Seth (Ex 250-J '68) is teaching at Stanford University, California, for the Fall Quarter 2001.

✎ Gautam Mukhopadhyaya. (Ex 428-H '72) I.F.S., is Head of the Indian Liaison Office in Kabul.

### MARRIAGES & BIRTH

\* We had a baby boy on August 15, 2001 and have named him Rajveer Singh. I request you carry this in the next issue of The Rose Bowl. I am working with Rabo India Finance, an investment banking outfit, Delhi and can be reached at puneetkochar@hotmail.com Prabhleen & Puneet Singh Kochar (Ex 367-TA' 86)

✎ S. Khannan (Ex 293-H' 84) married to Bhuvaneshwari 3-12-2000 and blessed with a daughter on 11-10-2001.

### ACADEMICS

✎ Vikram Sharma (Ex 584-KB '94) is currently studying at the London

School of Economics in London. His address is Flat - 505, 159 Great Dover Street, London SE1 4 WW. Mobile No. 0797 4310321 email-sheerwithoutfear@hotmail.com

✎ Parivesh Goel (Ex 526-J '01) is studying mechanical Engineering at university of Greenwich, Medway Campus, Chatham ME4 4GW. His contact address is pariveshgoel@hotmail.com

### OBITUARY

• Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of Mr. Pavan C Sawhney (Ex 326-K '64) who passed away on 13 Jan. 2002.

## CLASS OF 41 GEARING UP FOR 2010 THE SCHOOL PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Class of 41 was 38 in number of which, at last count, 14 have left us for their own Valhallas. It has a number of firsts from the Doon School, which we list below, with some justifiable pride and a record for posterity:

- M. K. Senapati - First to become a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (UK)
- Cowas Sethna - First to join Defence R&D and was at the early stages of Rocket design
- Satish Batra and Brij Bahar Singh Marya were the First Dental Surgeons
- T. S. Brar was the first Air Marshal in the Air Force
- A.C. Puri first into the RIAF and then in to the Insurance Sector
- Lovarj Kumar was the first Rhodes Scholar from India, leave alone the

School and Secretary Petroleum, Government of India.

- Yugal Puri was the first to qualify for Jamalpur closely followed by CN Kapoor
- T.B. Nanda was the First Master General of Ordnance of the Army, Director General of Works, Chairman of the Civil engineering Division of The Institution of Engineers (India) and President, Delhi Gymkhana Club.
- V. M. Sundaram was the first President of the Computer Society of India
- Jilani Khan was Lt Gen in Pak Army, Defence Secretary and Governor of Punjab in Pakistan

This batch has the largest percentage in numbers joining the Armed Forces. It also takes pride in being the first to start the Golden Jubilee get together tradition in '91, which fact Shomie Das highlighted by introducing

us in to the Rose Bowl. He also honoured us by letting us dine on the Founder's table.

Only six of our batch attended our Diamond Jubilee celebrations, on Founders day, this October — Tilak Nanda (with wife), Yugal Raj Puri, Brij Bahar Singh Marya, Anup Chand Puri (with wife), V.M. Sundaram (with wife) and C.N. Kapoor. It was with NO small pride that we mingled with the Boys and saw the atmosphere and attitudes remaining unchanged. This year again was feted by John Mason and the red carpet spread out.

We hope to come, in 2010 to celebrate the School's Platinum 75th anniversary and deo volente, in 2016 for our Platinum Jubilee.



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## HEADMASTER SPEECH FOUNDER'S DAY 2001

### Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are privileged to welcome Mr. Amitabh Bachan to our Founder's Day celebrations. Mr. Bachchan has kindly agreed to play the main role as Chief Guest this evening. A warm welcome also to our special guest, Mr. Amar Singh, who is visiting the Doon School for the first time.

Mr. Bachchan has acted in about 100 films. In recognition of his achievements he was awarded the Padmashree in 1984 and the Padmabhushan in 2001, and has won several best actor's awards from organizations throughout the country and abroad. He was conferred with the title of Star of the Millennium by the BBC in 1999-2000, through a poll conducted on the internet, outvoting greats like Lawrence Olivier, Charlie Chaplin and Marlon Brando. He is the first Indian star to be selected by Madame Tussauds, London to display his portrait figure in wax in their world famous wax museum. Since the 3rd July 2000, he has hosted the quiz show, "Kaun Banega Crorepati", which has created history in the annals of TV as the most popular brand of infotainment. In a brief political career he was Member of Parliament from 1984 to 1987. Seen in his early roles as an angry young man he championed the weak and faint hearted, today he holds the public imagination as a friend who would lead one on to fortune. In 3 decades, he has made the transition from Protector to Provider. What remains constant is the charisma. We look forward to hearing from you in the course of the evening, Mr. Bachchan.

It is my pleasant duty to introduce to you, members of the Board of Governors of the Doon School. Mr. R.C. Bhargava, well known in public life as the former Chairman and Managing Director of Maruti Udyog, has been Chairman of our Board since 1997. His goal as Chairman has been defining the vision of the school and the provision of a robust scholarship scheme which has a present corpus of Rs. 4 crores 21 lacs.

Mr. Dhruv Sawhney, our Vice Chairman is a prominent industrialist and finds time to Chair a number of organizations one of which is the All India Chess Federation, in which he takes personal interest in the development of young champions. Mr. Lalit Nirula is our Hon. Treasurer and his magnum opus, so far, has been to design the splendid kitchen attached to the Central Dining Hall. Of course, the boys, innocent souls, know him best for his generous annual draft of Nirula's Ice cream, delivered in Founder's week. Mr. Ravi Vira Gupta, who retired as Dy. Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, has never missed a meeting since joining the Board in 1996. He is on the Board of

several other institutions and has a sensitive understanding of the needs of the School.

Air Marshal Jayal is convenor of the Project Planning and Implementation Committee. As such, his role has been to exact discipline from us lot, by keeping us within the time and budget requirements.

Dr. Prannoy Roy finds time to work for the school despite his very busy career as a Television Journalist. Mr. Karan Thapar, Television Journalist and Columnist, joined us last year on the Board and is gathering momentum in the weight of his contribution. Mr. Sunil Munjal, Industrialist, who also joined last year, contributes from a wide base of associations. (The boy in charge of the cycle maintenance squad would like to have a word with you after this, Sunil)

Prof. K.N. Pathak has joined us recently as the nominee of the Association of Indian Universities. He is the Vice Chancellor of Punjabi University and we welcome him on the Board and on his first visit to Doon School.

We received with shock and deep sorrow the news of Mr. Madhavrao Scindia's demise in a plane crash on the 30th September. Mr. Scindia's relation with the Doon School was a special one. As a member of the Board from March 1994 to October 2000 and Vice Chairman from October 1997 to October 2000, he responded to a variety of issues with pragmatic common sense and good humour. He took a personal interest in the welfare of the boys and the teaching as well as the administrative and service staff. Proud of his own school in Gwailor, he chose to send his son here. Although, he retired as a member of the Board by convention, he continued as a member of our Indian Public Schools Society. We have lost a friend.

We welcome with customary delight visiting parents, old boys and friends. Two old boys from the first batch of 1935 are here: Dr. Marya and Mr. Puri from Delhi. It gives me great pleasure particularly to greet the groups that celebrate their Jubilee years: 5 old boys from the class of '41 back here on their Diamond Jubilee, 24 members of the Class of '51 on their Golden Jubilee and 43 members of the Class of '76 on their Silver Jubilee. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my privilege to present my report for the year 2000-2001.

The year 2000 ended on a promise and challenge with the formation of the new state of Uttaranchal on the 9th November and the establishment of Dehra Dun as capital. Set against our concern of Dehra Dun losing the last vestige of its innocence was the excitement of contributing as a community to the growth and development

of the new state. The event has essentially changed the identity of the school with its political environment and sharpened our aspirations to play a constructive role in the new society of Uttaranchal.

### School Development

We are enjoying a phase of rapid infrastructural growth, made possible by the goodwill of our old boys and friends. Yesterday, we witnessed the opening of a new squash court, our fourth, though of the latest design with glass back wall and viewer's gallery. The Millennium court, as it is known, is the gift of old boy, Shraavan Kumar Swarup, (ex 113K), himself an outstanding squash player. Shraavan was present for last year's Founder's Day when he simply made the offer we couldn't refuse, and one year later with not even half a dozen e-mails passing between us, this magnificent gift to the boys of Doon has materialized. Mr. Shraavan Swarup, thank you for your generous gift. I place on record our appreciation of the efficient work of Maj. Bhatia, Shraavan's contractor, in this enterprise. For some years now we have spoken wistfully of a Sports Complex in the area near the Swimming Pool. Now we have moved into its realization through the initiative of the class of '76 who commemorate their Silver Jubilee year as alumni with a gift of two tennis courts to the School. The courts were inaugurated yesterday. They will have a synthetic surface, playable through the year and will be ready in December. Thank you, Class of '76 for your useful gift. May champions grow from here. And now I wish to announce an award of deep regard to the most tolerant, patient and long-suffering friend of the Doon School. The award goes to Mr. Rajen Kilachand, Doon School parent and philanthropist, who for nearly a decade has held on to his promise of support while we nursed the idea of a new music school. But the wait has been worth it. The result is here for all to admire and for the school to cherish. It was inaugurated by Mr. Bachehan this evening.

The Chandan Kilachand Music School, dedicated to the memory of his mother, is a gift from Mr. Rajen Kilachand to the Doon School and a tribute to the school's aesthetic sensibilities. Designed specifically for the school's programme of music, the building incorporates an auditorium, classrooms, practice rooms and a library, and is the creative product of the brilliant architect, Mr. Roopak Kothari. It was built in six months; credit is due to the doggedness of Mr. Rakesh Agarwal of Kothari Associates and the contractor, Sahni Builders, who also persuaded trees and grass to spring up overnight.

