

MINUTES OF THE 85<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DOON SCHOOL OLD BOYS' SOCIETY HELD ON SATURDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024 AT KILACHAND LIBRARY, THE DOON SCHOOL, DEHRA DUN, AT 11.30 HRS IST

Attendees:

S.No	Prefix	Name	Surname	No	House	Batch
1	Mr.	Ashutosh	Goyal	392	K	1986
2	Mr.	Sandeep	Dutt	627	K	1997
3	Mr.	Nitin	Garg	74	H	1995
4	Mr.	Sai Armaan	Malhotra	157	H	2009
5	Kr.	Raghuvendra	Singh	878	T	1982
6	Mr.	Vipul	Jain	564	J	1988
7	Mr.	Arush	Sogani	600	H	2000
8	Mr.	S Junaid	Altaf	209	O	2003
9	Mr.	Sanjay	Datta	205	T	1984
10	Mr.	Sunjay	Kapur	147	H	1990
11	Mr.	Ankur	Bahl	193	J	1976
12	Mr.	Vikram	Kapoor	206	K	1959
13	Mr.	Vijay	M Nath	179	J	1959
14	Kr.	D P N	Singh	181	K	1960
15	Mr.	Sameer	Dhingra	452	T	1987
16	Mr.	Praveen	Goel	131	J	1972
17	Mr.	Asim	Goel	242	J	1998
18	Mr	Parivesh	Goel	526	J	2001
19	Mr.	Yash	Ghandi	586	J	2007
20	Mr.	Rajat	Sabharwal	599	O	2007
21	Mr.	Raghav	Nayar	443	T	1993
22	Mr.	Avneesh	Sangwan	104	T	2002
23	Mr.	Muneer	Suri	490	K	1987
24	Mr.	Ajay	Swaroop	245	J	1975
25	Mr	Abhinav	Khetri	159	J	2003
26	Mr.	Vivek	Narayan	584	K	1994
27	Mr.	Anirudh	Gupta	246	J	2015
28	Mr.	Sunil	Gupta	606	J	1979
29	Mr.	Prithvi	Gill	665	T	1995
30	Mr.	Rakesh	M Kaushik	603	T	1979
31	Dr	Alok	Ahuja	741	K	1998
32	Mr.	Karthik	Jayashankar	285	O	1998
33	Mr.	Akash	Puri	230	T	1998

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34	Mr.	Anoop	Seth	523	J	1976
35	Mr.	Arun	Khana	90	H	1973
36	Mr.	Shiv Raj	Palta	195	J	1996
37	Mr.	Arjun	Sahgal	424	J	1993
38	Bawa	Mohit	Singh	172	H	1997
39	Mr.	Yaser	Tanvir	211	T	2003
40	Mr.	Abhinandan	Sekhri	362	O	1992
41	Mr.	Rahul	Kohli	81	J	1975
42	Mr.	Barat	Mehra	196	H	1984
43	Mr.	Aditya	Kumar	428	T	2000
44	Mr.	Govind	Dhar	192	T	1997
45	Mr.	Sidharth	Lulla	383	T	1992
46	Ms.	Vibha	Chadda	89	J	1968
47	Mr.	Karanjiv	Singh	89	J	1968
48	Mr.	Anil	Malhotra	505	H	1975
49	Mr.	Arjun	Sodhi	203	H	1990
50	Mr.	Manav	Kochhar	183	O	2009
51	Mr.	Jaswinder	Singh Bull	344	J	1986
52	Capt.	Shubhendu	Kumar	17	J	1989
53	Mr.	Haripal	Singh Gill	328	H	1996
54	Mr.	Rushil	Singh	67	K	2009
55	Mr.	Gurvinder	Singh	373	H	1976
56	Mr.	Narendra	Dudhoria	310	T	1974
57	Mr.	Sharvan	Thadani	283	J	1980
58	Mr.	Shivendra	Singh	454	H	2006
59	Mr.	Ravi	Chaudhary	244	K	1964
60	Mr.	Arjun	Lakhan Pal	435	T	1994
61	Mr.	Prithipal	Singh Dugal	588	T	1980
62	Mr.	Shivendra	Singh	26	T	1969
63	Mr.	Sumer	Singh Salkan	267	K	1985
64	Mr.	Nitin	Agarwal	181	O	2006
65	Mr.	Syed Owais	Altaf	456	O	2006
66	Mr.	Jatinderpal	S. Bhathal	198	H	2003
67	Mr.	Dhruv	Saklani	152	T	2003
68	Mr.	Rahul	Goyal	210	O	2003
69	Mr.	Jayant	Saran	413	T	1993
70	Mr.	Anil	Dhar	359	T	1969

