

MINUTES OF THE 82ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DOON SCHOOL OLD BOYS' SOCIETY, HELD ON THURSDAY, 21ST OCTOBER 2021, AT 4.00 PM.

ONLINE ATTENDEES:

S.NO	PREFIX	NAME	SURNAME	NO & HOUSE	BATCH
1	MR	ARUN	KAPUR	057 J	1958
2	MR	KANWAR RAJ	PALTA	195 T	1960
3	MR	DARSHAN	SINGH	090 T	1962
4	MR	SUDHIR	PRAKASH	283 K	1965
5	MR	HARIPAL SINGH	GILL	328 H	1966
6	MR	MANUJ RAJ	AILAWADI	332 H	1967
7	MR	SHIVENDRA 'Dicky'	SINGH	261 T	1969
8	MR	KAPIL	BHALLA	214 H	1972
9	MR	ARUN	KHANNA	090 H	1973
10	MR	SHANTUM	SETH	270 J	1973
11	MR	HARISH	SURI	348 H	1973
12	MR	NIKHEL	KOCHHAR	041 K	1973
13	MR	PRADIP	NARAIN	431 T	1973
14	MR	SUNIL KANT	MUNJAL	180 K	1973
15	MR	AJAY KUMAR	SWARUP	245 J	1975
16	MR	AMBAR BHAN	BATRA	324 T	1975
17	MR	ANOOP	BISHNOI	112 J	1975
18	MR	GAUTAM	THADANI	488 J	1975
19	MR	RAHUL	KOHLI	081 J	1975
20	MR	ANKUR	BAHL	193 J	1976
21	DR	ATUL BAHADUR	SINGH	068 K	1976
22	MR	RAKESH	KAUSHIK	603 T	1979
23	MR	SANJIV	SAPRA	534 T	1979
24	MR	NALIN	KHANNA	563 H	1980
25	MR	PRITHIPAL SINGH	DUGAL	588 T	1980
26	MRS	KAVITA	PRAKASH	794 T	1981
27	MRS	VALENTINA	TRIVEDI	708 K	1981
28	MR	VIVEK	SETH	915 J	1982
29	MR	AVINASH SINGH	ALAG	160 H	1984
30	MR	RAMESHWAR PRASAD	GOYAL	194 H	1984
31	MR	SANJIV	BATHLA	158 T	1984
32	MR	VISHAL NARAIN	SINHA	206 H	1984
33	MR	AMAR NATH	MISHRA	338 T	1985
34	MR	ASHUTOSH	GOYAL	392 K	1986
35	MR	ABHISHEK	SAWHNY	645 J	1987
36	MR	GOPAL KRISHNA	JAIDKA	441 K	1987
37	MR	MUNEER	SURI	490 K	1987
38	MR	SAMEER	DHINGRA	452 T	1987
39	MR	ADITYA	SINGH	556 K	1988
40	MR	VIPUL	JAIN	564 J	1988
41	MR	AMIT	OBERRAI	135 T	1990
42	MR	ABHISHEK	MISRA	253 J	1991
43	MR	ARJUN	JOLLY	275 T	1991
44	MR	RAVI PRAKASH	SINGHEE	265 T	1991
45	MR	TARUN	SAWHNEY	234 K	1991

46	MR	RAHOUL B	SINGH	312 J	1992
47	MR	SAIF-UL-WARIS	HABIBULLAH	364 H	1992
48	MR	ARJUN	SAHGAL	424 J	1993
49	MR	SHIV RAJ	PALTA	195 T	1996
50	MR	ANKIT	GARG	122 H	1997
51	MR	VIBHAS	PRASAD	184 H	1997
52	MR	AKASHDEEP SINGH	PURI	230 T	1998
53	MR	ARJUN SINGH	BARTWAL	501 K	2000
54	MR	ARUSH	SOGANI	600 H	2000
55	MR	VIPUL	SWARUP	438 K	2000
56	MR	AMBUJ	BANSAL	200 T	2003
57	MR	SYED JUNAID	ALTAF	209 O	2003
58	MR	ADITYA	SINHA	230 K	2004
59	MR	AAYUSH	WASU	450 K	2006
60	MR	ARJUN	SINGH	532 H	2007
61	MR	APOORVA	JOSHI	534 H	2007
62	MR	CHETAN	AGGARWAL	568 T	2007
63	MR	UDAY PRATAP	SINGH	533 J	2007
64	MR	YASH RAJIV	GANDHI	586 T	2007
65	MR	SAMAY SWAMY	MANGALAGIRI	099 T	2008
66	MR	SAI ARMAAN	MALHOTRA	157 H	2009
67	DR	MADHAV	BAHADUR	153 K	2009
68	MR	AVIK	GUGALIA	534 K	2013
69	MR	YASH MADHAV	JOHRI	561 O	2013
70	MR	NAND SINGH	DAHIYA	624 K	2021
71	MR	KULDIP SINGH	MADAN	318 J	1950
72	AIR MAR	BRIJESH DHAR	JAYAL, AVSM PVSM	101 T	1951
73	MR	ASHOK	MEHTA	295 H	1955
74	MR	PROMOD	CHAWLA	280 J	1958
75	MR	VISHNUDHAREE	LALL	183 K	1958
76	MR	INDRAVE SINGH	MANN	065 T	1961
77	MR	WAJAHAT	HABIBULLAH	266 H	1961
78	MR	ASHOKE	AGGARWAL	073 H	1962
79	MR	KULBIR	SINGH	057 J	1962
80	MR	SUMANJIT	CHAUDHRY	007 J	1963
81	MR	RAVI	CHAUDHARY	244 K	1964
82	WG CDR	KULDIP	SHIVA`	126 K	1965
83	MR	ANGAD	VOHRA	293 J	1968
84	CAPT	VIRENDRA SINGH	HOODA	015 H	1970
85	MR	PRATIM 'Peter'	MUKERJEA	017 H	1971
86	MR	BIMAL NARAIN	BHAVNANI	242 K	1972
87	MR	BAWA AMARJYOT	SINGH	173 K	1973
88	MR	RAJAT	SANGAL	149 J	1975
89	MR	SUDIPTA KUMAR	GANGULY	027 K	1975
90	MR	ALOK KUMAR	SINGH	456 H	1976
91	MR	PREET MOHAN SINGH	LAMBA	535 T	1976
92	MR	JUGJIV	SINGH	601 H	1979
93	MR	MANOJ	KAPUR	339 H	1979
94	MR	RAJIV	NANDA	576 T	1980

95	MR	SHARVAN	THADANI	566 J	1980
96	MR	SHAUKAT	SIKAND	718 H	1980
97	MR	VINAYAK	BAHUGUNA	722 K	1980
98	MR	RAGHUVENDRA 'Donny'	SINGH	878 T	1982
99	MR	RAHUL NARAIN	BHAGAT	865 J	1982
100	MR	YADVENDRA 'Georgy'	SINGH	894 T	1982
101	MR	BHARAT	MEHRA	196 H	1984
102	MR	HARENDRA	KAILATH	171 K	1984
103	MR	SAMIR	KUCKREJA	179 H	1984
104	MR	ANIL	AGARWAL	297 K	1985
105	MR	AMAR DEEP	SINGH	404 J	1986
106	MR	VIVEK	SEHGAL	402 J	1986
107	MR	ASHEET	LANBA	528 T	1987
108	MR	HEMANT	SHARMA	459 J	1987
109	MR	VIVEK	PANDIT	595 H	1988
110	MR	KABIR	SETHI	010 J	1989
111	MR	VIKRAM	BATRA	013 J	1989
112	MR	ARJUN	SODHI	203 H	1990
113	MR	PRASHANT	GUPTA	241 K	1991
114	MR	ABHINANDAN	SEKHRI	362 O	1992
115	MR	SHIVRAJ	PARSHAD	356 H	1992
116	MR	HIMMAT	RANA	464 J	1993
117	MR	JATIN DEV	BOBB	411 T	1993
118	MR	JAYANT	SARAN	413 T	1993
119	MR	RAGHAV	NAYAR	443 T	1993
120	MR	UDAYAN	GOYAL	401 H	1993
121	MR	RAGHAV	OBERAJ	514 J	1994
122	MR	NAKUL	SOOD	610 J	1995
123	MR	PRITHVI SINGH	GILL	665 T	1995
124	MR	ARIJIT	SEN	048 J	1996
125	MR	FATEH	AKOI	007 T	1996
126	MR	BAWA MOHIT	SINGH	172 H	1997
127	MR	GAUTHAM	MAEDIRATTA	302 T	1998
128	MR	RAIYAN	ISLAM	510 K	2000
129	MR	SAURABH	DUDHORIA	458 J	2000
130	MR	JEHANGIR	AIBARA	273 J	2004
131	MR	KUSHAGRA	KUMAR	581 T	2007
132	MR	ARYAMAN	SENGAR	014 T	2008
133	MR	CHIRAG	AMBekar	418 K	2011
134	MR	ITIHAAS	SINGH	324 T	2011
135	MR	GURSEHEJ	OBEROI	504 T	2012
136	MR	NAKUL	JAIDKA	533 K	2013
137	MR	SHANTANU	SINGH	003 H	2014
138	MR	DIGVIJAY	GUPTA	676 K	2015
139	MR	ROHAN	AGARWAL	615 J	2015
140	MR	AZAN	BRAR	212 K	2016
141	MR	MADHAV	GOEL	136 O	2016
142	MR	SAMARJIT	SINGH	123 K	2016
143	MR	ARJUN	KAPUR		