We are glad that Mr. and Mrs. Kilachand

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and their family are here today to witness the opening and would like to acknowledge their kindness to the school with our thanks.

### Sports and Activities

In a very full and successful cricket season we were delighted with a win against Roshanara Club in the match played here in March. It is our first win in 33 years. Something for the Record Book. We won the Council School's Hockey Tournament scoring a prolific 45 goals in 5 matches. We then went on to win the Hockey tournament at the Oak Grove School in Mussoorie. To encourage quality sports activity we welcomed two new Physical Education teachers, Mr. Michael James and Mr. Nitin Chauhan, on to the faculty this year. Swimming flourished and eight new records were set up in the inter House Swimming Competition.

We were pleased to encourage some of our boys to extend their sporting talent beyond the school. In Cricket Shashi Vaish has been selected to represent Allahabad district in the UP District Under 17 Championship. In Basketball Arkesh Singh Deo and Nischay Mitter are playing in the Under 16 National Championship. In Table Tennis Rajat Jain represented Uttaranchal in the 62nd National Table Tennis Championship. Karan Badhwar was declared the best shooter in the Under 18 category in the U.P. Inter District tournament and Varun Sharma has been selected to represent Uttaranchal in the National Shooting Championship. In our mountaineering expedition in May this year, we had the assistance of Col. Balwant Sandhu, Arjuna awardee, in climbing the peak Rudugaira (19, 206 feet) in the Garhwal Himalayas. Dr. Arvindanabha Skukla led the expedition assisted by masters, Mr. Pankaj Joshi and Mr. Ambikesh Shukla, and accompanied by 7 students: Pranav Chanchani, Justin Burrett, Nadir Babaycon, Umair Wani, Jayvardhan Prasher, Arjun Singh and Shashi Vaish. The highlight of this expedition: every member reached the summit.

Mountaineering is a traditional interest in the school and we are deeply grateful to the masters who have sustained interest in the activity over the years. In June there was a sentimental meeting of the present and the past when some of our contemporary mountaineers attended an exhibition held at the India International Centre, commemorating the expedition to Trishul, 50 years ago and involving masters and students of the Doon School. On this occasion a book was released entitled, "For Hills to Climb". The book is a record of mountaineering and mid term activities of the Doon School, edited by old boy Aamir Ali (ex 214K) and includes articles by Johan Martyn, Jack Gibson, Gurdial Singh and Nandu Jayal. Mr. Nalni Jayal,

who was a member of the Trishul expedition fifty years ago, is to be congratulated for orchestrating both the exhibition and the publication of the book.

We have brought the exhibition to the Doon School for you where it is presented in our newly opened exhibition hall. We would like to thank Mrs. Indira Ramesh for her help in designing and setting up the exhibition. This year, as usual, the International Award for Young People has inspired exceptional performances from boys over a wide field of competencies and the awards made were 49 Bronze, 35 Silver and 13 Gold. In the pursuit of a goal that lies just beyond his reach a boy learns to be sincere to himself. I would like to thank Mr. Derek Mountford for the interest and integrity he has invested in this character building initiative in the school.

Mrs. Zarine Chaudhari in her 2nd visit in March conducted a mime workshop for a fortnight at the end of which the boys presented two shows. The summer production in Hindi, 'Kauwa Chala Hans ki Chai' directed by Mr. Hamaad Farooqui, was staged at the Rose Bowl on the 12th and 13th of May. Habib Tanvir's Charandas Chor', in English, produced by Mr. Qezilbash and directed by Mr. Farooqui was presented over the last two days in the Rose Bowl. The Vimal Bhagat award for contribution to theatre in English for the year 2000-2001 was made to Samvit Chopra and the Superama award for contribution to Hindi theatre for the same period was made to Rohit Vats.

The School Choir and Orchestra, numbering 50 boys, directed by Mr. Gursharan Singh, presented a concert at the Nehru Centre, Mumbai on the 6th of April. A sum of Rs. 20 lacs was raised through this concert. As we were ordered by Arvind Bhandari (ex 176 K) in Mumbai not to acknowledge that he was largely responsible for the excellent arrangements, we honoured him with our silence there. But as our promise does not apply on our own turf, I would like to rejoice in the giving nature of Arvind Bhandari, his family and the old boys of Mumbai who made it possible not only for our boys to perform in Mumbai but also for us to make substantial donations to Mumbai based charities as well as set up a Rs. 5 lac school administered fund for needy children in Uttaranchal. We acknowledge the commitment shown by Mr. Gursharan Singh and his team in presenting this concert of original compositions.

Our art school was engaged in an interesting project in April when three boys and our art master, Mr. Bhowmick, spent a week in an Art Camp in Gwalior, attended by some of India's well-known artists. Their paintings were put on exhibition and sale and our artists had the satisfaction of being 'bought' and contributing the proceeds to Gujarat Relief.

The art school holds a national treasure. The painting of our first art master, Mr. Sudhir Khastgir, Holi, which has been fully restored by the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, has been on display at the art school exhibition from today.

We hosted the Regional Round Square Conference for 127 delegates from 13 schools in March on the theme, "Fullness of life for Everyone". In September the Headmaster, Dr. Madhav Saraswat and 7 student delegates represented the school at the Annual Round Square Conference at St. Philips College at the Alice Springs, Australia. The Conference was an opportunity for the school to strengthen its relationship with schools situated across the world.

In December a group, of 60 students representing 17 schools from India and abroad, worked for two weeks under the auspices of the Round Square in a coastal village near Paradip, devastated by cyclone. In an ambitious programme of activity the students succeeded in building a primary school in the village. Dr. Madhav Saraswat, assisted by Mr. Sumit Dargan, provided essential leadership in this initiative. In summer this year, while Mr. Summit Dargan and Abhinav Kshetri participated in the Round Square Project in Ladakh, Mr. Arvind Chalasani led a group of four students to a nature resource project in Scotland where they worked towards the establishment of a Wild life Reserve. Preparations have begun for the school's involvement in projects in Gujarat in December this year. This year 10 boys went on exchange to schools in Australia, New Zealand, the UK, Germany, and we received students from the UK, New Zealand and Australia. Mr. Vinay Pande spent a month on a teacher exchange programme with Milfield school, UK.

### Academics

In the ISC examination 73 students appeared and 68 were awarded Pass certificates. This was disappointing but should not discourage confidence in the faculty or the system. The school is committed to developing the full potential of every boy and gives no less importance to his intellectual growth. In our liberal system we support self-reliance as much in a physical environment as well as in the intellectual context. It is an imbibed inner strength and a boy must be capable of using his time wisely and withstanding the allure of activities and the pulls of House and peer loyalty.

Our top student, Spandan, who is now in BITS, Pilani, scored 95% and four others scored above 90%. College placements have been good with an increasing number going for professional courses, including law. In the ICSE examination 93 candidates appeared and all passed. Four boys scored above 90% with Sukant Goel topping with 92%.

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We are disturbed at the plight of boys who leave after Class X in the hope of getting into Engineering, Medical or other professional colleges after Class 12. It is our experience that many do not meet the success they desire because of the adverse conditions they face in their new learning environments. I would appeal to parents of boys appearing for the ICSE (Class X) examination to consider this problem carefully and to meet with us so that we decide the most appropriate course of action for your boy's future.

We have expanded our Careers Department to a three member body with Mr. Ajai Banerji in charge, assisted by Mr. B. Chamola and Mr. K. Ahuja. We also are fortunate to have the support of Dr. Amrita Das and Mr. Pillai from Institute for Career Studies, Lucknow, in conducting tests and career counseling sessions for boys.

This morning we opened a novel Physics Museum in the Science Block, Designed by Mr. Devendra Singh, Head of Physics and our Dean of Studies, who has worked with meticulous details for three years on its concept and execution, the museum is a practical, hands on approach to the understanding of the fundamental laws of the subject. Ladies and Gentlemen, join with me in thanking Mr. Devendra Singh for this powerfully innovative approach to learning. As we move towards better means of facilitating learning we have engaged with a software company for the

development of our own software materials in computer-aided learning.

Our Teacher's Centre has entered its 5th year of service to the school and to the teaching community in Dehra Dun district. Mrs. M. Basu gave the Centre a fine initial impetus over the last four years and on her departure in May Mrs. Anez Katre has taken over as Co-ordinator. In the last year the Centre has organized 12 workshops and seminars on varied subjects as well as sent resource persons out to run training programmes in other schools. We value the work of the Centre in creating a professional environment for the teaching community. As opportunities in the teaching profession are opening at home and abroad we have had a number of change in the staff last year. During the course of the year we bade farewell to Dr. Babul Das, Dr. S. C. Biala, Mr. A. S. B. Davidson, Mr. J. T. John, Ms. Smeeta Basu and Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Vahali. We were happy to welcome Mr. Harendra Chakhaiyar, Mr. Manu Mehrotra, Mr. Brijraj S. Rana, Mr. Manoj Pandey, Dr. Arunananda Mukherjee, Mr. and Mrs. Sanjeev Bathla, Mrs. Priya Chauhan, and Mr. John Xavier.

In August Mr. J.H.H. Lal was appointed to the position of Deputy Headmaster in a restructuring of the administration of the school.

It was the vision of the Founder, Mr. S. R.

Das, that the school would create men of quality who would influence and lead in the life of the country. Since the founding of the school this vision has become a mandate. It is an article of faith with us, on the faculty of the Doon School, that our role is to imbue every boy trusted to our charge with the awareness of his worth and his capacity for change. This is a complex process and requires a broad outlook for its transaction. We are grateful to parents of our boys who are wholly supportive of the school system.

I place on record my appreciation of the commitment of my colleagues on the teaching staff. The administration works hard to meet the aspirations of the community and the immaculate condition of the campus speaks for the devotion of our service staff. My thanks for their continuing care. I would like to thank the local Administration, the Police, the Electricity and all other Government departments who have extended their support to the school at all times.