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71	Mr.	Kaushalendra	Singh	141	H	2003
72	Mr.	Arjun	S Thakran	534	T	1987
73	Mr.	Sanjiv	Sapra	534	T	1979
74	Mr.	Ajay	Mehta	102	J	1989
75	Mr.	Shekhar	Swaroop	165	J	2004
76	Mr.	Gautam	Thadani	488	J	1975
77	Mr.	Arnav	Garg	74	H	2021
78	Mr.	Jagpreet	Singh	285	T	1976
79	Mr.	Ravi	Singhee	265	T	1991
80	Mr.	Aditya	Dhingra	669	T	2015
81	Mr.	Shubho	Ghosh	472	O	1993
82	Mr.	Vikramjeet	Singh	168	O	2003
83	Mr.	Puneet	Sardana	78	T	1995
84	Mr.	Vivek	Seth	915	J	1982
85	Mr.	Harish	Suri	348	H	1973
86	Mr.	Rathin	Mathur	23	H	1989
87	Mr.	Moin A.	Qureshi	467	J	1975
88	Mr.	Manoj	Kapur	339	H	1979
89	Mr.	Rahoul B.	Singh	312	J	1992
90	Mr.	Anshu	Dhar Jayal	407	T	1993
91	Mr.	Anoop	Singh Bishnoi	112	J	1975
92	Mr.	Vinayak	Bahuguna	722	K	1980
93	Mr.	Samir	Kukreja	179	H	1984
94	Mr.	Mohinder PS	Atwal	87	K	1989
95	Mr.	Nakul	Socd	410	J	1995
96	Mr.	Avinash	Singh Alag	160	H	1984
97	Mr.	Rajat	Wahi	212	T	1984
98	Mr.	Sanjiv	Sharma	74	K	1974
99	Mr.	Anil	Kumar	653	K	1974
100	Dr.	Jagpreet	Singh (Headmaster)	Ex-Officio	Member	

**Leave of Absence:**

1	R. K.	Pratap	Singh	162	H	1954
2	Gp. Cap	Vashisht	Sahgal	373	T	1971

**AGENDA ITEM No 1:**

Welcome Members and establish quorum

The President, Mr Sameer Dhingra, welcomed all the Members present in the House.

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The Secretary, Mr Ashutosh Goyal, announced that the quorum to hold the Meeting was available, and that the proceedings may commence.

**AGENDA ITEM No 2:**

To pass a condolence resolution in memory of Members who have passed away since the last (84<sup>th</sup>) Annual General Meeting

A condolence resolution was passed in memory of Members who passed away since the last (84<sup>th</sup>) Annual General Meeting

	NAME	No H	BATCH
1	MR ROHIT HANDA - President, The DSOBS (1986-88)	022 J	1953
2	MR SHOMIE RANJAN DAS - Headmaster, The Doon School (1988-96)	165 H	1951
3	MR BIPIN SARABHAI HAJI	042 H	1944
4	MR SATISH KUMAR 'TISHY' KHANNA	050 H	1944
5	AIR CDRE (RETD) VIVEK Y NEHRU	082 J	1944
6	MR RATAN KUMAR SANGHI	067 H	1946
7	DR MOHD AMINUDDIN KHAN	022 K	1948
8	WG CDR (RETD) RAVINDRA LAL BADHWAR	230 H	1949
9	RAJA SAMAR SINGH	247 T	1949
10	MK SHIV BHADRA SINHJI OF BHAVNAGAR	117 H	1950
11	MR RATTAN LAL MALHOTRA	262 H	1950
12	MR VINAYA K GUPTA	036 K	1951
13	MR ARIJIT CHAUDHURI	206 J	1954
14	MR PRANAY CHAND 'DANNY' MAHTAB of BURDWAN	070 K	1956
15	MR BORUNAKSHA BASU	161 T	1958
16	MR ROMESH KOHLI	020 J	1959
17	MR SHAILENDRA PRASAD	033 H	1959
18	MR PRADEEP KAUL	013 J	1960
19	MR VISHWANATH SUBRAMANYAM	264 T	1962
20	MR VIKRAMJIT 'HOBO' SETH	030 J	1962
21	WG CDR (RETD) MAHARAJ KANAK SINGH	350 T	1963
22	MR BALKISHAN DEVIDAYAL	165 K	1963
23	MR MADHUKAR BAJAJ	311 J	1964
24	MR AJAY DEWAN	326 T	1970
25	DR AJIT SINGH	322 K	1971
26	MR HEMADRI S RANA	463 T	1975
27	MR SUNDEEP KHOSLA	238 K	1979
28	MR RAKESH JHA	700 T	1982
29	DR JIGISH RUPARELIA	118 J	2008
30	MR R D SINGH (MK RAJENDRA DEO SINGHJI OF POONCH	(Affiliate Member)	
31	MR DINESH CHAND BHATKOTI	(Affiliate Member)	

The President requested Members to rise and observe a minute's silence in memory of the departed members. All Members stood up and observed a minute's silence in obeisance to the departed Members.

After observing a minute's silence, the President thanked everyone and requested them to take their seats.

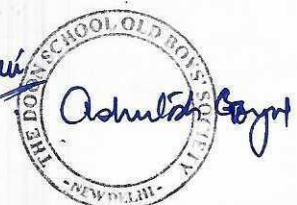
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**AGENDA ITEM No 3:**

To discuss Minutes of the last (84<sup>th</sup>) Annual general Meeting, and I thought fit, to approve the Minutes

The President announced that Minutes of the last (84<sup>th</sup>) Annual General Meeting, held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023, were shared online with the Members in advance. He enquired if there were any matters that arose from the Minutes. No matters arose from the Minutes. He then requested that someone may propose that the Minutes be taken as approved. Mr Jaspreet Singh (285 T, 1976) proposed that the Minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting be approved. Mr Rahul Kohli (81 J, 1975) seconded the proposal. The Minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023, were taken as approved. The President thanked both the Members.

**AGENDA ITEM No 4:**

Update from Chandbagh – by Dr Jagpreet Singh, Headmaster

The Headmaster was not available in the House. It was decided to continue with other Agenda items and allow the Headmaster to give his update as and when he arrives.