144	MR	NEETI	SAINI	
145	DR	JAGPREET	SINGH	HEADMASTER, EX-OFFICIO MEMBER
146	MS	NEHA	KASHYAP	MANAGER – OPERATIONS, THE DSOBS
147	MRS	PRIYA	CHAWLA	STATUTORY AUDITOR REPRESENTATIVE
148	MRS	RACHANA	SINGH	MANAGER – FIN & ADMIN, THE DSOBS

AGENDA ITEM No. 1: Establishment of Quorum

Mr. Tarun Sawhney, President, counted 51 Attendees who had logged on as of 04:02 PM. He confirmed that the quorum of thirty-five members present was complete and AGM proceedings could commence.

Leave of Absence recorded for:
Mr. Sandeep Dutt – (627 K, 1979)

The President welcomed all the Members of the Society who were present online to attend the 82nd Annual General Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM No. 2: To pass a condolence resolution in memory of the following members who have passed away since the last AGM

PREFIX	NAME	SURNAME	H NO	BATCH
RAO RAJA (CAPT)	HARI	SINGH	235 H	1943
MR.	HUMAYUN	MIRZA	279 H	1944
MR.	C	RAMAKRISHNA	66 K	1945
MR.	N	RAMASWAMI	237 K	1947
MR.	MADHAV K	SWARUP	254 J	1948
MR.	SP	SATHAPPAN	185 H	1948
MR.	VIJAYA BHASKAR	MENON	111 H	1949
BRIG (RETD)	VIJAY NARAYAN	CHANNA	174 T	1951
BHAI	BALBIR	SINGH	198 H	1952
MR.	ARVIND	SINGH	207 K	1953
COL	BALBIR SINGH	BERI 'Billy'	209 J	1953
MR.	VINOD K	GROVER	012 H	1953
HH	PRITHVIRAJ	SINHJI	155 J	1954
MR.	BALINDRA NATH	ROY	103 T	1955
MR.	RANJIT	SETHI	297 K	1955
MR.	RAVISH	KOHLI	238 H	1956
MR.	SARVDAMAN	SINGH	002 H	1956
MR.	BORUNENDRA NARAYAN	DEB	115 J	1957
MR.	NIRANJAN DEVA	TAYAL	274 H	1958
MR.	PUSHPINDER SINGH	CHOPRA 'Pushy'	074 T	1959
MR.	AVINASH SINGH	GREWAL	333 J	1960
MR.	DINESH	MOHAN	117 H	1960
MR.	SIDDHARTH	SHRIRAM 'Cheeku'	151 K	1960
MR.	RATINDRA KRISHAN	PURI	334 K	1962
MR.	RUPENDRA B	MUKHERJI	342 H	1962
MR.	VIJAY	SRIVASTAVA	174 J	1962
MR.	VIRENDRA NATH	SINGH	105 K	1962
MR.	AVINASH K	VASHISHT	356 H	1964
MR.	RANGAM KUMAR	MITRA	351 K	1964
MR.	RAMAN	MEHTA	169 T	1964
MR.	ABHAY SHANKAR	SINGH	134 T	1966

MR.	ALOK	VIRA	256 J	1966
MR.	AJAY PRATAP	SINGH	214 H	1966
MR.	MUKESH	MIRCHANDANI	170 T	1966
MR.	BRIJENDRA	SHARMA	148 H	1969
MAJ. (RETD.)	NAVTAJ	SINGH	350 T	1969
MR.	RAJIV	PAWHA	370 K	1970
MR.	SIDHARTHA	PRASHER	077 K	1970
MR.	RAJINDER NARAIN	ANDLEY	272 H	1971
MR.	ANAND	PRAKASH	425 T	1972
MR.	ABIR	GOYAL	363 H	1972
MR.	VIKRAM	PHILIP	004 T	1973
KR.	CHARANJIT SINGH	SODHI	289 H	1974
MR.	NITIN KUMAR	ASTHANA	424 H	1975
MR.	SHRENIK	BHANDARI	666 T	1981
MR.	ROHIT	CHADHA	145 K	1984
MR.	PRASHANT KUMAR	SINGH	341 H	1985
MR.	RAKESH	MISHRA 'Baba Batuknath'	313 K	1985
MR.	RANVIR SINGH	MANN	031 K	1989
MR.	KANISH	BHARGAVA	224 J	1991
MR.	MRINAL	GUHA ROY	401 T	1999
MR.	AKSHAY	CHOWDHURY	443 J	2000
MR.	AJIT	SINGH 'Perty'	AFFILIATE MEMBER	
MR.	DEVENDRA	SINGH (DVS)	AFFILIATE MEMBER	
MR.	HARENDRA	CHAKHARIYAR (HCH)	AFFILIATE MEMBER	

The House arose from their seats and observed a minute's silence in memory of the deceased members.

The number of members who passed away over the past year was far larger than usual, several succumbed to coronavirus and related complications. A special mention for Mr. Pushpinder Singh Chopra (74 T, 1959), President of the Society (1988-90). Members spoke of him as being one of the most honourable gentlemen of the fraternity.

AGENDA ITEM No. 3: Confirmation of Minutes of the 81st Annual General Meeting, held on 18th October 2020.

Minutes of the 81st Annual General Meeting held online on 18th October 2020, were emailed to the Members in advance. The President enquired if there were any comments on the Minutes. No matters arose. Mr. Anoop Bishnoi (112J, 1975) proposed that the Minutes be passed. Mr. Prithvi Singh Gill (665 T, 1995) seconded the proposal. The Minutes of the 81st Annual General Meeting were taken as passed.

AGENDA ITEM No. 4: Any matters arising from the Minutes.

No matter arose from the Minutes

AGENDA ITEM No. 5: A PowerPoint presentation on activities, events & initiatives of The DSOBS in the past one year, since the last (81st) AGM.

Mr. Tarun Sawhney started by complimenting members of batches celebrating their milestone years –

- Batch of 1951 – Celebrating 70 Years
- Batch of 1956 – Celebrating 65 Years
- Batch of 1961 – Celebrating their Diamond Jubilee
- Batch of 1966 – Celebrating their 55 Years
- Batch of 1971 – Celebrating their Golden Jubilee
- Batch of 1976 – Celebrating 45 Years
- Batch of 1981 – Celebrating 40 Years

Batch of 1986 – Celebrating 35 Years
Batch of 1991 – Celebrating 30 Years
Batch of 1996 – Celebrating their Silver Jubilee
Batch of 2001 – Celebrating 20 Years
Batch of 2011 – Celebrating 10 Years

Mr. Tarun Sawhney said that it was regrettable that this year, like last year, the AGM has had to be held online. Present circumstances prohibit visiting the School and physically attending Founder's day celebrations. Hopefully, the conditions will be back to normal by next year and everyone will be able to visit School to attend Founder's Day 2022 and the AGM.