The Board serves the school selflessly and we thank them for their diligent concern. And the boys: they are the school. After an eternity of morning PT's sleepy toys and crowded days, May they be the man the world needs.

Thank you.

## CHIEF GUEST'S SPEECH, 2001

Delivered by Shri Amitabh Bachchan, on Founder's Day, 20th October 2001 in the Rose Bowl.

Mr. Mason, Headmaster of The Doon School, members of the Governing Body and my dear friend, Amar Singhji, member of the parliament, Rajen Kilachand, who made such a generous contribution this evening, Ladies and Gentlemen and dear boys.

It is indeed kind of you to have invited me here today though I cannot think why you should have - I am hesitant to think of my worthiness of being the Chief Guest, but thank you very much for the invitation and this great honour.

As I was on my way here, I was in two minds. At one level it feels great to be back at school; it brings back happy memories of my own carefree school days at Sherwood in Nainital. It also brings back a lot of not-so-happy memories of how we as school boys received visitors who came to give us talks. I was tempted to take heed of the old aphorism that discreation is the better part of valour, and turn tail and go home. It's too late to run now, so I will take my chances and hope that you will be a kinder audience than we ever were. And don't worry, this talk is not going to be

about the boring remissions of an old public school boy, what I would like to share with you today is not my past, it is my present.

I firmly believe that there is more to schooling than just an education. To borrow a definition from Albert Einstein, education is what remains after one has forgotten everything one learnt at school. Every school is supposed to teach its students knowledge, but knowledge is limited, it is imagination that circles the world. Every school gives an education in the generic sense of the word, it is only some schools like this one where you get an education in the true sense of the word. We can forget the lessons, we can forget Ohm's Law, Hamlet's speech, but what we learn outside the classroom we do not ever forget. Many of you may not agree with me but it's the discipline of the school routine, and the values this inculcates, that last forever. This is not the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry but there is magic here and spells that will help you succeed. And the best spells as any Harry Potter reader will know are not learnt in classrooms, that's the value of a premier

education. They are to be found in the culture and ambience of an institution. Little things that early morning bell, respecting your teachers, the sportsmanship you learn on the field... it is not in your school books, but all these form the text of a chapter in the book of life. It is this chapter that you remember and draw on all your life. I draw on it even now and carry this chapter with me everyday. It is this education that keeps you from becoming just another brick in the wall.

Wise men and philosophers through the ages have disagreed on many things, but are unanimous on one point - we become what we think we are. Ralph Emerson said that a man is what he thinks about all day long. But in the words of the Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius, a man's life is what his thought make of it. I don't want to preach about appreciating the value of a premier education, so I will only endorse what Bill Gates, arguably the most famous college dropout in recent times, had to say. He said that in today's emerging information society, the critical natural resources are human intelligence, skill

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and leadership. Every region of the world has these in abundance. A generation from now, if you want to guess someone's income, the single, telling question would be, "What's your education?"

Future business opportunity will turn on educational opportunity for everyone. At this forum, I do not have to extol the virtues of tradition at The Doon School. Most of you will not only grab the future through opportunity, but rise to positions of leadership and influence in the world of business, arts and in society at large. It is understood that I am addressing a class of future leaders and decision makers, and at this juncture I will not ask you what you have learnt. Instead, I will ask you what will you teach? Think about it. While you do, here is a small parable. A soldier named Nobushike came to Hakuin, the Zen Master and asked, "Is there really a paradise and a hell?" "Who are you?" asked Hakuin. "I am a samurai", the warrior replied. "You, a soldier! What kind of a ruler would have you as a guard? Your face looks like that of a beggar!" Nobushike became so angry that he began to draw his sword. But Hakuin continued, "So you have a sword, your weapon is probably much too dull to cut off my head". As Nobushike drew his sword, Hakuin remarked, "Here open the gates of hell." At these words, the samurai perceiving the master's discipline, sheathed his sword and bowed. "And here open the gates of paradise", said Hakuin. The moral of this tale was probably to teach soldiers to keep a cool head. We look at it this way; consider the influence the master's word had on the samurai, showing the samurai the road to paradise and not to hell, taching him to sheath his sword and not to strike. Every leader and decision maker- or even a parent- has similar influence. Your thinking, your ideologies, your values and your beliefs get disseminated among the people under you. Your thoughts are imbibed by your juniors, your children and all those who hold you up as an example.

Years ago, a Johns Hopkins professor gave a group of graduate students an assignment go to the slums, take two hundred boys between the ages of twelve and sixteen, investigate their background and environment, then predict their chances for the future. The students, after consulting social statistics, talking to the boys and compiling much data, concluded that ninety percent of the boys would spend some time in jail. Twenty five years later, another group of graduate students were given the job of testing the prediction. They went back to the same place, some of the boys (by then men), were still there. Some had died, some had moved away, but they got in touch with a hundred and eighty of the original two hundred. They found that only four of the group had ever been sent to jail. Why was it that these men, who had lived in a breeding place of crime, had such a surprisingly good record? The researchers were continually told that there was a teacher. They pressed further and

found that in seventy five percent of the cases, it was the same woman. The researchers went to this teacher, now living in a home for retired people. How had she exerted this remarkable influence over that group of children? Could she give a reason why this group of boys should remember her? "No", she said. "No, I really couldn't." Then, thinking back over the years, she said musingly, more to herself than to her questioners, "I loved those boys!"

So again I ask, what will you teach? Socrates, the great Greek philosopher said, "You are not only good yourself, you are the cause of good in others." Remember that when you get where you are going, be certain that what you teach is in the larger good of the country and humanity. You have, today, the opportunity to imbibe the best values and education. Be sure to impart the best to others. You are our future generation, you will judge us by what we teach you but remember, history will judge you by the legacy you leave for your future generation. And they will judge as harshly and as justly as you do today. Don't undermine your worth by camparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special. Don't set your goals by what other people deem important ; only you know what is best for you. Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as you would for your life, for without them life is meaningless. Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past, or for the future. By living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life. Don't give up when you have something to give ; nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying. Don't be afraid to admit that you are less than perfect. It is this fragile thread that binds us to each other. Don't be afraid to encounter risks, it is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave. Don't shut love out of your life by saying it is impossible to find. The quickest way to receive love is to give love. The fastest way to lose love is to hold it too tightly. And the best way to keep love is to give it wings. Don't dismiss your dreams; to be without dreams is to be without hope. To be without hope is to be without purpose. Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you've been, but also where you are going. Life is not a race but a journey to be savoured each step of the way. So watch your thoughts, they become words. Watch your words, they become actions. Watch your actions, they become habits. Watch your habits they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny...

All this, however, is still some way away; it is for when you get out into the wide, wicked world. Gather your rose buds while you may, and make the most of your school days. Don't worry about the future right now, it comes soon enough.

I know most of you think that school is an ogre and life couldn't get worse, but believe me, it does. Pressures, work,

responsibility and all those grown-up things are not within the boundaries of these grounds. Lift your face to the sun, breathe the fragrance of a carefree breeze, and enjoy yourselves. Take my word for it: these are the happiest days of your life.

I would like to conclude today with a Rudyard Kipling poem, a perennial favorite of mine:

*If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you,*

*If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you, but make allowance for their doubting too,*

*If you can wait and not to be tired by waiting, or being lied about, don't deal in lies;*

*Or being hated, don't give way to hating, and yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:*

*If you can dream- and not make dreams your master;*

*If you can think- and not make thoughts your aim;*

*If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat those two impostors just the same;*

*If you can bear to hear the truth you have spoken twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,*

*Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken, and stoop and build'em up with worn-out tools:*

*If you can make one heap of all your winnings and risk it on one turn of pitch-and-loss,*

*And lose, and start again at your beginnings and never breathe a word about your loss;*

*If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew to serve your turn long after they are gone,*

*And so hold on when there is nothing in you except the will which says to them: "Hold on!"*

*If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, or walk with Kings- nor lose the common touch,*

*If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,*

*If all men count with you, but none too much;*

*If you can fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds' worth of distance run.*

*Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it, and- which is more- you'll be a Man, my son:*

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for having me here this evening.

It has been a great honour.

Thank you.

*Best Compliments from :*

**Dr. J. J. N. Masani**

(Ex 6-J '64)



## CLASS OF '54 - "GET TOGETHER"

It all started with Pete Jasdan (Ex 162-H) sending a circular e-mail to all his classmates inquiring about their well being and asking for news in Nov. 2000.

It looked like a great way to start and plan a "Get together" for all whom we had not met or seen for along long time. Letters, e-mail etc. were sent buzzing around and finally 22 persons responded out of 30. It was great to hear from all and their enthusiasm to join the reunion particularly those residing overseas. A dinner was finally planned for 17 Oct. 2001, at RAJ BIR SINGH's (Ex 4-H) residence at New Delhi. Finally 7 persons showed up with their wives. This was disappointing. Nevertheless for those who could not make it either for good reasons

or otherwise, you missed a great occasion and all the stories that went with it!! I only hope the wives had a good time as they were left very much to themselves. Most of them were meeting for the first time.