**AGENDA ITEM No 5:**

Update by the President about the events, activities and initiatives of the Society since the last Annual General Meeting

The President made a PowerPoint presentation on the events, activities and initiatives of the Society since the last Annual General Meeting –  
Sports:

- . The DSOBS revived the annual basketball engagement with the School. Team DSOBS played a match against the School team on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The School team won
- . The annual Alumni Cricket Bash 2023 was hosted by The Daly College, Indore, from 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Team DSOBS participated, and several members of the team won awards for individual performances
- . Team DSOBS travelled to Kolkata for the annual cricket fixture with Calcutta Cricket & Football Club, played on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The hosts won the match
- . The Shomie Das Friendship Cup, an annual cricket tournament played between the three residential schools headed by Late Shomie Das, Mayo College, Ajmer; The Lawrence School, Sanawar; & The Doon School, Dehra Dun, was held from 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 in Mumbai
- . Inter House Cricket Tournament was held in New Delhi on 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Oberoi House were Winners and Jaipur House were Runners-up
- . Inter House Hockey Tournament was held in New Delhi on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Hyderabad House won, and Jaipur House were Runners-up
- . Team DSOBS participated in the inaugural Alumni Basketball Tournament on 23<sup>rd</sup> march 2024, in New Delhi, comprising teams of alumni from Welham Boys, Mayo College & The Lawrence School, Sanawar
- . Team DSOBS returned to Chandbagh on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to take on the School team in basketball. This time they beat the School team
- . On 13<sup>th</sup> April the annual SK Vohra Cricket match was played in School. Team DSOBS won
- . On 14<sup>th</sup> April a team comprising boys from the School cricket team and some masters, played against Team DSOBS
- . The annual KC Joshi Hockey match was played on 18<sup>th</sup> may. The School team won
- . The annual cricket fixture between Team DSOBS and Mayo College was held in Bangalore on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Team DSOBS won
- . Inter House Football Tournament was held in New Delhi on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Jaipur House emerged winners; Kashmir House were Runners-up
- . The annual SL Sharma Football Match was played on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024. The match was tied 2 : 2. This was followed by a tiebreaker, where the School team got the better of Team DSOBS
- . The annual Kashmir Golf weekend was held from 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> August.. This is a family outing, and this year it was held in Srinagar & Gulmarg

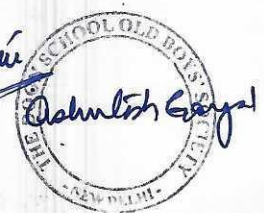
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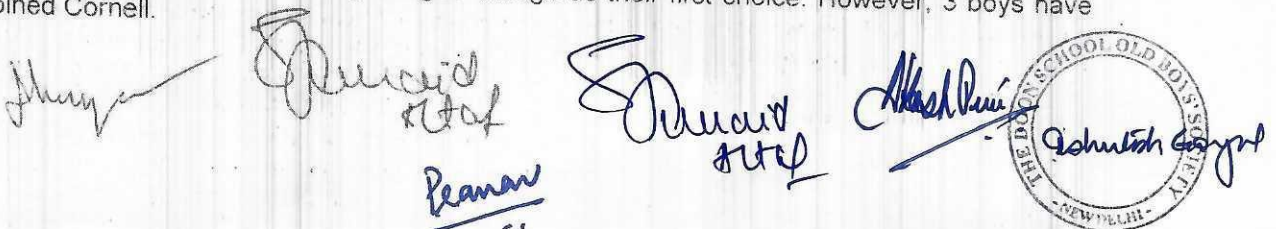
- . The Karnataka Region organised 'Socials' with Welham Girls alumni in Bangalore on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023
- . The Mumbai Region had a meet-up on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- . The Kolkata Region organised 'Socials' with Welham Girls alumni in Kolkata on 28<sup>th</sup> February
- . The Haryana Region had a Get-together in Yamuna Nagar on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- . The Tamil Nadu region had their annual Get-together in Chennai on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023. This was followed by a spontaneous lunch at a Kala Mandapam
- . The USA (East – DC Area) Chapter met up in Washington DC on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- . The DSOBS Annual Goa Weekend was held on 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> January 2024. With an evening each in Sly Granny and Purple Martini
- . The 2<sup>nd</sup> Dosco Bike Ride was held on 11<sup>th</sup> February. Bikers rode from Dehra Dun and Delhi to a midway stop on the Delhi – Dehra Dun highway called Namaste Midway. They rode back to their respective destinations after a sumptuous lunch
- . The Middle East Asia Region had their annual get-together in Dubai on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- . The Chandigarh Region had a Get-together in Chandigarh on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024
- . The Rajasthan Region had a Get-together in Jaipur on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- . The Annual UK Region Get-together was held in London on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- . The USA (West Coast) Region met up on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- . The USA (North-East) Region Annual Get-together was hosted by Mr Amit Sawhney (252 T, 1973) at his residence in New York, on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- . The Delhi Region had their annual Get-together on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

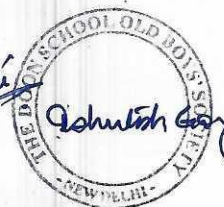
Apart from the annual Get-togethers, Doscocs of several Regions Meet-up every month. These include, Karnataka (in Bangalore), Goa, Middle East Asia (in Dubai), USA East (DC Region) in and around Washington DC, UK (in London), Punjab (Ludhiana)

At this point the Headmaster joined the Meeting, and the President requested him to address the House.