Mr. Tarun Sawhney mentioned that despite restrictions imposed, all over the world, to curtail spread of the coronavirus pandemic, The DSOBS had organised a reasonable number of events and diverse activities, across geographies. The presentation covered all the events & activities in chronological order –

1. 2nd Nov 2020 – The Secretariat resumed operations after lifting of lockdown restrictions
2. 20th Nov 2020 – Team Dosco participated in an Alumni Golf Tournament, at Jaypee Greens Golf Resort, Greater Noida. The DSOBS won an enormous trophy. In other results:
Best Gross Score: 76 – Abhishek Misra (253 J, 1991)
Best Net Score: 68.5 – Amitav Virmani (260 J, 1991)
3. 23rd Nov 2020 – Ms. Rachana Singh joined The DSOBS as Manager–Finance & Administration
4. 27th Nov 2020 – DOSCO Talks: 'Philanthropy and the Arts.' Speakers - Mr. Sunil Kant Munjal (180 K, 1973) Chairman of the IPSS & Mr. Abhishek Poddar (405 H, 1986); Moderator - Ms. Vinita Bali, a global business leader, inspired by the arts & ex-chairperson of Welham Girls School
5. 8th Dec 2020 – The DSOBS donated Rs. 4,00,000.00 (Rs. Four lakhs only) to John Martyn Memorial Trust, Dehra Dun, towards education of underprivileged children
6. 11th Dec 2020 – DOSCO Talks: 'The Road To Success.' Speaker - Mr. Pavan Vaish (372 K, 1986), Head (Driver & Supply Operations, Uber); Moderator - Mr. Abhinandan Sekhri (362 O, 1992)
7. 17th Dec 2020 –DOSCO Talks: College Admissions - The Road Ahead. Speakers - Mr. Skand Goel (50 J, 2008), Mr. Pulkit Agarwal (635 H, 2015) and Mr. Tarun Sawhney (234 K, 1991)
8. 24th Dec 2020 – Class of 2010 donates 300 PPE Kits to The DSOBS
9. 31st Dec 2020 – Mr AP Narayanan, Asst. Secretary retires after around 29 years of exemplary service to The DSOBS
10. 5th Jan 2021 - The DSOBS bid a formal farewell to Mr. AP Narayanan
11. 15th Jan 2021 – The Karnataka & Goa Region organized a fantastic Get-together for Doscos & Welhamites, at the Hilton Resort, Goa. It was attended by close to ninety people, Doscos, Welhamites & their significant others
12. 16th Jan 2021 – A follow-up party of the Karnataka & Goa Region, held at Bon Appetit Restaurant, Sinquerim-Candolim Beach, Goa. Around fifty people attended. Mr. Shivendra 'Dicky' Singh (261 T, 1969) & Mr. Bharat Mehra (196 H, 1984), Regional Reps, must be lauded for their effort
13. 21st Jan 2021 – DOSCO Talks: 'Covid-19 Vaccine. Speaker - Prof (Dr) Rakesh Sinha (444 T, 1987), Ass. Medical Director–South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust, UK. Moderator - Mr. Yash Gandhi (586 T, 2007)
14. 22nd Jan 2021 - Dinner hosted by Mr. Apurva Kumar (638 J, 1979) for Team Dosco visiting Jaipur for a charity cricket tournament, at Clarks Amer, Jaipur
15. 23rd –24th Jan 2021 - Royal Alumni Cricket Tournament at Jaipur, played between alumni of Doon, Mayo & Sanawar. Team Dosco donated Rs. 2.25 lakhs to Santokba Durlabhji Memorial Hospital, Jaipur
16. 23rd Jan 2021 – Dinner hosted by Hemant Bishnoi (479 T, 2006) for Team Dosco at Jaipur
17. 15th Feb 2021 – DOSCO Talks: Wall Street Perspectives. Speaker - Mr. Ravi Sinha (813 J, 1981) Exec Vice Chairman, Global Corporate & Investment Banking, Bank of America Securities, Inc. Moderator - Mr. Shubho Ghosh (472 O, 1993)

18. 17th Feb 2021 – The DSOBS donates Rs 1.50 lakhs to Gyanoday, an NGO run by Mr. Avinash S Alag (160 H, 1984). This was courtesy Mr. Jahaan Sahgal, an SC Former. He held an exhibition of photographs in Chandigarh and donated the proceeds for education of underprivileged children
19. 6th Mar 2021 - The Dehra Dun Region held a Get-together at Hotel Madhuban. A reasonable number of members attended
20. 12th–14th Mar 2021 – Team Dosco participated in Shomie Das Friendship Cup, in Mumbai. This is an annual cricket fixture between alumni of Doon, Mayo, Sanawar & a Bollywood team
21. 13th–14th Mar 2021 - Team Dosco participated in an Alumni Golf Tournament, at Army Golf Club, Jaipur. This event was spearheaded by Mr. Nalin Khanna (563 H, 1980)
22. 14th Mar 2021 - The 1st Reunion Bike Ride took place. Enthusiastic bikers, including the Headmaster rode from Delhi & Dehra Dun to Karnal, and back. Mr Brijendra S Mann (307 K, 1985) hosted the bikers to a sumptuous brunch at Karnal Club
23. 3rd Apr 2021 - 22nd Inter House Golf Tournament at Jaypee Greens, Greater Noida. Winners - Jaipur; Runners-up – Tata; Third - Hyderabad
24. 4th Apr 2020 – DOSCO*Talks*: Wall Street Perspectives. Speaker - Mr. Bharat Gupte (309 K, 1973), former MD, Redwood Ventures, currently a Venture Capitalist in Silicon Valley. Moderator - Mr. Shubho Ghosh (472 O, 1993)
25. 2nd May 2020 – DOSCO*Talks*: Charting a Successful Corporate Journey. Speaker - Mr. Rohit 'Spanish' Kapoor (850 H, 1982), VC & CEO, EXL. Moderator - Mr. Nikhil 'Nik' Deogun (462 J, 1987), CEO for Americas & US Sr. Partner, Brunswick Group
26. 3rd Jul 2020 – DOSCO*Talks*: Can India & China Be Friends? Speaker - Mr. Kanti Bajpai (264 T, 1972), Former Headmaster. Moderator - Mr. Ashish Mitter (15 K, 2008), an International Disputes Lawyer
27. 18th Jul 2020 - DOSCO*Talks*: Where is the IT Industry Headed? Speaker - Mr. Arjun Malhotra (325 K, 1964), Co-founder of HCL Group. Moderator - Mr. Shubho Ghosh (472 O, 1993)
28. 26th Jul 2021 – The DSOBS organized the annual interaction, online, between the Chairman, Board of Governors, the Headmaster, and DoscOs whose sons are to sit for the School's Entrance Exam this year
29. 26th Jul 2021 - The DSOBS was delighted to welcome our youngest members to the Society - Batch of 2021
30. 27th Aug 2021 - The DSOBS had the first Get-together in the Kashmir valley. Mr. S. Junaid Altaf (209 O, 2003) was instrumental in curating this event and other activities over the 'Srinagar Weekend'. The Get-together was over dinner at the Taj Hotel
31. 28th Aug 2021 – DoscOs played a round of Golf at the Royal Springs Golf Course, Srinagar. The DSOBS intends to make this an annual fixture
Later in the evening several DoscOs drove up to Gulmarg to donate medical supplies to the Primary Health Clinic
32. 18th Sep 2021 - Inaugural dinner of the newly carved out Haryana Region, hosted by Mr. Bharat Bhushan Garg (224 H, 1970) & Mr. Ankit Garg (122 H, 1997) at their residence in Yamuna Nagar. Ankit appointed as The DSOBS Regional Rep for Haryana. There was enthusiastic response to the event. Haryana Region includes the entire State of Haryana, save for Gurgaon, which is a Region by itself
33. 5th Oct 2021 – Members of The Alumni League met over lunch at Delhi Gymkhana Club, to re-ignite the association
34. 15th–17th Oct 2021 – Team Dosco participated in Delhi Quadrangular Series Cricket Tournament 2021, in Gurgaon.
35. Despite lockdowns and restrictions, your Executive Committee and almost 2 dozen Sub-Committees have been at work. They remained actively engaged via online meetings. We hope to be back to some in-person meetings very soon
Total of five Executive Committee Meetings convened during the year: 207th – 3rd Dec 2020; 208th – 2nd Feb 2021; 209th – 3rd Jun 2021; 210th – 14th Sep 2021; 211th – 8th Oct 2021.