Keep in touch now that we have our latest locations/addresses. DON'T FORGET 2004. Hope to meet you before then. Those who responded to the invitation were:-

1. Mr. Shamsunder Aggarwal (Ex 53-K)
2. Mr. Arijit Chaudhuri (Ex 206-J)
3. Mr. Umang Kumar (Ex 188-J)
4. Mr. Ravindra Mahto (Ex 21-H)
5. Mr Madan Mohan (Ex 243-K)
6. Mr Prabir Banerji (Ex 74-T)
7. Raja Yogendra Chandra (Ex 313-J)

8. Mr. Padmanabha Gopinath (Ex154-H)
9. Mr. Sajid Husain Kidwai (Ex 263-H)
10. Mr. Ashok S Malik (Ex 230-H)
11. Mr. Arshad Rashid (Ex 233-K)
12. Mr. Santosh Reddy (Ex 19-T)
13. Mr. Satish Shrinagesh (Ex 270-H)
14. Mr. Bahadur Singh (Ex 187-J)
15. Mr. Surendra Nath (Sunny) Singh (Ex 24-K)
16. Mr. Daljit (Tony) Singh (Ex 78-H)
17. Maharao Shri Pragmulji Sawai Bahadur of Kutch (Prithviraj) (Ex 155J)
18. Mr. Abhay Singh (Ex 118-T)
19. Mr. Rajkumar Pratap Singh (Ex 162 H)
20. Brig. Brahmanand Singh (Retd.) (Ex 76-T)
21. Mr. Pesi A C Wadia (Ex 116-K)
22. Dr. Nakul Chandra (Ex 265-H)



L to R : Umang, Abhay, Prabir, Bahadur, Ashok Malik, RajBir and Sunny Singh



With Wives

## JAIPUR - "GET TOGETHER"

You would be pleased to know that a DSOBS dinner was organised on the 31st October, 2001 at Hotel Clarks Amer, Jaipur. Mr. R.C. Bhargava, Chairman Doon School Board (Batch of '48), H.H. Brig. Bhawani Singh MVC (Batch of '42), Mr.N.N. Atal (Batch

of '44), Brig. Ambika Bhargava (Batch of '51), Mr. Bahadur Singh (Batch of '54), Mr Birendra Rajpal (Batch of '55), Th. Shivraj Singh (Batch of '49), Dr.



Avinash Bishnoi (Batch of '70), Mr.Indrajit Singh (Batch of '81), Mr Jitendra Pal Singh (Batch of '60), Mr. Rajeeva Swarup (Batch of '76), Mr. Ashish Bahuguna (Batch of '70) were also present on the evening. Rajmata Gayatri Devi also graced the occasion by her presence.

**Apurv Kumar**

(Ex 573-0A '94)



## SILVER JUBILEE – THE CLASS OF 1976

Sometime in the month of November 1999 in a dinner party at a Sanjeev Juneja's (ex 206-KA) house, guests being mostly Doscos and their wives, there was a hot discussion ensuing about the forthcoming Silver Jubilee of our batch in October 2001. There were concerns

Jubilee fever by February 2001. Anupam Swarup (ex 22-HA) was the first to send a cheque towards the fund followed closely by Hari Dar (ex 408-HB) who boosted our morale by making a generous contribution to the SJ Fund. It was a pleasure to see funds flowing in,

got set; all-weather Tennis Courts don't come cheap!

The gift to school having been decided, we were quite unsure about what would we really do on the Big Day - a dinner, maybe some dancing and booze, a sure formula for success in most Dosco parties. But this was a special occasion and how would we make it really special and different! Who should we call upon to dedicate the Courts to school; preferably someone we all loved and cherished in our memories? What mementos will be given to commemorate the Silver Jubilee? What gifts should we give to the Masters we invite to the function? How many of us would come and what type of food should be served. Should the caterer be specially flown in from Delhi or would the Dehra Dun caterers do? Dosco wives and Dosco children too needed special attention. Would they get bored while we partied into the night? So many questions had to be answered and so little time was at



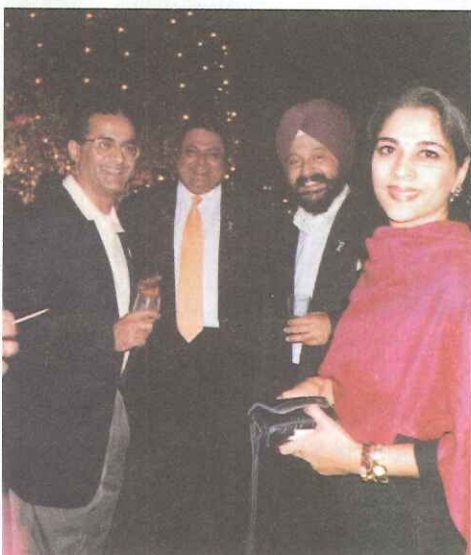
Kunal Verma (ex-182 HB), Nakul Bubna (ex-416 HB), Mr. Sheel 'Bond' Vohra & Vipin Malhotra (ex-157 HB).

about upholding the traditions set by the Class of 1966 - giving a gift to school and hosting a grand feast during the Founders Day celebrations. Some of us were quite sure that finally after 10 years this batch would break the tradition and fail to assimilate sizeable funds to do anything substantial; what with just about a dozen OBs in touch. Some others were thinking about ways of getting the entire batch of 82 surviving old boys together, collecting funds and preparing for the grand event.

The level of enthusiasm grew in inverse proportion to the shrinking time frame and we all were definitely struck by the Silver



Arvind Nigam (ex-503 JB), Rajiv Dey (ex-490 JB), Sanjiv 'Jo Joshi' (ex-519 JA), Sushant 'DaddyO' Goyal (ex-487 JB).



Dhruv Khanna (ex-150 HB), Vipin Malhotra (ex-157 HB), Jaspreet 'Hardout' Singh (ex-325 TA) and Amina Singh

meetings being convened and get-togethers being organized. With some effort more than 60 email addresses were put together and finally that many batchmates were talking to each other. The US chapter was very active with Dhruv Khanna (ex 150-HB) and Vineet Kohli (ex 380-TA) taking the lead. A lot of thought and debate went into the gift. Lots of options were put forth. It was somewhere during Vijit Ramchandani's (ex 225-JA) last visit in January 2001 he gave us the idea of all-weather Tennis Courts. This option was appreciated by most and after the Headmaster gave his nod we went full steam ahead in achieving the ambitious collection target that had

hand. Everybody chipped in. Janardhan Kapur (ex 170-HB) was sailing in the Pacific from where he sent us various drawings of Lapel Pins that were designed in Silver and given to batchmates during the celebrations. Aseem Tiwari (ex 520-KB) selected an appropriate book as a gift for the Masters. Fatty, Vipin Malhotra's (ex 150-HB) idea of having Silver Photoframes with names of all batchmates etched on them as mementos was a grand success. Not to be outdone, even Dosco wives participated actively and Rachna, wife of Anupam Swarup, reminded us about something special for all the Dosco children. The mothers couldn't stop

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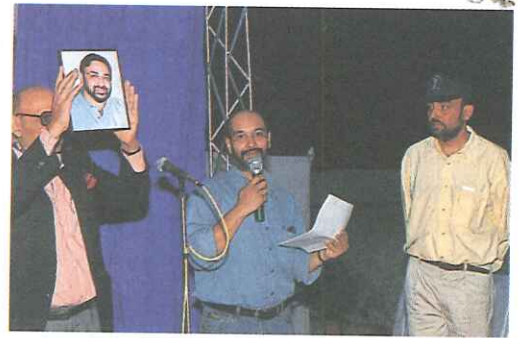


thanking us for taking care of their kids while they danced into the wee hours. More and more batchmates came forward and took on various responsibilities. Obviously the Dehra Dun chapter had a mammoth task at hand. The catering, decorations, tents, photography were all to be organized locally. Sushant Goyal (ex 487-JB) known to all as Daddy'O played the Big Daddy and had everything organized with help from Jo, Sanjeev Joshi (ex 519-JA). Neeraj Sardana (ex 67-TB) took care of photography. As the days drew closer Kamal Kumar (ex 26-KA) organized a bash for the batchmates on his beautiful farmhouse. Jaiwant Bery (ex 49-TA) called the Delhi batchmates to his house. Arvind Nigam (ex 503-JB) threw open his spacious bungalow to us

in September. Jaspreet Singh (ex 285-TA) had a dinner and dance at his farmhouse just the night before our departure to Dehra Dun.

Finally came the day that we had all looked forward to. None other than our dear Mr. Gurdial Singh did the all-weather Tennis Court inauguration. Entertainment on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> was provided by Rhythm-to-Soul by way of Black Slade, a popular band doing the rounds in Delhi's 5 stars, a famous DJ Amit Joon and a budding MC Preeti in a Silver Gown. Oh yes, not to mention the famous Belle Dancers flown specially from the Middle-East who performed for a select gathering on 20<sup>th</sup> at Ajay Nayyar's (ex 362-TB) garden on way to Mussorie. The Silver Jubilee celebrations turned out better

than expected and we all had a grand time. Finally we had 49 batchmates joining in the celebrations along with their wives and children. I think I shall let the pictures do the speaking.



Mr. Gurdial Singh with Rumpy's (ex-225 JA) snap, Anupam 'Hotty' Swarup (ex-22 HA), Aseem Tiwari (ex-520 KB)



Chandrika and Valli with M.Ct. P. Chidambaram 'Chidu' (ex-135 HA), Dr. Rajiv Khullar (ex-493 KB), Jaspreet Singh (ex-2) Yajur Tiwari, Jaiwant Bery (ex-49 TB), Dhruv Khanna (ex-150 HB), Pushy Singh (ex-190 JA), Duggal and Anil Jalan (ex-3)



Deepak Mansukhani (ex-174 TA), Harshul Sondhi (ex-161 KB), Amit Kothival (ex-11 HA), Jaiwant Bery (ex-49 TB), Alok Singh (ex-456 HA), Nawal 'Tweedy' Kapur (ex-66 TB) and Son Mannat, Ajay Sondhi (ex-384 TA), Kunal Verma (ex-182 HB)



Sitting (L to R) Jaspreet Singh, Anupam Swarup, Harshul Sondhi, Rajiv Dey, Aseem Tiwari, Suhant Goyal, Kamal Poddar, A. B. Singh, Nawal Kapur, PS Lamba, Rajeeva Swarup, Jaiwant Bery, Ajay Nayar, Pushy Singh, Mathu, Suhel Hasan, Jo, Amit Kothival, Sanjeev Sethi, Rajeev Khullar, Neeraj Sardana, Chidu, Jagatbir Singh, Nakul Bubna, Ajay Sondhi.