The Headmaster –

- . He thanked the President, members of the Executive Committee and the House.
- . He said that all Doscocs are aware of what's happening in School as it is governed in a transparent manner. He said he was happy to welcome all Doscocs back on campus and dwelled upon the next Founders, which shall be the 90<sup>th</sup>, christened DS-90. He said that the landmark year will be celebrated in a grand fashion, preparations for which shall begin soon after this weekend. He requested members to give suggestions and advice on how we should celebrate the landmark event. Some events have been tried at this Founders as well, particularly related to exhibitions. We have been complemented for some of the ideas. Next year the exhibitions will be in all the classrooms, and they will showcase the talent of our boys. The event will be celebrated over three days. We have in place a great plan, but ideas and suggestions from the old boys are welcome.
- . He said that effective this year the academic calendar has been tweaked towards achieving academic excellence. Sports has been a focus area, and the results are evident, as we have been performing excellently in them. We have started participating in IPSC tournaments, as now they are the platform to qualify for SGFI (School Games Federation of India) which is the stepping stone to qualifying for national level.
- . So, rest assured that things are in the right direction
- . Talking of academic excellence, we now assess academic performance in May & September. This is followed by Trials in November. Score Cards are maintained for all boys. For A & SC Forms we have curated Pre-Boards One, followed by a winter holidays Camp, followed by Pre-Boards Two. In between, we also have a tutorial Mock Board exam. Once the boys return from winter vacation, we have Pre-Boards Three. It is after that that the boys sit for the Board exams.
- . Moving to college applications, 81-82% of our boys got admitted to colleges that were their first choice. Not all have an Ivy League college as their first choice. However, 3 boys have joined Cornell.





Every university, whether in India or abroad, is looking at a child's portfolio. What they have been doing in school, beyond the classroom. Our boys get focussed attention for this bigger picture.

The School has set up a Learning Centre, with two professionals, Learning Programme Counsellors, on board. They specialise in identifying learning disorders and create curated learning curriculums for such boys. So, the focus is not only on physical well-being of boys, but also mental/emotional health. A whole lot of technical analysis is being conducted on the boys. The School has employed professional to monitor the mental health of our boys, counsel them and to take remedial measures. 47 boys have been identified for receiving some form of 'other learning needs.' This may not be understood as a weakness, but a clinical neurodiversity requirement. like dyslexia, dysgraphia, ADHD, slow learning. For boys in A & SC Forms, we have written to the Board asking if we need to make alternative or additional arrangements for them to write their exams, or give some concessions, or additional time to write their exams. It's a huge team – two Learning Programme Counsellors, two Child Counsellors and three Career Counsellors, a team of seven professionals.

The School is open for all of you to walk around, meet Housemasters, talk to the boys!

The President thanked the Headmaster and asked members if they had any questions.

Mr T Deepak Chandra (277 T, 1984) asked the Headmaster how old boys can help. What help does he require from them?

The Headmaster replied that old boys can help by giving ideas to make DS-90 a grand success. Also, by talking to parents of young boys, telling them that Doon is the right place to consider sending their sons. He said all Doscocs may send their suggestions and also queries that they may have to him by email ([hmdosco@doonschool.com](mailto:hmdosco@doonschool.com)). He promised that their emails will be responded to within 24 hours.

Mr Shivendra 'Dicky' Singh (261 T, 1969) suggested that for DS-90 the School should get inputs from Doscocs from all Regions, and not just from North India.

The Headmaster said that Doscocs not only from different regions of India, but from the entire world are open to send their suggestions. He said that he will request the President to write to all Doscocs on behalf of the School.

Mr Rakesh Kaushik (603 T, 1979) asked whether the DS-90 celebrations will be for one year or for they will continue for 10 years leading up to the centenary.

The Headmaster said that from DS-90 we will be at the gateway to our centenary. It will be a remarkable time, as we will see how things have changed over the last 100 years. How Doon prepared Doscocs to take up challenges a hundred years ago and how we are preparing them for the challenges that lie ahead now. SO, going forward, every year from 2025 to 2035 is going to be milestone year, as we approach the landmark Centenary. From this point of view, we will be celebrating our centenary for the next 10 years. We will revalue & reassess our centennial path in five years, 2030 and see if we need to make amendments and change course in the last lap of five years.

Mr Nitin Garg (74 H, 1995) observed that he was very happy to see that the boys are wishing teachers and visitors. They seem more confident now and are happy to engage in conversations.

The Headmaster thanked Mr Garg, saying that some other old boys had also observed this. He said that now even D Formers are shaking hands of old boys and asking what School was like in their time. The boys always look up to the old boys with great respect and awe. They observe old boys very minutely and want to emulate the old boys' mannerisms. We would like to see our boys become chivalrous, have more values and morals.

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The President thanked the Headmaster and said that, on a lighter note, when the gentleman asked you how he can help, you should have said, 'by raising funds.' The Headmaster said that he will let the Chairman address that.

The President requested the Headmaster for just one more minute. He said that the Headmaster could not make it to Delhi for launch of the coffee table book on the history of The DSOBS. He requested the Chairman of Board of Governors, Mr Anoop S Bishnoi, and the Headmaster to formally launch the book in front of the House.

As the two walked up, the President continued saying that it took two & half years of interviews with Doscobos across the world, members of the Collegium, researching archives, old publications and documents to generate content for the book. The President informed the House that a letter written by Mr Arthur Foot in 1965 about the School and the Society has been preserved by the British Library in London. A copy of this letter was procured upon request to the British Library for reproduction in the book. The book encapsulates the Society's journey and our commitment to serve society over the last 85 years.

The Coffee Table Book was launched by the Chairman of Board of Governors, Mr Anoop Singh Bishnoi & the Headmaster amidst applause from the House. The President announced that the Coffee Table Book is available for sale from Doscobilia, and that it can be ordered online as well.