The President invited questions from the House. There being none, business proceeded.

AGENDA ITEM No. 6: Update on The DSOBS Covid 2.0 initiative.

Presidents' Speech:

"I must say, my predecessor and dear friend, Mr. Rahul Kohli ran the Covid 1.0 initiative tremendously successfully and set an extremely high benchmark. I am happy to say that it was wonderful to see the fraternity, from around the world, come together and donate very generously for the Covid 2.0 initiative. Over the next few minutes, I will be delighted to take you through some of our initiatives. But what was most important was, that Doscocs from around the world - from Hong Kong to Singapore to New York to San Francisco - donated money, donated their precious time, reached out to others to donate. This was truly a remarkable group effort. Many donors were Doscocs who have never been involved in The DSOBS activities. They came up and helped by donating, collecting donations from Doscocs & non-Dosco friends, monitoring activities, and ensuring the best utilisation of the funds."

"I do want to acknowledge the members that were involved in spearheading the Covid 2.0 relief initiative, and forgive me if I don't cover everybody's names, but in brief I extend my thanks to- Mr. Roopak Kapoor, Mr. Arush Sogani, Bawa Mohit Singh, Mr. Prithvi Gill, Mr. Ashvin Bhatia, Mr. Arjun Sahgal, Mr. Junaid Altaf, Mr. Abhinandan Sekhri, Mr. Ashutosh Goyal - Rajasthan Rep, Mr. Yash Gandhi, Mr. Madhav Goel, Mr. Shiv Raj Palta, Mr. Vipul Swarup, Mr. Vishal Narain Sinha, Mr. Shivendra 'Dicky' Singh, Dr. Suhel Hasan, Mr. Pranav Bahl, Dr. Rajiv 'Xeke' Sinha, Dr. Madhav Bahadur, Mr. Avinash Alag and so many more. Our Hony. Treasurer, Mr. Sanjiv Sapra, Vice President, Mr. Sameer Dhingra & Alumni Secretary, Mr. Ashutosh Goyal, came together expertly in managing this Covid 2.0 initiative. I hope you all saw the new website www.doscoimpact.com. The background to this was the dreadful second wave of the coronavirus, the delta variant, and the collateral damage that it left in its wake. The impact was devastating and across the country very few people were unscathed. Family members, friends, loved ones, etc, it has affected all of us in some way."

"The next few slides would just give you an idea of what transpired, donations received, and how the fraternity came together. But let me just start by saying that we collected donations exceeding rupees two hundred & five lakhs, which is quite a sizable amount. Rupees one hundred & twenty-three lakhs came through the aggressive campaign that we ran through 'Ketto,' and the balance eighty-two lakhs were direct donations to our bank accounts. A very large amount of money was generated, and I'm grateful to the fraternity and to friends of the fraternity, for really reaching deep into their pockets and supporting this fantastic initiative, and for giving us the opportunity to be able to care for those affected, across the country. There were three prongs to this relief initiative - healthcare, nutrition & education, and you will see briefly what we have done across the country."

Mr. Tarun Sawhney requested Mr. Sameer Dhingra to take the House through the next few slides.

Vice President's Speech:

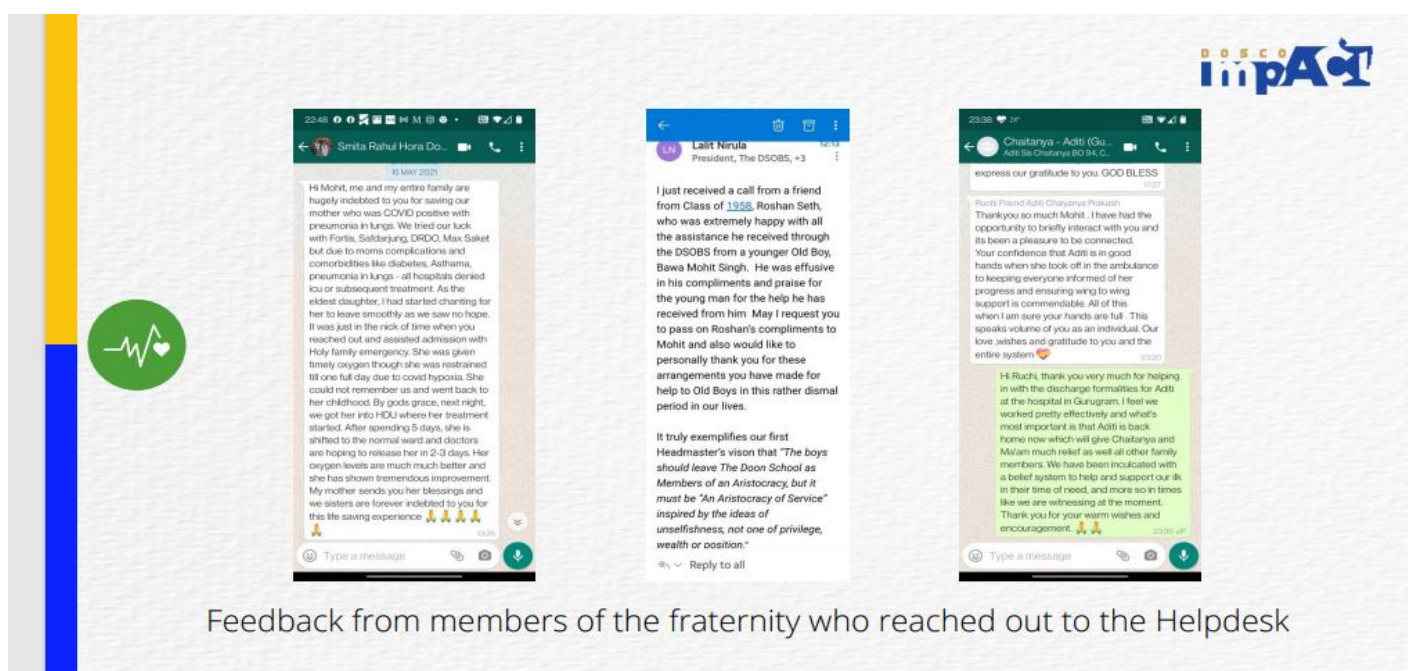
"The second wave of Covid brought with it a huge demand for oxygen. There was a countrywide shortage of oxygen. In Uttarakhand, Covid patients from all over the State were converging to Dehra Dun in search of hospitals which had oxygen supply. The DSOBS decided to donate an oxygen plant to a hospital, away from Dehra Dun. Setting up an oxygen plant in the upcountry was a big challenge as there are very few hospitals which have specialist doctors to monitor ICUs. We finally zeroed in on Mussoorie, for multiple reasons – The town has an emotional connect with all Doscocs, as they have visited it during mid-terms & weekend outings; The Sub-District Hospital in Mussoorie has recently expanded, with multiple streams treatment meted out there; It caters to a large footprint of rural Uttarakhand, the entire Yamuna & Bhagirathi river valleys."

"I must acknowledge and thank, most profusely, Mr Junaid Altaf, through whose efforts we were able to procure, in the shortest possible time, and at extremely competitive pricing, a 500LPM oxygen generating plant for the Sub-District Hospital, Mussoorie. This was the first plant of this capacity installed anywhere in the hills of Uttarakhand. Beyond just procuring and donating the plant there were multiple challenges that we faced. We had to undertake a fair amount of civil work, including stable foundation work and ensure that the plant does not get damaged due to vagaries of weather, like, heavy rain, storms, thunderstorms, lightning strikes, cloud bursts, snow, fierce winds, etc. Over and above these, we had to keep the plant protected from the menace of monkeys, etc. Cranes and forklifts had to be driven up from Dehra Dun repeatedly to unload the plant from trucks, and to move it to the place of installation. But, in the end, with generous financial support from enthusiastic Doscocs,

we managed to commission the plant on 30th July. Mussoorie now boasts of a 500 LPM oxygen generating plant with 8,000 Lt storage capacity. Should the third wave come, or in case of any other calamity, the citizens of Mussoorie and the hills beyond, do not have to rush to Dehra Dun or larger cities in the plains to avail superior quality critical medical care. A huge round of applause to all those who have been involved in this project.”