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## HILLS TO CLIMB Boys and Mountaineering

by : Hafizur Rahman from Pakistan the Dawn, 05-09-2001

This piece is about school boys and mountaineering, which, you will agree, is not a very common subject. For that reason, for being so uncommon, it needs a preface of sorts in which the Doon School of Dehra Dun (India) has pride of place, and so, in a way has my friend Gurdial Singh.

Gurdial and I were at Aligarh Muslim University in the early forties. He was doing his masters in geography while I was trying to become an engineer-against my will but pursuant to the will of my engineer father. I mentioned Gurdial in this column last year in connection with the book I had sent him on the horrors of the two-way 1947 migration, published in Islamabad and aptly titled, "Partition : Surgery Without Anaesthesia." He lives in Chandigarh.

Gurdial joined Doon School in 1945 as assistant master and retired in 1979 as deputy headmaster. I think he had applied for the post as soon as his M.A. result was out. At the school he became an avid mountaineer since Dehra Dun, lying at the foothills of the Himalayas, offers excellent opportunities as a take-off point, and the school had earned the distinction of being the nursery of mountaineering buffs. He came to be known as Guru in the school, though at Aligarh we used to call him Gordial (to rhyme with cordial).

Gurdial achieved fame when, in 1951, with three companions, he succeeded in climbing Trisul (23,360 feet), the first Indian to do so. It has been said about the feat, "When Gurdial Singh climbed Trisul the age of mountaineering for India began." The historic achievement was duly acknowledged with awards, including the national Padma Shree.

Most of what I know about the subject of schoolboys and mountain-climbing is gleaned from "For Hills to Climb", a beautiful 432-page book published by the Doon School Old Boy's Society, about their alma mater's unrelenting promotion of this fascinating sport. It is edited by Aamir Ali who studied at the school. in 1938-39 and was a master there in 1944-46, and later pursued a professional career in the International Labour Office in Geneva.

The sixty write-ups, articles, memories, narratives and pen-pictures of mountaineering stalwarts have been painstakingly collected from numerous sources, with Gurdial assisting the editor. The Doon School is involved in all of them

in one way or another, and the book reflects in a splendid manner "the philosophy, poetry and affinity with nature of a sport fostered by the school".

Many well-known personalities of Pakistan were students of Doon School before Partition. I can think of only two at the moment: Miangul Aurangzeb of Swat who has been member of the National Assembly a number of times, and the late Lieut. General Ghulam Jilani Khan who, as Governor of Punjab, transformed Lahore into a city of gardens.

I must tell you that General Jilani and some others were inspired by the Doon School to establish the magnificent Chandbagh school on the same Lines a few miles outside Lahore. The book I have been talking about discloses that the Headmaster of Doon School was invited as adviser for the project, so much were the Pakistani old boys of that school impressed by its working, its organization and the traditions set up by it. I do not know if Chandbagh's inspiration from Doon School also includes a penchant for serious mountain climbing.

And with that I come to the why and wherefore of narrating so much about Doon School much about Gurdial. The book has made me wonder how many of our public schools, other high schools and our colleges have done anything to instill in their students a love for mountain climbing, even though some of them are located at a proverbial stone's throw from the Karakorams.

I have no information on this point, though I do know that the Adventure Foundation of Pakistan, started about a decade ago by retired Brigadier Jan Nadir Khan in Islamabad, has done solid pioneering work in this behalf. The foundation invites schools to become its members and draws up a year long schedule of trekking and mountaineering for groups, making all the arrangements regarding logistics, guides, servants, etc. These groups do not go to heights where mountaineering becomes a dangerous sport, limiting themselves to 16,000 or 17,000 feet.

I am told that some years ago the Doon School invited a group of Pakistani youngsters through the Adventure Foundation, as also boys from Bangladesh and Nepal, for a short stay there related to mountaineering. Our boys are said to have

come back with glowing reports about their reception and what they did there. This means, happily, that there is already communication, between. Doon School and youthful Pakistani mountaineers.

Apart from the initiative taken by the Adventure Foundation, I wonder if anyone in the government has ever thought of following in its footsteps. Government leaders are forever haranguing young people to do something useful and not waste their time in idle pursuits, but they are never seen making positive suggestions and showing the way. There is a Youth Affairs Division as part of a federal ministry. It's about time it paid attention to this aspect of youth affairs.

The Doon School Society book says. "Mountaineering is not just a physical exercise; it is also an exercise of the mind and the spirit. It calls for a sense of reverence for the mountains, a sense of communion with nature. The soul of man is lifted up, a wider, nobler horizon is offered to his view. The whole environment trees and forests, rivers and lakes, plants and flowers, birds and animals — demands a kinship with nature."

Once I exhorted young people in this column to go north during their holidays and see the real Pakistan instead of whizzing around junk food centres in motor cars with mobile phones glued to their cars. My words may not have left an impact on their minds, but I invite them to ponder the phrases from which the title of the Doon School book is taken. They are from one of the prayers recited by the boys in the morning assembly: "Creator of life and light... We thank thee for physical joy, for the ecstasy of swift motion, for deep water to swim in... for hills to climb, and hard work to do."

### LETTER RECEIVED FROM ROY AND MARY ROSE GREENWOOD, MALLORCA, SPAIN

Thank you very much indeed for including us on your mailing list. Since our thirteen day visit to India we feel more integrated with your country again.

I think we met at the dinner that followed the presentation of Trisul by the three 70 plus survivors. You introduced us to your wife and son... And suggested then that we might be included on the Doon School Old Boys Society distribution.

For me to visit the Doon School after 50



years and again in June enjoying the hospitality of John Mason and his wife has been an added pleasure to our visit.

I tried to e mail and telephone Nalini Jayal prior to the recent Speech Day but couldn't get through. I'm sure it was a further highlight of the school's year.

The articles "For Hills to Climb" and the "Spirit of the Hills" gave us joy to read. It is good to have a well written record-and photographs-of a 'Pensioner summit' of our lives.

The Headmaster kindly gave us a copy of "The Doon School Sixty Years On" This is a weighty volume. I've read it through. It left me with one regret. The regret I wasn't a pupil!

Living in a quiet, peaceful part of this

Island, with our garden full of bloom, the sky vivid blue-we are brought closer to the writhing of the world by the BBC news, newspapers and TV news. It is hard to see where these troubles lead, so much is being disturbed. We feel greatly distressed by the upheavals of people becoming refugees and the form of new bombing practise.

We also greatly regret the flare up in Kashmir. But you know all this.

**LETTER RECEIVED FROM BILL AITKEN, MUSSOORIE (EMINENT HIMALAYAN TRAVELLER AND AUTHOR OF SEVERAL BOOKS)**

'For Hills to Climb' was delivered a hour ago and I am enthralled by the sheer outstanding quality of its contents and production.

Every detail is sensitively wrought from the immaculate tones of the jacket to JAKM's scintillating end-paper sketch.

What a labour of love this winged child of the Himalaya represents. And what a compliment to the teachers of the Doon School to have produced such a garland of pupils alive to the wonders of a world we need only lift our eyes to behold.

A publication that deserves the occasion of a millennium.

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## A. P. GET TOGETHER

### DSOBS MEET IN SECUNDERABAD

Our regional rep, Saam Chinoy, had a brain wave, and a Dosco meeting was held on the expansive front lawn of the Secunderabad Club on 25 January 2002. The following were present : Aminuddin and Selma Khan, Ranthi and Meera Rao, Jagadish and Neela Reddy, Homi Parekh, Vikram and Jyothi Rao, Saam and Ashish Chinoy, Vijit and Jasmin Pillai, Vikram Bery and his mother, Mrs. Meena Bery, Deepak and Prethi Dayal, Pradeep Sen, Janajit and Rippu Ray. Balbir and Malavika Saluja made a late night entrance when the party had just begun to break up.

The move to a new venue was a good idea. The Club had organised a Republic Day dinner-dance. Almost everything in sight was twinkling with fairy lights, there was a nip in the late January air, and a hugely popular local band played a medley of nostalgic tunes. We had a long table of 20 to ourselves, conveniently close to the bar. It would be wrong to say that liquor flowed freely. Let us say that it was nice to have libation close at hand, after the long and dreary drought of the prohibition era.

The truly beautiful thing about our Dosco meets is that everybody knows everybody else. It is one big family do. (Mr Gurdial Singh of Chandigarh will vouch for that.) The newcomer is never a newcomer for very long. Hyderabaditehzeeb will not allow it. He is drawn into the fold before he can say, "Skinner's". As always, we talked and laughed and jokeri and also danced - the wives as much a part of the camaraderie as us, who were once at the Doon School. This reflects the local acculturation. I have been to meetings where more wives were present than OBs.

Dinner was served in a fenced enclosure, with an uncanny

resemblance to the rings at race courses where horses are led around while jockeys weigh in. But we had two ex-Presidents of the Secunderabad Club at our table-Jagadish and Vikram. It certainly helps to be seated with the mighty. Two more worthies need to be mentioned at this juncture: Janajit is in Hyderabad as Principal of Oakridge School, one of Shomie Das's creations, and Deepak is Post Master General of Andhra Pradesh. I assured my wife that having met the latter, she would never again have trouble buying postage stamps in the denominations of her choice.

Astaad and Feroza Chinoy, Saam's parents, were unable to come. Another notable absentee was Santosh Reddy and, with him, Asha. The former School Captain always adds Cantabrigian glitter to our meetings.

Nobody yet knows where the next conclave will be. But with Saam very much in the creative mode, we might end up under the battlements of the fort of Golconda, where Vikram Rao is planning to lay out a 150 acre golf course.