The Headmaster completed his engagement with the House and took leave to handle other pressing engagements. The President returned to his brief to the House –

Other Events:

. The Class of 2024 were formally 'inducted' into The DSOBS at an Induction Ceremony held in School on 9<sup>th</sup> March

. A Dosco Talks session was held in Mumbai on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024 where Mr Ishaat Hussain (292 H, 1963) ) was in conversation with Mr Rahul Bhagat (865 J, 1982)

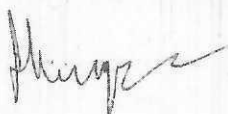
. The Wildlife Sub-Committee curated two trips during the year – one to Corbett National Park over the Republic Day weekend; and the other to Ranthambore National Park (19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> April 2024)

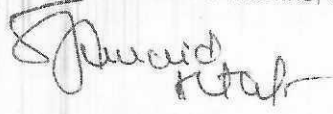
#### **AGENDA ITEM No 6:**

The President requested Mr Rakesh Kaushik to brief the House on The DSOBS Mentorship Programme.

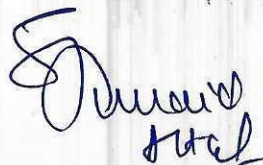
Mr Rakesh Kaushik made a presentation and updated the House about The DSOBS Mentorship programme. He said that the Programme is now two years old, and this year the aim was to scale it up and expand its scope. He said that this is not a career counselling programme, the School already has comprehensive infrastructure for that. He said that the focus here is to provide SC Formers an immersive experience of interacting with a fellow Dosco who has been in a particular profession for a number of years. There's nothing like getting a real experience of a profession that to be able to talk to someone from that profession. This year needs of the mentees included science and technology, business finance, aerospace engineering, FinTech, music, writing, environmental science, sports psychology, etc. The ladder has been moving up. Last year, the first year of the Programme saw 14 boys taking part. This year 35 registered and 82% completed it. The 18% dropouts were on account of scarcity of time to participate, due to being busy with college applications, preparing testimonials, and other responsibilities at School. We have a comprehensive, and growing, pool of Mentors. More than 100 old boys have already volunteered to be Mentors. Others are encouraged to join the Mentor pool.

Once we get the preferences from prospective Mentees of the professions they seek to get mentored in, we do a comprehensive exercise of matching them to the most appropriate Mentor. The programme is for about 4-6 months, ending by September, after which the boys





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get very busy with Founders, exams, college applications, and so on. The programme entails online engagement of the mentor and mentee, about once a fortnight. After the Programme ends, separate feedback is taken from both. We have received some very positive and encouraging comments from the mentees about the usefulness of the entire activity. We are now going a step further. We intend to start a similar programme for DoscOs who are in college. Mr Akash Puri will brief you about this initiative.

Mr Akash Puri said that seeing the great participation and feedback of the Mentorship Programme, we decided to go a step further and launch a professional mentorship programme, called the Post-School Mentorship Programme. This is to provide professional help and guidance to DoscOs. This programme assists DoscOs in three age/professional journey categories – up to 35 years of age (young professionals); 35-50 years (mid-level professionals); and beyond 50 years (CEOs, and other senior DoscOs). Our endeavour is to support DoscOs who find themselves at crossroads at different stages of their professional journey. They can resort to unbiased feedback on the choices they want to make from fellow DoscOs who may have been in their shoes earlier in their careers. The seniors help guide the juniors through the professional challenges they might be facing. This is a 3-month programme. It was launched in January 2024, and 10 participants opted for the programme. It is open to all DoscOs, and anyone interested in joining this programme, both as a Mentor & as a Mentee, may contact Mr Ashutosh Goyal, Secretary. We will continue to update you all through our mediums of communications, The Rose Bowl, our social media handles, emails, etc.

**AGENDA ITEM No 7:**

The President requested Mr Junaid Altaf, Vice President, to update on The DSOBS Internship Programme. Mr Junaid Altaf thanked all the DoscOs who offered internships during the summer vacations to SC Form boys. 48 boys registered to participate in the programme. Eventually 18 boys took up the programme in 10 diverse organisations. We hope to build on these numbers, going forward.

**AGENDA ITEM No 8:**

Mr Ravi Singhee, Convenor of the Memorabilia Sub-Committee mentioned that we now have a new vendor, M/s Mango Orchard, who is more receptive to our asks. Their product quality is much better than the previous vendor, and it has been well-received by the old boys and the boys in School. He urged members to visit Doscobilia and other memorabilia stalls put up on campus.

**AGENDA ITEM No 9:**

The President informed that the Society's website [www.dsobs.net](http://www.dsobs.net) has been totally refurbished. Mr Vipul Swarup worked most of the year on this project. He is not here today. He also informed about The DSOBS WhatsApp Chatbot, 'The DoscoBot'. He said that all upcoming events will be available there, along with a lot more information. To register, DoscOs need to send a 'Hi' to our office mobile number – 98107 29170. Mr Arush Sogani was instrumental in creating DoscoBot. The objective of launching DoscoBot was to have unified communication across all our initiatives. Upcoming events, Memorabilia, The Rose Bowl, etc. all at the press of a button.

Recently we created Functional Groups on WhatsApp. These Groups are platforms for professional DoscOs across various verticals – finance, manufacturing, art, hospitality, pharma, healthcare etc. DoscOs in these respective fields can engage to help each other.