“To further mitigate the shortage of oxygen, particularly for patients who did not need intensive care, The DSOBS donated oxygen concentrators across the country, from Kashmir to Tamil Nadu and from Bengal to Rajasthan. All these are at locations having a Dosco connect.”

“The DSOBS ran 24x7 Helplines in, Delhi/NCR, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand & Karnataka. Through these we helped not only DoscOs, but the public in general as well, by arranging ambulances, doctor appointments, hospital beds, medical supplies, vaccinations, etc. I must thank Bawa Mohit Singh (172 H, 1997), who ran the Helpline for NCR. He was taking calls 24x7 and helping all and sundry who called for support. He addressed around 200-250 cases, and we received acknowledgements from the beneficiaries (see Fig 1 below). Mr. Arush Sogani ran the Helpline in Rajasthan.”



Feedback from members of the fraternity who reached out to the Helpdesk

(Fig. 1)

“Another initiative was the donation of Ambulances. We donated one ambulance to the Indian Red Cross Society, Davangere (Karnataka) branch and another one to the Santokba Durlabhji Memorial Hospital, Jaipur. The idea of donating these was to transport patients from rural & semi-urban areas to hospitals in cities.”

“Medical supplies were dispatched to multiple locations, over the country – from J&K, Himachal, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Manipur, UP, MP, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, etc. These include, PPE Kits, Face Masks, N95 Masks, Surgical Gloves, Hand Sanitisers, etc. We also sent out preventive care & immunity boosting medicines, like, Multi-Vitamins with Zinc, Vitamin C, Paracetamol, etc. which were in great demand, but short supply, around the peak of the second wave.”

“We also partnered with Apollo Hospital, Delhi for a vaccination program. This was open to all DoscOs, their families, relatives, friends, staff, etc. and for the public at large.”

Mr. Sameer Dhingra handed over to Mr. Tarun Sawhney, who continued with feedback on The DSOBS Covid 2.0 initiative –

He spoke about the supply of hot meals, in Rajasthan, Delhi, UP & West Bengal. Dry rations were donated to the needy in several States across the country.

For longer-term projects, The DSOBS received funds for education of Covid orphans. From the funds collected, we identified two children, who we will educate at the John Martyn Memorial School, Dehra Dun, and beyond up to Class XII.

The DSOBS has also made a sizable donation to the Gyanoday Foundation, Meerut, to support education of underprivileged children, particularly those affected by Covid.

In conclusion, the Society has raised more than Rs. 2.00 Crores, via contributions from individuals & corporates, DoscOs & non-DoscOs, from which we have – donated the oxygen plant in Mussoorie; provided hot & nutritious meals and dry rations; sent loads of medical supplies & supplements to several locations across the country; donated ambulances; invested in education of Covid-affected underprivileged children.

The President thanked the fraternity for their generous contributions; their involvement on ground across the country, due to which we have 'made an impact' (a DOSCOimpACT) across almost 70% of the country. He mentioned that this is a strong testament to the reach of our powerful & engaged fraternity, and that none of this would have been possible without a strong connect within the fraternity.

President then invited Mr. Sunil Kant Munjal (180 K, 1973), former President of The DSOBS and the present Chairman of Board of Governors of IPSS, to say a few words.

Mr. Sunil Kant Munjal, Chairman IPSS – Board of Governor's Speech:

"I would just like to compliment and congratulate The DSOBS for not just continuing the wonderful work that it has been doing for years but adding new dimensions to the way we reach out to people, to communities, to DoscOs, and non-DoscOs. It is wonderful that we have added the area of nutrition and certainly the tremendous work done for Covid relief was both very welcome and very well recognized by the people around us. I also want to thank you Tarun personally, for the wonderful work that you have been doing and contributing to the Board of the IPSS, for everyone's benefit. Tarun is a very actively engaged member and he represents all of you quite vociferously, I must say, on multiple occasions, and it is much appreciated. This, I have mentioned on several occasions, is a symbiotic relationship between the School, IPSS, and The DSOBS, and I am delighted to report to all of you that this relationship continues to grow from strength to strength. I have had multiple conversations with Tarun, not just at the Board, but also offline, to bring up issues in areas of concern, especially for DoscOs, and how we can continue to address them ensuring that this remains a durable foundation for The Doon School, which it is and continues to be our major outreach program. With Sameer too I have had some interesting conversations. Thank you, Sameer, and thank you for that amazing work you have done in setting up the oxygen plant in Mussoorie. Incidentally, I got a call from some of the administrators, both from Uttarakhand and Delhi, to say a big Thank You to The Doon School. I explained to them that this is not The Doon School, this is The Doon School Old Boys' Society, and the interesting question was why would they do this? It took a few minutes to explain to them what The DSOBS is, and what a Dosco is, and for a few minutes there was pin-drop silence, as to why do you reach out to people that you do not know and do things for them? But, of course, they were delighted and much appreciative of this, so, thank you all very much. Keep up the splendid work and keep up the active engagement that you have for all of us DoscOs within the community. That is the biggest plus and the biggest bond that each one has to the School and to each other. Keep up the splendid work. Thank you."

AGENDA ITEM No. 7: Update from the Headmaster about the School.

The Headmaster welcomed everyone and said that he would have been happy if there was a physical Founder's and he have been able to meet so many DoscOs. He hoped that the next Founder's will be a physical event.

He re-iterated his strong connect with the President and with The DSOBS, particularly because of our support to the School towards Scholarships, Internships, curating Webinars for the boys regarding their journey beyond school, etc.

He informed the gathering that around four hundred boys, from C Form to SC Form, were back on campus. Normalcy was setting in slowly, as the boys moved to their respective Houses. Games are being conducted House-wise.

He did mention that the School had been operating non-stop through the lockdowns, via online & hybrid classes. Debates, Round Square Conference, Sports Training, were all happening online. With the 'new normal' being different from the traditional normal, the School had created programmes for the boys to unlearn certain things and skilling them to be prepared for the new normal. Focus remains on all-round development of the boys. There was focus on three Cs for this new Gen 'Z' and these are – Curiosity, Creativity & Critical thinking.

He urged DoscOs to send their sons to Chandbagh. He said that their sons are familiar with the culture & ethos of the School and for them, they will not be 'going' to School, it will be a homecoming for them.

Mr. Tarun Sawhney thanked the Headmaster and said that some members from the House have sent in questions for him to answer.

Question - 1

How is the School planning to bridge the knowledge gap that has emerged with offline School and online School etc. for the last year and a half?

"Online education does have its challenges, but the School has been able to overcome this via 'callexam.net.' This wonderful platform is not only interactive, but it is also particularly good at monitoring and establishing an online examination system. We held PTMs on this platform and some of the parents suggested that we should continue with online PTMs even after normalcy sets in. We have coped up with hybrid learning. Some boys who came back last year managed to get some physical learning. For those who did not, we created one-to-one online remedial classes. So, we managed to bridge the gap, not 100%, but to a significant extent."

Mr. Tarun Sawhney read out a remark from Mr. Gursehej Oberoi (504 T, 2012) -

"My younger brother graduated from School this year. I was witnessing, very closely, the School trying to manage in this unprecedented situation. The new Headmaster came in at a very tumultuous time, and I want to take this opportunity to appreciate him and his team for doing a fantastic job in managing the situation, in the best viable way, given the trying circumstances. Kudos, to you HM."