**Aminuddin Khan**  
(Ex 22K '48)

### GOLF DOON Vs MAYO (7-10-01)

The morning of 7th October 6.00 am saw 3 Dosco's and 4 Mayo' ites at the Golf course. The Dosco's drinking coffee and the others practising. The sky was overcast and about five minutes after tee-off it started raining. We played the first 3 holes in rain and decided to have breakfast while waiting for the rain to stop, which was coming down in buckets by now. The three who played were Jagdish Reddy, Pradeep Sen and Saam

Chinoy. Vikramdev Rao unfortunately had to drop out due to unavoidable circumstances. The four Mayo' ites were Jaspal Singh their Regional Rep., Sanjay Khanna, Capt. Sunil Lamba and Dr. Lahiri. I must cheer the sporting spirit of the Mayo Golfers for changing the format of play from match play to stableford with their best 3 scores to count. Playing in the conditions we did the scores were not very good but enjoyable in good company and at the end of it all when we totaled the scores the Dosco's won the first of the Doon - Mayo Golf.

The evening dinner was at the continental Club. In spite of the rain we had a good turnout and the evening was a succes, so much that we decided to hold a rematch in golf and tennis followed by dinner in the month of February/March 2002. Any old boys planning a visit to Hyderabad will be more than welcome to joining us for the evening. The following old boys along with their better halves were there for dinner.

#### DOSCOS

Mr. & Mrs. J. Ranthi Dev Rao, Mr. J. Vikramdev Rao, Mr. Vijit Pillai, Mr. & Mrs. P. Anirudh Reddy, Mr. P. Jagdish Reddy, Mr. Pradeep Sen, Mr. & Mrs. Deepak Narayan Dayal, Mr. & Mrs. Ajit Swanni Mr. & Mrs. Balbir Saluja, Mr. Gautam Mediretta, Mr. Homi Parakh and Mr. & Mrs. Saam Chinoy.

#### MAYO' ITES

Mr. Jaspal Singh, Mr. Lokendra Sharma, Mr. & Mrs. Sanjeev Seth, Mr. Sanjay Khanna, Mr. & Mrs. Raja Jain, Mr. Anwar Ali Khan, Mr. Lalith Sharma, Capt. & Mrs. Sunil Lamba, Dr. & Mrs. Lahiri.

**Saam A. Chinoy**  
(Ex 205-JA '71)



# MINUTES OF THE 62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DOON SCHOOL OLD BOYS' SOCIETY

Held in The Doon School Auditorium at 12.00 Noon on Sunday 21st October, 2001

PRESENT: The Vice President, Hony. Secretary, Asst. Secretary, Chandbagh Representative, and 134 members. The Meeting was called to order.

I. The Vice President, Mr. Nitán Kapoor took the chair and informed the House that due to a severe back problem, the President could not attend the Meeting and apologized for his absence. He further welcomed all member old boys present at the Meeting. Thereafter he requested each member to introduce himself.

II. A condolence resolution was passed and a moment's silence was observed on the sad demise of the following Members:

1. Mr. Mani Modayil Philip (Ex 199-J) Class of 1942
2. Mr. M. Ramchander Rao (Ex 157-T) Class of 1943
3. Mr. Virendra Singh (Ex 142-K) Class of 1946
4. Mr. Baney Singh (Ex 140-J) Class of 1949
5. Bhanwar Inder Singh (Ex 037-J) Class of 1952
6. Mr. Bhupat Sinhji (Ex 153-J) Class of 1954
7. Mr. Keshab Naran Chowdhury (Ex 144-K) Class of 1955
8. Mr. Ashok Khubchand (Ex 316-J) Class of 1956
9. Maj. Pradeep Kumar Mehra (Ex 077-K) Class of 1956
10. Mr. Gajbir Singh (Ex 241-J) Class of 1959
11. Mr. Kiranjit Singh Paintal (Ex 284-H) Class of 1960
12. Mr. Pranav Pratap Singh (Ex 329-J) Class of 1960
13. Mr. Pushpinder Singh (Ex 108-K) Class of 1960
14. Mr. Kalyan S. (Shinu) Raman (Ex 237-H) Class of 1963
15. Mr. Nirbhay Paul (Ex 369-T) Class of 1964
16. Mr. Virender Singh Sikand (Ex 372-T) Class of 1965
17. Mr. Ajai Lal (Berkhney) (Ex 119-J) Class of 1967
18. Mr. Umak Singh Kullar (Ex 120-H) Class of 1972
19. Mr. Vijit Ramchandani (Ex 225-J) Class of 1976

III. The Minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting which had been circulated to all concerned, were duly confirmed and unanimously approved (Proposed by Mr. Subir Singh (Ex 418-J) and seconded by Mr. Shaukat Sikand (Ex 718-HB) respectively). However, Mr. Gulab

Ramchandani (Ex 225-T) raised the following :-

- a) "Discussion of Matters arising out of the Minutes" not indicated as an Item of the Agenda.
- b) Outcome of the Report on environmental Conservation Project submitted by Mr. Mahendra Pant (Ex 383-T).
- c) Outcome of the Suggestion given by Mr. Pashupati K Advani (Ex 220-J) to have Executive Committee meetings outside Delhi also.
- d) Outcome of the Suggestion given by Mr. Avinash Bishnoi (Ex 215-H) that the admission to The Doon School quota for Old Boy's children be increased to 50%.

The Vice President informed :

- (a) This was an error and this item will be included as a point in the Agenda for the future Annual General Meetings.
- (b) The Project relating to Environment (amounting to Rs. 14,18,000/-) was discussed in detail at the Executive Committee Meeting held on 15 Dec. 2000. Since the Society was not in a position to be involved directly, the President had sought for sponsors for this Project through the Rose Bowl.
- (c) This suggestion was discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting. Since the Society was not in a position to bear the expenses on traveling etc. of Executive Committee Members, for attending the Meetings outside Delhi, this plan was dropped for the time being.
- (d) As far as the admissions were concerned, the current position is that :-
  - I. in written test, if OBs' children get 45 out of 100, they are called for interviews
  - II. in the interview, if they get 20 out of 30, they get admission.

Totaling the 2, if they get minimum 65 out of 130 or 50%, they get admission.

IV. Annual Report by the President :

The Vice President, Mr. Nitán Kapoor read out the Annual Report as prepared by the President, Mr. Ajay S. Shriram.

"The past year has been an eventful and busy year for the Society. I would like to summarize the various activities undertaken by the Society :

1. Gujarat Earthquake Relief Fund :

January 26, 2001 saw the worst earthquake in independent India, which claimed over 20,000 lives and rendered over 2,50,000 homeless. At this time of National calamity, the DSOBS, like every right-minded individual, endeavored to step beyond just expressing sorrow and

solidarity, and decided to raise funds to help ease the suffering of the affected people.

For the immediate help to the earthquake affected people in Gujarat, DSOBS sent Tents worth Rs. 80,500/-. We had received this donation from the UK Old Boys.

Subsequently, an "Appeal Letter" was sent out from the DSOBS to all old boys to donate generously for the earthquake victims so that the Society could collect a respectable amount and do some meaningful work. The response to the Appeal was good. In addition Vikram (Gulu) Srivastava (Ex 345-J Class of 1970) came forward with an innovative suggestion to raise funds by holding a painting exhibition-cum sale and publishing a souvenir for the occasion. Vikram arranged a 2 weeks long camp at Gwalior to which he invited some of the best artists in the country, to stay and paint for this exhibition. Needless to say, major expenses were incurred by Gulu. 41 artists of repute donated their paintings for the worthy cause. A preview of these was held at the Kamal Mahal, Maurya Sheraton Hotel, New Delhi on 28 April 2001 followed by an art exhibition-cum-sale at The India Habitat Centre from 29 April to 5th May 2001. The response was overwhelming and a large number of people were present on both the occasions. The exhibition at the India Habitat Centre was inaugurated by Ustad Amjad Ali Khan (Padma Vibhushan) followed by a short vocal recital by Zillaji (daughter of Ustad Vilayat Hussain Khan).

A lot of hard work went into organizing this exhibition, and considering the time in hand of approximately 2 weeks, after the art camp, the task was stupendous. Vikram took this on as his personal project and the show was a thundering success! Our thanks to him and to all the patrons who visited the exhibition and supported this very worthy cause. At the end, the society collected approximately Rs. 10.0 lacs. This will be used to provide facilities in the field of education.

All the money has been sent to a Trust run by Mr. Siddhrajsinhji of Dhrangadra (Ex 179-J Class 1966) called Jhalama Unnati Astha, Gujarat, who had agreed to construct a Primary School Building at Sarwar Village. Lay out plans and some of the photographs have been displayed here which we had received from the Trust. The School will consist of 7 classrooms of 18' x 22' each along with a verandah and a kitchen.

2. Publication of the illustrated book "For Hills to Climb"

An exhibition commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the "Ascent" of Trisul Peak in 1951, was held in June 2001 at India International Centre, New Delhi along with release of the Book "For Hills to Climb". This exhibition was extended to The Doon School also during the Founders' Day



celebrations.

This is a special event for the DSOBS as climbing "Trisul" in 1951 by an Indian expedition, marks the advent of "Mountaineering" in India. As you all probably know the team consisted of Mr. Gurdial Singh, Mr. Roy Greenwood, Mr. Nalni Jayal and Mr. Surrender Lal (Bandy) of the four, three were from The Doon School- Gurdial Singh, Asst Master, while Nalni Jayal and bandy were former students.

The Book "For Hills to Climb" is published by The Doon School Old Boys' Society and edited by Aamir Ali who was at The Doon School from 1938-39, and then taught at The Doon School from 1944-46. The Book is dedicated to Nandu Jayal, "A man who matched the mountains".

The cost of the Book is Rs. 500/- and is available at The Doon School and at the DSOBS, Delhi.

3. This year, Shri Shrawan Swarup (Ex 113K class of 52) has kindly donated a world-class Squash court to The Doon School. This has been set-up at a cost of Rs. 12 lacs and will help to augment the squash facility.