**AGENDA ITEM No 10:**

As you all are aware, we sold our office in Bhikaiji Cama Place, New Delhi in 2019, as there were several challenges in that location. As per Income Tax compliances, we had to buy our own office within the stipulated time of five years. We found a suitable premises in Panchsheeli Enclave and got the interiors completed to our requirement, and we moved into our own new

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office on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. All of you are welcome to visit the new Secretariat whenever you are in the vicinity.

**AGENDA ITEM No 12:**

Moving on to elections. Your Society complied with the Rules and conducted the entire process for the selection a candidate for the Chair of Vice President (2024-26). The selection committee formed for the purpose recommended the name of Mr Akash Puri (230 T, 1998) to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the Selection Committee and has forwarded the same to the House for ratification.

Mr Moin A Qureshi (467 K, 1975) 'Proposed' that the recommendation of the Executive Committee be ratified by the House. Mr Rahul Kohli (81 J, 1975) 'Seconded' the 'Proposal.' Mr Akash Puri was duly declared elected to the Chair Vice President for 2024-26. The House congratulated the new Vice President.

**AGENDA ITEM No 13:**

This year four vacancies were coming up after this AGM. Again, the selection/election process was conducted as per the Rules of the Society and the Selection Committee recommended the following names to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, in turn, approved the recommendation of the Selection Committee. We now present to you the new members of the Executive Committee (2024-26) and request you to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee –

Name	No House & Batch	Age Category
Dr Alok Ahuja	(741 K, 1980)	60 Years & Above
Bawa Mohit Singh	(172 H, 1997)	40 – 50 Years
Mr Avneesh Sangwan	(104 T, 2002)	40 – 50 Years
Mr Pranav Goel	(591 O, 2020)	30 Years & Below

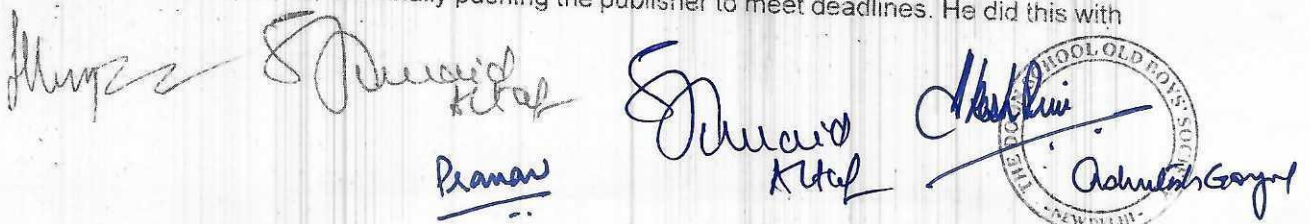
Mr Moin A Qureshi (467 K, 1975) 'Proposed' that the recommendation of the Executive Committee be ratified by the House, Mr Sai Armaan Malhotra (157 H, 2009) 'Seconded' the 'Proposal.' All the four Members were duly declared elected to the Executive Committee for 2024-26. The House congratulated all the new Members.

**AGENDA ITEM No 14:**

The President acknowledged that the Society has reached where it is today because of the support, commitment, time, effort, energy and money put in by successive generations of members over the last 85 years to keep the fraternity engaged and cohesively bonded. From 1939 to now, concerns, initiatives, numbers, activities, all have grown. We have now reached a membership count of around 5,600-5,700. One of the most time-consuming and engaging initiatives is sports. Within sports, cricket, with a busy calendar across the country and through the year takes top spot. It takes a lot of time to conceive a cricketing event, garner players, organise venues, playing kits, sporting kits, travel & stay and funding (the most important). Repeating the same drill for 6-8 such events every year, is like giving a lot. Only people who are extremely and consistently passionate about the sport and about the School & Society can manage to pull it off.

Over the last two decades two Doscos have been engaged in organising Cricket & Golf, year after year, bettering the event each passing year. It is time that these two are given due recognition. I am today very proud to award the Certificate of Recognition to Mr Nalin Khanna & Mr Raghuvendra 'Donny' Singh.

One other Dosco needs to be recognised, and his service to the Society needs to be acknowledged, and that is the previous Editor of The Rose Bowl, Mr Govind Dhar. For seven years Govind served as Editor of The Rose Bowl, during which the magazine scaled to a new high, in terms of content and quality. First pushing Doscos for content, then rummaging in all sorts of places for photos, and finally pushing the publisher to meet deadlines. He did this with

  
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aplomb. Let me mention here that all through his tenure Govind was either in Sri Lanka, or Dubai or Spain. To his credit go the release of 2-3 editions of The Rose Bowl during the Covid-19 pandemic. I am delighted to award the Certificate of Recognition to him.

Mr Haripal S Gill (328 H, 1966) informed the House that The Rose Bowl was launched in 1985 and for several years it was published in single colour. It was only after the Pakistan Descos launched a similar magazine, called Chandbagh, which was in full colour, that the then Editor, Mr Kishore Lahiri, started publishing The Rose Bowl in full colour as well.

**AGENDA ITEM No 15:**

The President announced that the Auditor's Report along with the Audited Statement of Account for the financial year 2023-34 were sent to all members by email well in advance. The Honorary Treasurer briefed the House on the Income & Expenditure of the Society for the year in question. He also went through the Balance Sheet of the Society.

Mr Rahul Kohli (81 J, 1975) observed that the cost on The Rose Bowl has gone up drastically, with no effort made in offsetting cost by getting advertisements.

Mr Haripal S Gill mentioned that at one time it was decided that we will treat the expense on The Rose Bowl as a necessary expense. We had decided not to monetise it. But, with the change in times, the new dispensation must take the call about monetising it.