Question – 2

We have had two full years with little activity. When School opens fully, it will be a vastly different world. I hope we are doing the things that keep our School's ethos alive. By ethos I mean, the School 'Lingo,' the way boys conduct themselves; some of the (positive) traditions that are special to School. Knowing how well things have been managed so far, I hope this factor is taken into consideration as well.

"We are wary of this and, to add to your concern, there are around twenty new masters who have joined in the recent past. I am amazed how wonderfully the seniors have taken the juniors under their wings. Training sessions have been on for some time, including online. Boys-in-charge & Masters-in-charge have been addressing the new boys online and conducting orientation classes. The new boys have been familiarised with life on campus via these online interactions. Its business as usual in Chandbagh. Apart from classes, games are on. Boys are busy preparing for Founders. There was not gap at all! This is what makes Doon & DoscOs so special. Yes, some challenges will be there, like the new boys addressing the masters by their names, which is not Doon culture. Such issues are being taken care of. Going forward, with more 'Talks' taking place, more old boys visiting the campus, there will be a lot of storytelling and these initiatives will help bridge this gap."

Mr Sunil Kant Munjal added that this issue has been in discussion at the Board level. The Board intend to make the induction of new boys & masters more comprehensive, and include Dosco fables, stories, legends, anecdotes, incidents, 'lingo,' etc. He mentioned that the Board is in the process of creating a module which will include all these, so that freshers at Chandbagh not only settle down quickly, but also understand the ethos & culture of the School.

Mr. Tarun Sawhney thanked the Chairman of Board of Governors and the Headmaster.

AGENDA ITEM No. 8: Update on Memorabilia by Mr Gautam Thadani.

Mr. Gautam Thadani said that royalty generated from sale of Memorabilia, is an important source of revenue for the Society. He mentioned that the society has outsourced coordination & commercials for our memorabilia to M/s Consortium Gifts Pvt Ltd, Noida. They also operate 'Doscobilia,' the memorabilia store on campus. Doscobilia vends apparel, luggage, electronics, stationary, glassware, ceramicware and other miscellaneous accessories. The last two years have been a total washout where memorabilia sales are concerned. As of now we are sitting on around Rs. Forty-five lakhs of inventory. He urged Doscobilia to visit the website and order memorabilia online to help us liquidate our inventory, so that new products are introduced. He made a special appeal to Tata House old boys to help liquidate a substantial quantity of Tata House inventory which remains unsold. He displayed a slide of Tata House inventory (see Fig. 2 below)



(Fig. 2)

With the pandemic receding and life getting back to normal, he hoped that the next Founders will be a physical one. He expected that batches celebrating their milestone years next year and those which could not celebrate in the last two years due to restrictions, will go all out in making the next Founders a mega celebration. He urged all such batches to place orders for memorabilia. He said this is another way of giving back to the Society. He informed such batches that a resolute design team will support them in creating & choosing batch memorabilia. He said that in case of any related issue batches must connect with the Secretariat and we will ensure that all your matters get resolved.

AGENDA ITEM No. 9: Update on Strategic Alliances, by Mr Vibhas Prasad & Mr Shiv Raj Palta.

Mr. Shiv Raj Palta said that the Strategic Alliances Group Sub-Committee was created to help The DSOBS generate revenues for its events & initiatives. As of now, there are four broad categories of activity –

- Charity (DOSCOimpACT) – All our charity initiatives
- Sports (Dosco BUZZ) – All our sporting events across the country & the world
- Learning (Dosco LEARNING) – Webinars & events to promote the arts, etc.
- Social (Dosco CONNECT) – All Get-togethers, worldwide

He mentioned that we are the only alumni body in the country that has a well-structured, democratic governance set-up in place. He went on to say that we are a highly cohesive society, with presence all over the world. We have been engaged in charity activities and the business of 'giving' for an exceedingly long time. We have an organized annual calendar of events. All these are time-tested and have been in place for decades.

The intention is to address this endeavour in the following ways –

- a. Offer Corporates (Dosco & non-Dosco corporates) an opportunity of sponsoring specific events, or a bouquet of events (depending upon the amount of sponsorship). In return for which we will promote their brand at the specified event(s)

For big-ticket annual sponsorships, we intend to offer some of our assets, like The Rose Bowl, Website, Mobile App, Social Media handles for discreet advertising

- b. Offer an exclusive marketplace of the Dosco community to premium brands, in trades like, travel, hospitality, lifestyle, sports etc.
- c. Offer the bouquet of our charity initiatives to corporates seeking contributions from their CSR funds. Our current focus is on increasing our Post-School Scholarship Corpus

He emphasised that in taking up the task at hand, the Sub-Committee has kept in mind the core values of The DSOBS –

- Partnering with the right businesses & organisations
- Collaborations must build inclusivity within the fraternity and outside, the terms of collaboration must be clear and transparent
- Security of our member database is sacrosanct to us, and the data is not to be given to anyone, whatsoever
- Very prompt, clear, and transparent in giving feedback to our partners on how we have utilized their contributions

Mr Shiv Raj Palta requested Mr Vibhas Prasad to complete the briefing to the House.

Mr Vibhas Prasad mentioned that dialogues with several premium brands were in various stages, when the second wave of coronavirus pandemic struck, bring all activities to a standstill. We closed a few alliances, with British Airways being the largest one. Ironically, air travel came to a standstill across world soon thereafter. But, coming back, now that things are opening again, several premium brands have expressed interest in aligning with The DSOBS and we are in various stages of discussions with them. We are clear that all such alliances will be for the Doscos and their families. We do hope that these will result in revenues for The DSOBS which can be channelled for our charity initiatives and for organizing our social & sporting events on a grander scale.

Mr Tarun Sawhney mentioned that the partnership with British Airways continues, and we will request them for fresh Codes. Some other interesting alliances in the hospitality and lifestyle space will also be rolled out in the next few months.

AGENDA ITEM No. 10: Approval of Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Account for the Financial Year 2020-21.

Mr. Sanjiv Sapra, Hon. Treasurer said that the Auditors Report along with the Audited Statement of Account for Financial Year 2020-21 was circulated earlier. He invited questions related to the above, if any, from the members, in the Q&A section. He said that the Society has received a 'clean audit report' from the statutory auditors, M/s JHS Associates LLP. He went on to brief the members about the accounts. He said –

- On the Income side:

Membership Subscription, at Rs. 87.50 lakhs are down 7.4%, due to School fees not having been realized by the School from some boys, on account of Covid.

Interest income from Deposits with Banks & FIIs at Rs.83.13 Lakhs, was up by about 19.2% over the preceding year, even though interest rates have come down. This is because funds in deposits have gone up.

Net income from Memorabilia, at Rs.2.29 lakhs, are slightly more than the previous year. Due to Covid sales were negligible and we are hopeful that they will go up here-onwards.

All donations, aggregating Rs.7.28 Lakhs, were fully utilized during the year.

- On the Expenditure Side:

Administrative costs of the Secretariat, including rent, maintenance, staff costs, staff travel, communication expenses, etc. at Rs. 48.52 lakhs are lower by 9.8% from the preceding year, because the Secretariat was closed for a few of months, on account of Covid.

Rose Bowl newsletter expenses, at Rs. 8.12 lakhs were lower, about 61%, because two issues could not be printed due to lockdown on account of Covid. Only one e-version came out.

Donations of Rs.61.09 Lakhs, comprised - Scholarships to legacy boys at School - Rs. 20.80 lakhs; Post School Scholarships - Rs. 1.44 lakhs; besides other donations to School, as per the collections made by Batches of 1989, 1994, & 2002.

On the Balance Sheet:

We received Rs. 74.75 lakhs towards Covid Relief Fund and till the end of the year we spent Rs. 55.76 lakhs on our various Covid relief initiatives. The balance Rs.18.99 lakhs have been carried forward to be spent in the subsequent year.

Post-School Scholarship Fund, of Rs. 7.12 lakhs were created for the first time, to provide financial assistance to boys, who have studied at School on minimum 100% scholarship, for pursuing their graduation. Rs.3.42 lakhs have been utilized in the year, and the balance, Rs. 3.70 lakhs have been carried forward to the subsequent period.