4. On 6th of April this year, the old boys of Mumbai, under the enthusiastic initiatives of Arvind Bhandari, (Ex 176K, class of 64) arranged a concert of The Doon School Music Orchestra. This had an overwhelming response and Rs. 9.5 lacs was donated to various charitable foundations.

5. The Bursary Sub Committee is chaired by Chudamani Ratnam. This year DSOBS got 12 names from the Doon School and 2 names from the DSOBS making a total of 14 applicants for the DSOBS Bursary. Bursary Sub-Committee has awarded bursary to those applicants who were either not getting any help or getting less aid from the School. Accordingly, DSOBS gave bursary to 7 applicants ranging from Rs. 12,000/- to Rs 25,000/- per annum. In addition DSOBS continued giving financial aid to the children of Late Dilip Lal and Bursary to six students of Salangaon Primary School (John Martyn Memorial Trust School). The total Bursary disbursed was Rs.1,76,000.00.

6. The Rose Bowl Sub-Committee is chaired by Samir Kuckreja who has done an excellent job in producing this quality publication. This year we have published 2 issues of the Rose Bowl. A third issue is due later this year. The Society would appreciate the help of Old Boys help fund the publication through strip advertisements, as the Rose Bowl is given free to all members. Proposals have been received to include "Seniors Column", "Overseas Column" etc. in the Rose Bowl so as to give it a wider perspective.

7. The Sports Sub-committee chaired by Chitrnanjan Bakhshi, did well again this year by organizing the 4th Inter House golf tournament at Golden Greens Golf & country club, Gurgaon followed by a Gala Dinner at Maurya Sheraton Hotel. Approx. 150 Old boys participated in the tournament and the winner of net prize was

Rajeev Khanna (Ex 126J, class of 1971) and of gross prize was Ranjit Nanda (Ex 377TA, class of 1974). The House prize was won by Jaipur House. Raghav Malik and Yadav Rai helped to organize The Gurdge 2001 - a cricket tournament between the alumni of Mayo College Ajmer, The Lawrence School Sanawar and The Doon School in which the Mayo College emerged victorious.

8. The **Archives Project**, donated by the class of 75, is chaired by Ajay K. Swarup and assisted by Gautam Thadani, both representing the Class of 1975. This is a very exciting project. The purpose of this project is to identify, sort and scientifically archive documents, photographs and records of the school and of all the old boys. A project is under study which would enable access to these archives through the Internet.

9. The **Credit Card Sub Committee** is chaired by Anoop Bishnoi. As you are aware we have a successful Affinity Card Programme with The Standard Chartered Bank, and Citibank for a Diners Club Card. Their Agreements with us have been renewed for a further period of two and three years respectively.

Citibank have appointed M/s Raj Khosla Pvt. Ltd. as their Agents and Mr. Harvinder Singh is responsible for Dehra Dun. With this Dehra Dun residents can now get the affinity card.

At present we have 565 Visa/Master cardholders and 65 Diners Club cardholders, a total of 630 out of 2800 members in India, which is less than 25%. Of this total of 630, 55 cardholders are participating in the voluntary contribution scheme of Rs. 250/- per month. May I urge more members to participate both in the Affinity Card Programme as well as the Rs. 250/- per month voluntary contribution scheme, as this would be of great assistance to the Society?

The Stanchart **Gold Affinity Card** has also been launched for the convenience of those members requiring a higher credit limit. It allows a credit limit of Rs. 1 lakh and is now available at a special concessional rate to members of the Society;

10. An **Overseas Trust** had been set up in the U.K. with the help of Mr. Umesh Sahai (Ex 320-J Class 1959). We had a discussion with Mr. Arjun Malhotra (Ex 325-K class 1964) during his recent visit to Delhi for a similar Trust to be set up in the USA. Efforts were on to explore possibilities of setting up further Trusts in the Middle East and Far East so as to cover the entire Globe. This would greatly facilitate the collection of Alumni funds in the future from those residing outside India.

11. The DSOBS Register requires constant updating and is being done with the kind assistance of Nalin Khanna. Forms have been sent with the recent publication of the Rose Bowl as well as through the Internet requesting for amendments and recent updates. We propose to print the updated version of the Register by the end of this calendar year;

12. The official DSOBS Website was launched at the address of DSOBS.org. Ajay K Swarup, Chairman Website Sub-Committee is discussing with Hemant Sharma (Ex 459J class 1987) to make the DSOBS Website more meaningful, interesting and interactive. I would like to thank Hemant for his contribution of time and resources for hosting this site for the Society.

13. The **Job Placement Sub Committee** has been handled by Mr. Raj Bir Singh from the Secretariat for better coordination and greater response. The DSOBS is in constant touch with Old Boys requiring placement. Currently we have 36 Old Boys looking for placement and a list of 65 prospective employers and placement agencies to whom their resumes have been sent. We are trying to expand this activity through the use of the DSOBS web site.

14. The **Memorabilia Sub-Committee** is chaired by the Vice-President, Nitán Kapoor. At present Dosco Memorabilia is available at the School store, DSOBS Office as well as Nitán's office in NOIDA. Mail order requirements are being met by use of the order form in the recent issue of the Rose Bowl as well as through the DSOBS website. During this year two new items have been included - "For Hills to Climb" Book and a Hip Flask. The demand for memorabilia items is good, but could be better.

15. The Class of 1967 Corpus Fund yielded a sum of Rs. 59,000/- by way of interest. The Doon School used the fund to finance their Mountaineering Expedition to Rudugaira peak this year.

16. The Class of 1976 (Class Representative Alok K Singh (456-H) who are celebrating their Silver Jubilee this year, collected Rs. 12.50 lacs from their Classmates and have donated 2 Tennis Courts to the School. I am happy to inform you that the Chief Guest Mr. Gurdial Singh formally inaugurated them on 19th Oct 2001.

17. During this year the following DSOBS Reps have been appointed :

- a) Jai Chand Mehtab (Ex-284-KA) as the Regional Rep for West Bengal
- b) Deepak Thakran (Ex 123-TB Class 1990) as the Reg Rep for East America.
- c) Shivbir S Grewal (Ex 378-KA class 1975) as the Reg Rep for West America
- d) Rakesh Goswami (Ex 683-JA Class 1980) as the Reg. Rep for Central America.
- e) Rohaan Kapoor (ex 488-JA) as the Class Rep for the Class of 2001.

I would like to welcome the new representatives and wish them the very best in the future.

18. Class Get Togethers were held for the Classes of 1951 and 1962.

19. Regional Get Togethers were held in Delhi, Agra, Chennai, Bangalore and Punjab within the country and Singapore, London and California outside the country.



20. Our contribution to The Doon School since 1992 has been approx. Rs. 1.42 crores. And last year alone, we had contributed about Rs. 39.0 lakhs (Including squash court.)

It has been a privilege to work with the members of the Executive Committee and other old boys this year. I would especially like to thank the Vice-President, Mr. Nitán Kapoor and the Hony. Secretary, Mr. Rajbir Singh for the active inputs and support. Thank you"

#### V. Approval of Accounts :

Vice President Mr. Nitán Kapoor mentioned that the Accounts for the period ending 31st March 2001 had been earlier circulated to all Members.

Mr. Sunil K. Munjal (Ex 180-KB) proposed, and Mr. Mohan Jauhar (Ex 170-J) seconded and the House unanimously resolved to approve the said Accounts.

#### VI. Election of Office Bearers :

A. Re-election of existing Executive Committee Members :-

The Vice President, Mr. Nitán Kapoor informed the House that in accordance with accepted conventions and existing

Rules of the Society, the following Members of the Executive Committee were stepping down :-

1. Mr. Ajai Singh
2. Mr. Chitranjan Bakhshi
3. Mr. Rahul Prasad
4. Mr. Samir Kukreja

The Vice President, Mr. Nitán Kapoor informed the House that in accordance with accepted conventions and existing Rules of the Society, the following Members of the Executive Committee were eligible for re-election:-

1. Mr. Ajay S. Shriram
2. Mr. Nitán Kapoor
3. Mr. Chudamani Ratnam
4. Mr. Gautam Chadha
5. Mr. Ajay K Swarup
6. Mr. Anoop Bishnoi
7. Mr. Ratan Kapoor
8. Mr. Pranav Sahai

The House unanimously resolved that all the above 8 Members should be re-elected for another year (proposed by Kr. Prem Lal

Malhotra (Ex 155-H) and seconded by Mr. Sumanjit Chaudhry (Ex 7-J).

B. Election of New Executive Committee Members:-

The Vice President, Mr. Nitán Kapoor had received the following names for nomination to the Executive Committee:-

1. 50 years and above - Lalit Badhwar (Ex 173-T) proposed by Deepak Nirula (Ex 165-K)
2. 40-50 Years - Jayant Sahai (Ex 36-H) Proposed by Rajbir Singh (4-H)
3. 30-40 Years - Gurmeet Singh (Ex 883-TA) proposed by G.S. Chopra (76-T)
4. 30-40 Years - Sharad C Sharma (Ex 334-JA) proposed by Nitán Kapoor (Ex 151-J)

Mr. Sunil K. Munjal (Ex 180-KB) proposed and Mr. Jayant Lal (Ex 404-H) seconded that the above nominations be accepted.

The House unanimously approved the above resolution.

After elections, the Executive Committee for the year 2001-2002 was declared constituted by the Vice President, Mr. Nitán Kapoor as follows :

			Group	Age
1.	Mr. Ajay S. Shriram	(Ex 161-K)	President	-
2.	Mr. Nitán Kapoor	(Ex 151-J)	V President	-
3.	Mr. Chudamani Ratnam	(Ex 79-T)	Member	A Above 50 Years
4.	Mr. Lalit Badhwar	(Ex 173-T)	Member	A -do-
5.	Mr. Jayant Sahai	(Ex 36-H)	Member	B 40-50 Years
6.	Mr. Gautam Chadha	(Ex 389-H)	Member	B -do-
7.	Mr. Ajay K Swarup	(Ex 245-JB)	Member	B -do-
8.	Mr. Anoop Bishnoi	(Ex112-J)	Member	C 30-40 Years
9.	Mr. Gurmeet Singh	(Ex 883-TA)	Member	C -do-
10.	Mr. Sharad C Sharma	(Ex 334-JA)	Member	C -do-
11.	Mr. Ratan Kapoor	(Ex 124-JA)	Member	D Under 30 Years
12.	Mr. Pranav Sahai	(Ex 239-HA)	Member	(University Rep.)