Mr Rahul Kohli 'Proposed' that the Auditors Report and the Audited Statement of Account for the financial year 2023-24 be 'Passed.' Mr Sandeep Dutt (627 K, 1979) 'Seconded' the 'Proposal.' The Auditors Report and the Audited Statement of Account for the financial year 2023-24 were duly taken as 'Passed' by the House.

**AGENDA ITEM No 16:**

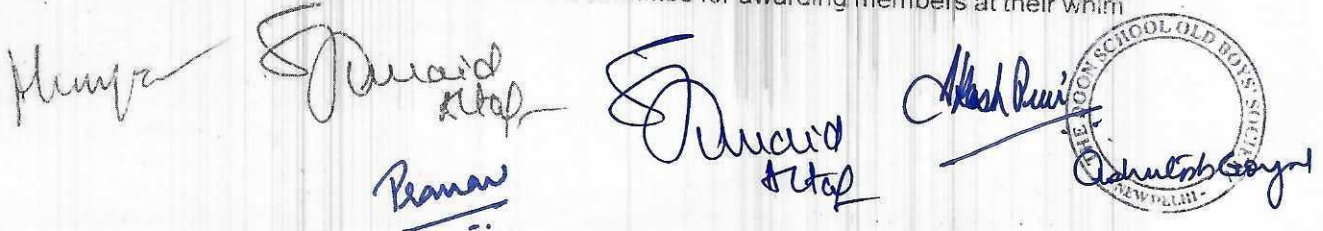
The President announced that the term of Statutory Auditors of the Society, M/s JHS & Associates LLP, Chartered Accountants, comes to an end at this Annual General Meeting. However, they are eligible for re-appointment as Statutory Auditors of the Society for the financial year 2024-25, and as such they have given their consent for re-appointment as Statutory Auditors of the Society for the financial year 2024-25. He asked the members if anyone had any objection for such re-appointment. No one raised any objection. He then proceeded to request that someone from amongst the members may propose that M/s JHS & Associates LLP, Chartered Accountants, be re-appointed as Statutory Auditors of the Society for financial year 2024-25.

Dr Alok Ahuja (741 K, 1980) 'Proposed' that M/s JHS & Associates, Chartered Accountants, be re-appointed as Statutory Auditors of the Society for financial year 2024-25. Mr Jaspreet Singh (285 T, 1976) 'Seconded' the 'Proposal.' M/s JHS & Associates LLP, Chartered Accountants, were duly re-appointed as Statutory Auditors of the Society for financial year 2024-25.

**AGENDA ITEM No 20:**

Any other matter, with permission of the Chair –

1. Mr Rahul Kohli (81 J, 1975) said that in Descobilia the pricing of wares has been fixed such that shipping within India is free. Which means that shipping charges are built-in in the marked price of the wares. If someone is buying the wares from Descobilia why should he have to pay the built-in shipping charges. This way he is paying way more than the value of the ware.
2. Mr Rahul Kohli further said that earlier in the Meeting Certificates of Recognition were awarded to certain people. He said that while he is not questioning the eligibility of the recipients, he suggested that the Society must create the criteria for such awards. So that no one can raise a finger at the Executive Committee for awarding members at their whim

  
The image shows several handwritten signatures in blue ink. From left to right, there are four distinct signatures. The first is a cursive signature, the second and third are more stylized and appear to be 'Sandeep Dutt' and 'Rahul Kohli' respectively. The fourth is a signature that looks like 'Alok Ahuja'. To the right of these signatures is a circular stamp with the text 'THE ROSE BOWL SOCIETY' around the top edge and 'NEW DELHI' at the bottom. In the center of the stamp, there is a signature that appears to be 'Rahul Kohli'.

& fancy. This set of criteria should be drafted in a transparent manner and should be made available for all members.

The President noted the same and said that the incoming Executive Committee will look into both these matters and resolve them.

3. Mr Jaspreet Singh (285 T, 1976) said that he had an observation to make which needs to be taken up with the Board of Governors by the President, who is an invitee on the Board. He said he walked into his old House, Tata House, despite there being a board saying that one cannot enter without proper permission. He said when he attended Founders two years ago, the walls were adorned with wooden boards of House Captains, and such like. In the last two years they have been replaced by cheap red plastic boards. These must be replaced by the old wooden boards.
4. Mr Yash Gandhi (586 T, 2007) observed that the colours and logos of the Houses have been changing again and again. Tata House colour was maroon, now it has become red. There must be some standardisation of House logos and colours.

Mr Jaswinder Singh (344 J, 1986) a member of the Board of Governors, said that he had gone to Tata House and observed that the maroon colour had changed to red. Upon questioning the boys, he was told that it was their choice.

The President said that he will take this up with the Board of Governors.