A Sports for Charity Fund was created, in which we collected Rs. 20.39 lakhs, but since no sporting events took place in the fiscal year, these have been carried forward. Surplus from this fund will be donated for various charitable initiatives of the Society.

Calamity/Relief Funds brought forward from the previous year. We utilized 61.8% in this year and the remaining balance of Rs. 8.54 lakhs have been carried forward to be utilized in the subsequent period.

The General Fund of Rs. 852.86 lakhs include profit from sale of the Society's office premises, and various unutilized funds raised by different Batches of the School, in previous years.

Rest of the specific funds collected in the past, Bursary, Rose Bowl Newsletter, Gurudakshina, etc. have been retained in the form of Fixed Deposits and interest income thereon is used for the objects of the Society.

At the end of the Financial Year, we have the Fixed Deposits of Rs.1,114 lakhs, including Building Fund, which we have kept separately in fixed deposits, along with interest thereon, so that it can be utilized whenever the new Secretariat premises is to be purchased.

Mr. Sanjiv Sapra asked if anyone in the House any queries related to the financial statements, someone may propose and second, to pass the Audited Statement of Account for the Financial Year 2020-21. Mr. Vishal Sinha (206 H, 1984) proposed that the Auditors Report along with the Audited Statement of Account for the Financial Year 2020-21 be Passed. This was Seconded by Mr. Samay Mangalagiri (99 T, 2008). These were duly taken as passed.

AGENDA ITEM No. 11: Appointment of Statuary Auditors for the Financial Year 2021-22. M/s JHS & Associates LLP, Chartered Accountants, retire as Statutory Auditors of the Society. They are eligible for re-appointment and, as such, are agreeable to be re-appointed Statutory Auditors for the Financial Year 2021-22.

The President requested members to propose M/s JHS & Associates LLP, Chartered Accountants, as Statutory Auditors of The DSOBS, for the Financial Year 2021-22.

Mr. Armaan Sai Malhotra (157 H, 2009) Proposed and Mr. Gursehej Oberoi (504 T, 2012) Seconded the Proposal. M/s JHS & Associates LLP, Chartered Accountants, were duly appointed Statutory Auditors of the Society for the Financial Year 2021-22.

AGENDA ITEM No. 12: To approve appointment of following members to the Executive Committee of the Society for a period of two years, extendable by another two years –

Mr. Tarun Sawhney said that before he welcomes the new members elected to the Executive Committee, he would like to personally thank the members retiring from the Executive Committee. He said their support and advice has been invaluable for him and towards the working of the Society. He said that he looked forward to their continued involvement in the affairs of Society. He acknowledged these members by name – Mr. Arjun Sahay, Mr. Gautam Thadani, Mr. Ankur Bahl, Mr. PS Dugal, Mr. Vibhas Prasad, Mr. Akash Puri, and Mr. Vipul Swarup. He thanked them for their support and guidance to the Society and for their tremendous involvement in the affairs of the Society. He looked forward to them being a part of a variety of Sub-Committees next year.

He announced the names of members selected by the Selection Committee and approved by the Executive Committee

Age Band	Vacancy	Candidate
Above 60 Years	1	Mr. Rakesh Kaushik (603 T, 1979)
50 - 60 Years	3	Ms. Kavita Prakash (794 T, 1981) Mr. Raghuvendra Singh (878 T, 1982) Mr. Vikram Batra (13 J, 1989)
40 - 50 Years	2	Mr. Ravi Singhee (265 T, 1991)

30 - 40 Years

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Mr. Arjun Sahgal (424 J, 1993)
Mr. Arush Sogani (600 H, 2000)
Mr. Samay Mangalagiri (99 T, 2008)

He requested the House to Propose and Second the proposal for the above appointments. Mr. Sameer Dhingra (452 T, 1987) proposed and Mr. Vibhas Prasad (184 H, 1997) seconded the proposal.

Mr. Samir Kuckreja (179 H, 1984) wanted to know whether the number of applicants was same as, or more than the vacancies to the Executive Committee. His concern was that not many members seem to be inclined towards working for the Society. He wanted more members to get involved in the affairs of the Society.

Mr. Tarun Sawhney replied that he would like to see more participation from members from the older age bands. A lot of members are getting involved from the younger age bands and we would like to see some of the senior folks getting involved with the Society as well. He gave age band-wise details of number of vacancies and applicants –

Age Band	Vacancies	Applicants
Above 60 Years	1	1
50 – 60 Years	3	3
40 – 50 Years	2	4
30 – 40 Years	2	5

Mr. Sameer Dhingra added that he would like to request Mr. Sameer Kuckreja to get involved with the affairs of the Executive Committee.

AGENDA ITEM No. 13: To note that Mr. Govind Dhar will step down as Editor of The Rose Bowl. Mr. Pratikaksha Basu (442 T, 1993) will take over the responsibility, w.e.f. January 2022. Mr. Govind Dhar will continue as Mentor to the editorial board.

Mr. Tarun Sawhney mentioned that with a heavy heart he must inform everybody that Mr. Govind Dhar would be stepping down the editor of The Rose Bowl. Govind has been the editor for the last seven years. He will continue to mentor the editorial board. On behalf the Executive Committee and the fraternity he thanked Mr Govind Dhar for a job extremely well done. He said that Govind has set the bar at an extremely elevated level for The Rose Bowl. He congratulated Mr. Pratikaksha Basu (442 T, 1993), who will take over the responsibility with effect from the January 2022 issue. He mentioned that The DSOBS would not have managed to get to Mr. Pratikaksha Basu, if changes that have happened in the world around us in the recent past (Covid), would not have happened. Mr. Pratikaksha Basu lives in California. So, for the first time, an editor who lives at the other end of the world, will be managing the affairs. He wished Mr. Pratikaksha Basu and his editorial team all the best in taking The Rose Bowl forward.

AGENDA ITEM No. 14: To note changes in / appointment of Class Reps:

A. Class of 1976 – Mr. Anoop Seth (523 J, 1976) has handed over charge to Dr. Atul Bahadur Singh (68 K, 1976)

B. Class of 2021 – Mr Nand Singh Dahiya (624 K, 2021) was appointed Class Rep of Class of 2021
The President read out the changes in the Class Reps and requested the house to note the same.

AGENDA ITEM No. 15: To note appointment of new / additional Regional Reps:

A. Mr Raghav Oberoi (514 J, 1994) has been co-opted as a Regional Rep. of Dehra Dun Region

B. Mr. Ankit Garg (122 H, 1997) has been appointed Regional Rep for the newly carved out Haryana Region

The President welcomed the new office bearers and looked forward to continuous engagement with them.

AGENDA ITEM No. 16: Any other matter, with permission of the Chair.

The President invited members to raise comments/questions under any other business.

a. Mr. Darshan Singh (90 T, 1962) –

He congratulated The DSOBS & the School for doing well. He wanted to know the strength of the fraternity in terms of numbers. He observed that a substantial number of members passed away in the current year. Mr. Tarun Sawhney replied that fifty-two members & three affiliate members passed away this year. Mr Ashutosh Goyal, Alumni Secretary, informed number of members is around 6,300, of which around nine hundred members are deceased, leaving around 5,400 active members.

Mr. Darshan Singh replied that when the School started, around 30-40 boys passed out in a year. Now we have 80/90, or even one hundred passing out. This brings the average to around seventy. We may not even get information of about twenty-five odd boys who may be passing away each year. If we take these figures purely as mathematical average, we would be losing around seventy members year and adding around 90/100 new members every year. This means that, going forward, our strength of active members will stabilize at around 6,000-6,200. The Secretariat may like to keep this figure in mind when planning. The Alumni Secretary thanked Mr. Singh for his valuable inputs.

Mr. Tarun Sawhney replied that the Society is acutely aware. He said that he would like to emphasise again that an event like Covid took away so many of our members, across ages. But, he said, that the upside has been that so many members, who were until now not directly involved with The DSOBS activities, got involved with our Covid initiatives, for fundraising, delivery of products and services. We hope that, over the coming years, we can get greater active participation from more members the of fraternity.