#### VII. Appointment of Auditors :

Mr. Sumanjit Chaudhry (Ex 7-J) proposed and Mr. Sunil K. Munjal (Ex 180-KB) seconded and it was resolved unanimously that M/s V. Sahai & Company, Chartered Accountants, G-68, Connaught Circus, New Delhi-110 001 be and are hereby reappointed as the Statutory Auditors of The Doon School Old Boys' Society for the Financial Year 2001-2002 on an honorary basis.

#### VIII. Points Taken up with the permission of the Chair :

1. Mr. Deepak Atal (Ex 130-J) opened the proceedings by stating that he was very unhappy with the arrangements at the Rose Bowl during Founders' Day as a lot of Old Boys and Parents could not get the entry to witness the Founders' day speeches and music performance. This sentiment was heavily supported by other Members present particularly Mr. Chandra Vijay Singh (Ex 299-T), Mr. P.S. Chopra (Ex 74-T), Jaiwant Bery (Ex 49-T) etc. It was felt that since Mr. Amitabh Bachchan was such a popular figure and a great number

of guests were expected, it would have been prudent to have the function at the Main Field like it was done in 1985. The House felt that on such occasions, priority should be given to Old Boys, Parents and Boys of the School over other guests.

2. Strong objections were also raised by the Members of the House, led by Mr. Chandra Vijay Singh (Ex 299-T) regarding acceptance of a donation of Rs. 10.0 lacs from Mr. Amar Singh, M.P. It was felt that the Board should have been more circumspect in accepting the donation and there was no need to acknowledge it in a public as has been done. Mr. R.C. Bhargava (Ex 154-T) Chairman Board of Governors felt that there was nothing wrong in accepting the donation as this would go a long way in providing Scholarship to deserving students. Seeing the mood of the House, Mr. Dhruv M. Sawhney (37-K) Vice Chairman, Board of Governors stated that in future such donations will be looked into carefully before they are accepted.

3. Maj. Navtaj Singh (Ex 350-T) suggested

that Golf be introduced at The Doon School. The Vice President informed the House that the suggestion was good and will take up the matter with the Board of Governors.

4. Mr. Pashupati K Adavni (Ex 220-J) suggested to have a "Payment Gateway" on the Website. Mr. Ajay K Swarup, Chairman Website Sub-committee informed the House that the society is trying to make our Website more interactive and this matter was under consideration and its technical feasibility /usefulness would be examined.

The Hony. Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the four outgoing Executive Committee Members who had served the Society so admirably during their tenure.

With a vote of thanks to the chair, the meeting came to an end.

**RajBir Singh**  
(Hony Secretary)



# DSOBS 4TH ANNUAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP - 2001

**A. DELHI CHAPTER :** The 4th DSOBS Golf Championship was held on 29th Sept. 2001 at The Golden Greens Golf & Country Club, Gurgaon. 144 Golfeers participated. This was followed by dinner on 30-9-2001 at Maurya Sheraton Hotel, New Delhi

Winner : Jaipur House - 171 Points

1. Rajeev Khanna
2. Ashok Mehra
3. Inder Vijay Singh
4. Arjun Sahgal

R. Up : Hyderabad House - 168 Points

1. Ajai Kapoor
2. Nikhil Mehra
3. Samvit Chopra
4. Harsh Gupta

## INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

### STABLEFORD

Winner : Rajeev Khanna 46 Points Jaipur House  
R. UP : Vishnudharee Lall 46 Points Kashmir House

### GROSS SCORE

Winner : Ranjit Nanda 70 Tata House  
R. UP : Ajai Kapoor 70 Hyderabad House

**B. LONDON CHAPTER :** The London Inter House Old Boys stableford was held on Saturday 28th October 2001. This year we mustered up 11 players including His Excellency Nareshwar Dayal, High commissioner of India (whilst not being a dosco, had his two brothers in School and therefore qualifies!!). The game was held at the London Hartfield Golf & Country Club. I set out the stableford points achieved:



Mrs. Rana Presenting the Cup to Ranjit Nanda



View of Party



View of the Trophies and Organisers. (L to R) C. R. Bakshi, Ajay S. Shriram, RajBir Singh, Gautam Chadha

1. Rahul Malhotra	39 Points	Hyderabad House
2. Vijay Thapar	38 Points	Jaipur
3. Sharad Rathke	37 Points	Kashmir House
4. Dan Gidwaney	36 Points	Guest
5. Arjun Mehta	36 Points	Kashmir House
6. Arjun Sahay	34 Points	Hyderabad House
7. Nareshwar Dayal	34 Points	Hyderabad House (Guest)
8. Jatinder Kapur	31 Points	Jaipur House
9. Amreshwar Seth	26 Points	Hyderabad House
10. Navnit Bali	26 Points	Kashmir House
11. Ashwin Bhatia	23 Points	Tata House

Best regards  
TANZ



Manju Bawa Presenting a Trophy



Mrs. Gautam Khanna & Dr. Brij B.S. Mariya

*With Best Compliments from :*

**Aishwariya Singh**  
(Ex 377 Oberoi 'B' Batch of 1992)



## TAMIL NADU GET TOGETHER

The Madras Old Boys meet was held on 17th November, 2001. It was well attended with 29 Old Boys & wives attending. As usual it was a spirited fun filled nostalgic evening. Dr. K. Srinivas (Ex 186-T '47) shared with us some beautiful pictures of the school. Vikesh Varma (Ex 18-KA '71) alongwith his wife Maya were also present from Calcutta. The oldest boy present were Mct. Muthiah (Ex 114-A '47) & C. Ramakrishna (Ex 66-K '47). The youngest was Tarun Ghai (Ex 122-KA '90).



Standing Left to Right Alok Bhargava, Dr. (Lt.) Col. V.K. Menon, Sandeep Sharma, Mct. Muthiah, D. G. Rajan, I. S. Bedi, Dr. Krishnamurthy Srinivas, Vellayan, Vinoo Hoon, Ravi Katari, R. Muthu, C. Ramakrishna, Ashish Chandola, Vikas Varma, K. S. Mitra  
Sitting on Chair (Left to Right) Maya Varma, Mrs. Menon, Kamala Muthiah, Mrs. Bedi, Mrs. K. Srinivas, Mrs. Vellayan  
Sitting on Floor (Left to Right), Seema Bhargava, Mrs. Hoon, Alagu Muthu, Ashrafi Sharma, Shanti Chandola  
Not in Picture, Tarun Ghai & Aarti, Mct. P. Chidambaram

A Vellayan (Ex 87-T '68) had taken the lead in increasing the fund for Needy Old Boys. It was decided to collect Rs. 3000/- from each old boy. The Chennai fund started and superbly managed by Ravi Katari (Ex 204 - H '59) has helped Old Boys in the past and will now help K.S. Mitra (Ex 136-K '71) as he looks for new employment opportunities.

The Meeting concluded with a promise to meet in Feb 2002.

**Alok Bhargava**  
(Ex 196-JB '74)

### DOSCO CREDIT CARDS

All DOSCO Cardholders of Standard Chartered Bank and Citibank are requested to inform the DSOBS Secretariat of any complaint that they may have with the dealings of the Bank concerned.

### ERATTA

The Rose Bowl dated 30th September 2001 erroneously mentioned the name of Mr. Karanjit Singh (Ex 177-H '63) in the obituary column. This is to inform all that Karanjit Singh (Ex 177-H '63) is still alive and kicking!!

**Our apologies for the error.**

## DSOBS Executive Committee Meets Board of Governors

A joint meeting of the Board of Governors of IPSS and Executive Committee of the DSOBS was held on 24 Oct. 2001 at IIC, New Delhi. This was the first of such meetings and it is hoped that more such get togethers will take place in the future for better coordination and communication. It is proposed that a minimum of Two such meetings be held in a year. Following points were discussed among others.

1. There should be more sharing of information between the BOGs meeting and the DSOBS Executive Committee meeting.
2. In case DSOBS has any specific issues to raise with the Board, the same should be sent to the Chairman/Secretary, Board of Governors for discussions in the BOG meeting.
3. When Old Boys come to School, they should contact Jayant Hari Har Lal for Coordination. Alternatively, they should meet Secretary to the Headmaster, who will help them in whatever way required.
4. The Issue of Rs. 10 lacs donation on Founders Day was discussed in detail.

## CALCUTTA GET TOGETHER

In 2001 the Bengal branch held two events. The first event was an Inter House Golf competition at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club. Hyderabad came first with 103 points. Mr. Ashok Bhagat came first with 38 PTS. Mr. Tilak Mehera came second with 36 PTS. M. Aditya Bajoria came third with 33 PTS. 17 players played and 15 completed the course 2 younger players had to quit as they lost their balls;

The golfers had drinks and Snacks after their round, Ten Members ate lunch.

Our other event was the Annual Dinner graced by the Head Master Mr. John Mason and Mr. S. J. David. Unfortunately Mr. D. Singh was under the weather. An enjoyable evening was enjoyed by the enthusiastic participants.

**J.C. MAHTAB**  
(Ex 284-KA '83)

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**Ratan Kapoor** - Editor and Chairman Rose Bowl Sub-Committee  
**RajBir Singh** - Honorary Secretary  
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**Sharad Sharma** - Vice Chairman, Rose Bowl Sub-Committee  
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