Mr. Darshan Singh said that the President had correctly observed how many members, who have not been involved in the Society's activities, have got involved due to the Covid initiatives. The pandemic has created a new normal, with online learning & meetings. He said that he was certain there would several members logged into the AGM from across the world. These people would not have been able to participate, even if they wanted to, had the meeting not been virtual.

Mr. Tarun Sawhney thanked Mr. Darshan Singh.

- b. Mr. Tarun Sawhney informed that some members have sent emails suggesting a bigger role of the alumni in development of the School. Much of these concerns have been covered by the Chairman & the Headmaster in their addresses earlier today. If there are any specific issue someone wants to discuss, we will be happy to put them forward to the School.

Another suggestion received via email was about greater involvement of old boys & teachers at School. He said that this suggestion is being forwarded to the Headmaster. He said that both these suggestions come under the purview of the School. Any other suggestions regarding the School, we will be happy to forward it to the Headmaster.

- c. Mr. Uday Pratap Singh (533 J, 2007) wanted to know why this AGM was scheduled on a Thursday, when traditionally it has always been held on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. He said that holding the AGM at weekends ensured greater participation from members. Dr. Atul Bahadur Singh (68 K, 1976) also echoed the same view.

The President replied that this year Founders is virtual, and the schedule is packed. This seemed like the best alternative time. Next year we will find a more suitable time slot, which works for all members of the fraternity, including the ones that are working.

- d. Mr. Chetan Aggarwal (568 T, 2007) wanted to know if there were plans for more Diversity meetings. Mr Tarun Sawhney replied that the Diversity Sub-Committee of IPSS has big plans. Mr. Ravi Singhee spearheads this initiative of IPSS. He has been elected to the Executive Committee this year. The DSOBS will provide all support to the IPSS in terms of attending such events and getting old boys from the respective regions to participate.

Mr. Ravi Singhee informed that during these Covid times Diversity meets have been held at Guwahati & Srinagar (J&K). The presence of old boys, particularly the President at all such events is extremely important for us and we will inform The DSOBS well in advance.

- e. Mr. Sudhir Prakash (283 K, 1965) said that IPSS was founded with the following objectives – To establish educational institutions that are centres of excellence, without distinction of

nationality, race, religion, caste, creed, or social status; To purchase, take as a gift, or otherwise, acquire land or building(s) wherever situated in India, which may be necessary or convenient for the purpose of the society; To construct more or many building(s) as may be necessary or convenient for the purpose of the society; Or to enter into agreements with other educational institutions for running the same. So IPSS was originally to set up schools. Somewhere, along, I remember the previous chairperson has unilaterally said that IPSS is not the plural it is only singular, but the spirit of our founding fathers was to set up many schools. The IPSS should go back to its Founders' wishes, try to set up other educational institutions and let the governing of The Doon School, restricted to the operational part, not to the real estate or to the assets, into the hands of the old boys as they are the natural breeders of The Doon School.

The second point he raised was about voting rights. He said that in a society like The DSOBS every member has one vote, and all members are equal. The IPSS is registered as a society under the Companies Act. In a company whoever has majority vote, governs, and takes various decisions. In IPSS the Chairman is only a facilitator, not the owner. Since the President of The DSOBS and Chairman of IPSS, both are present, I wished to make this point, without prejudice to anyone.

Mr. Tarun Sawhney thanked Mr. Prakash for attending the AGM. The DSOBS and IPSS have an agreement called The Chandbagh Accord. This Accord governs the rules, roles, and responsibilities of each institution. You have offered several suggestions for both organisations. I, as President of The DSOBS will be happy to write to Chairman of IPSS and forward suggestions relevant for IPSS. As far as The DSOBS is concerned, I will take your comments to the new Executive Committee, to deliberate how best to take them forward.

Mr. Darshan Singh concurred with the President. He said that Mr. Sudhir Prakash is a few years junior to him, "so he is not old. He is right, and his intentions are good, but it is beyond the scope of The DSOBS to act upon them. They need to be addressed to IPSS."

- f. Mr. Tarun Sawhney read out a suggestion made by Dr. Atul Bahadur Singh (68 K, 1976) which said that there are over one hundred doctors in the fraternity. We should involve them & their services to help and guide members, particularly in such challenging times like the coronavirus pandemic.

Mr. Tarun Sawhney thanked him and said his suggestion will be put up to the new Executive committee.

- g. Mr. Vinayak Bahuguna (722 K, 1980) wanted to know how The DSOBS will help in distribution of the book amongst members, on architecture of Chandbagh, published by Mr Sunil 'Melly' Gupta (562 H, 1980) and others.

Mr. Tarun Sawhney replied that The DSOBS did not have the funds for distribution, unless somebody raises the money for courier charge etc. He said while the subject of the book is very dear to him, as it will be to every Dosco, but it is a private publication. He suggested that as a key member of the fraternity, Mr. Bahuguna should undertake raising some funds so that we can go ahead and distribute this book.

AGENDA ITEM No.17: Vote of Thanks.

Presidents' Speech:

"First, I would like to thank the Chairman of IPSS and the Board of Governors for their tremendous support. I would like to thank the Headmaster and his team for working so beautifully with The DSOBS, and for always and immediately addressing any all our concerns, from time to time. I would like to thank my colleague and Vice President, Mr. Sameer Dhingra, for all his efforts. Sameer, thank you very much. I would like to thank Mr. Sanjiv Sapra, our Hony. Treasurer, Mr. Shubho Ghosh, all the Speakers & Moderators of DOSCOTalks, Mr Madhukar Tomar, who manages the legal cell of The DSOBS, Mr. Apurva Kumar, for hosting Team Dosco at his Hotel Clarks Amer, Mr. Hemant Bishnoi, for hosting a dinner for the team, at Jaipur, Mr. Junaid Altaf, for hosting dinner at Srinagar. Junaid, thank you very much we will not let you go very easily, it was well attended, and we hope to make this

an annual event. Thank you to both of you, Owais & Junaid, for hosting this. Mr. Shivendra 'Dicky' Singh & Mr. Bharat Mehra for organizing the events in Goa, Mr. Brijendra Mann for hosting the Doscob Bikers in Karnal, Mr. Bharat Bhushan Garg & Mr. Ankit Garg for hosting the Yamuna Nagar Get-together. I would like to thank the Dehra Dun Reps – Mr. Harish Suri, Mr. Raghav Oberoi & Mr. Manav Kochhar for organising the Dehra Dun Get-together. I would also like to thank all my fellow members on the Executive Committee for their support and guidance throughout the last twelve months. I would like to thank all the Invitees and President's Nominees on the Executive Committee. I would also like to thank all members of the EC Sub-Committees. The EC Sub-Committees comprise a very vast number of members, I wish I could name everybody in person, but we have been here for a bit longer than planned, so let me thank everyone collectively. I would like to thank the Sports Heads – Mr. Raghuvendra 'Donny' Singh - thank you very much for all the Cricket events, Mr. Abhishek Misra and Mr. Nalin Khanna for Golf, Mr. Kunal Sharma for Hockey, Mr. Karam Rai Mehra for Football, Mr. Shiv Raj Palta & Mr. Prithvi Gill for Squash, Mr. Ankur Bahl for Adventure Sports. We look forward to your continued involvement in taking The DSOBS sporting events, not just in the Delhi/NCR region, but across the country, in the coming year. I would like to thank all the Regional and Class Reps and organizers of all events throughout the year, and our auditors, consultants, and advisers. Last, but not least, I have two more thanks to give. I would like to thank my predecessor Mr. Rahul Kohli, for his advice and support through this last year and the two preceding years. Rahul, thank you very much. And last, but not least, I would like to thank the Secretariat team without which any of this could not be possible. Mr. Ashutosh Goyal, our Alumni Secretary. He is a wizard in managing relations between the fraternity and the office. Thank you, Ashu, for your tireless efforts. I would also like to thank Ms. Neha Kashyap, who has done a tremendous amount of work, and Ms. Rachana Singh, who joined us during the year. Thank you both, for making sure that the Society remains a success.

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you very much for joining us today, I look forward to seeing all of you through the course of next year. Do stay safe and stay connected with us.”

The Meeting ended with the Vote of Thanks to the Chair.