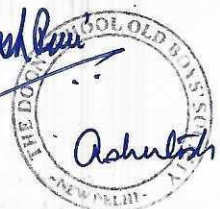
5. Mr Haripal S Gill said that there is too much of focus on cricket as a sport in The DSOBS. Other sports must also get equal traction. Mr Raghuvendra 'Donny' Singh, Head - The DSOBS Sports, responded saying that The DSOBS is adding a few more sports. Pickle Ball, Paddle Ball and Badminton will be starting in the next few months. Basketball has already started, and we will organise Inter House Basketball very soon.
  6. A suggestion came up for having a repository of Doscobilia having hotels, homestays etc. which could be used by old boys.
  7. Mr Ancop Seth (523 J, 1976) said that Doscobilia must have tee-shirts etc. which cost around Rs. 300-400. Earlier we used to sell tee-shirts around this cost. Not everyone can buy tee-shirts costing Rs. 1500.
  8. Capt. Shubhendu Kumar (17 J, 1989) suggested that regarding the Certificates of Recognition, there must be a process where the fraternity in general can recommend names to the Executive Committee for the award. The Executive Committee can then internally whet the suggestions and take a call.
  9. Capt. DPN Singh (181 K, 1960) suggested that the tie made on the design created by Mrs Foot should be sold as a limited-edition product.
  10. He further observed that a certain 'VIP' culture seems to have set in in School. The President interjected, saying that this is matter which should be addressed to the School. The second thing was the Old Boys Tie. Now anyone can just buy and wear it. There is no privilege attached to it.
- Mr Vijay M Nath (179 J, 1959) said that when boys graduated from the School and became members of the Old Boys Society, they were given a tie. So, the tie should not be sold to and worn by anyone who is not a member of the Society. The President noted the observation.

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Mr Rahul Kohli concurred with Mr Nath. He said that the memorabilia store should be instructed to sell the Old Boys Tie only to old boys, and no one should be authorised to wear it.

**AGENDA ITEM No 17:**

Farewell note by the outgoing President

"And on that note Gentlemen, it's now time to say farewell. It's time to pass on the baton. I place on record my sincere Thanks to the entire Executive Committee. All of you have given a lot of your time to the Society. It is difficult to take all the names out here, but Manuj Ailawadi, Rakesh Kaushik, Donny Singh, Bharat Mehra, Vikram Batra, Ravi Singhee (who has rushed for the HM's lunch!), Abhinandan Sekhri, Arjun Sahgal, Akash Puri (the incoming Vice President), Vipul Swarup, Vipul Jain (our Honorary Treasurer), Arush Sogani, Chirag Nangia, Samay Mangalagiri, Bawa Mohit Singh, Shiv Palta, Yash Johri, Yash Gandhi & Nalin Khanna. Each of you, and those that I may have missed out. We made an incredible team, and we delivered. It's been an honour working with you all.

Nothing in The DSOBS is possible without the support of our Class Reps & Regional Reps. My sincere thanks to them, and to the entire fraternity.

You know that the Secretariat is our strong link. Thank you Ashutosh Goyal. A special mention of Ms Rachana Singh, who has been with us for 4-5 years now. She was heading Admin & Finance till now and has been recently promoted to Deputy Secretary. We have an additional resource at the Secretariat, Ms Priyanka Roger, who joined us earlier just a few weeks back. She will look after Finance & Admin. Gentlemen, the way the Society is moving forward lots of new initiatives, several great suggestions which have come in today, we will need manpower at the Secretariat. The future leadership now has the manpower to go forward. So, once again, thank you everyone.

Last, but not the least, my Vice President and dearest friend, Junaid. It's difficult to sum up our relationship, but I have attempted to do justice to it by penning a few words -

Junaid, as I today bid farewell, it's a mix of emotions & gratitude for the journey we have shared, sadness at the prospect of parting ways, and pride in all that we have accomplished together.

Your role as the Vice President of The DSOBS has been instrumental in shaping our Society and fostering a sense of camaraderie amongst the fraternity.

Your dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the Society has been fantastic.

You have led by example, always ready to lend a helping hand, offer guidance, and support the society's endeavours with enthusiasm and passion.

Your vision for the Society has propelled us forward, leading to countless successful events and initiatives that have strengthened our bonds and enriched our experiences.

Your presence for me as a friend, will be deeply missed, your warmth, kindness, and genuine care has made our partnership even more memorable.

Your work begins now, and I am sure your dedication will continue to inspire and lead the Society as it moves forward.

As the President your impact on our Society will endure long after you have moved on to new adventures.

As you embark on this new chapter in your journey, do know that you carry with you the respect, admiration, and support of all who have had the privilege of working alongside you.

May your tenure be filled with success, happiness, and fulfilment.

Thank you for everything, Junaid.

I will truly cherish the time we spent as a team, and the work we did.

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**AGENDA ITEM No 19:**

Mr S Junaid Altaf, the incoming President addressed the House –  
“I think it is difficult to start where he left off, but I'll try, and I'll make it quick. I think the President of The DSOBS is an institution, and I think Sameer carried the institution to its fullest. Sameer was always a guide, mentor, friend and I believe Sameer will remain that for me. Thank you, Sam. If I can say it out, I think Sameer enabled a generational change in The DSOBS and more than a guide, truly more than a guide. He was one of my closest friends in this journey. So, thank you Sam, to the fraternity, to all our Presidents, Rahul, Moin Sir. I mean it has been an honour knowing all of you. I will look to your guidance. I will look to your advice. I believe this fraternity is at an inflection point. We are as strong as we were, but we can be stronger. I think we need the support of our elders. There is a younger generation. The DSOBS is getting younger, and we need to ensure the younger generation is as imbibed in the Society as all of you have been. So, I will call on each and every one of you to help me in that endeavour because as much as the world is digital, the bonds we forge within these walls of Chandbagh remain, and for that we will always call upon each one of you to help us. So, thank you once again. Thank you to the Executive Committee. Thank you to everybody who has served with me. There's a lot of work we have to do. I think that there's a very, very high bar that has been set. I am sure we'll be able to do that. We'll step up to it and deliver. Thank you everybody. Thanks a lot.

The President thanked Mr Altaf and invited the incoming Vice President, Mr Akash Puri, to say a few words.

Mr Akash Puri, incoming Vice President addressed the House –  
“Well, I'll keep it even shorter than Junaid. I'm truly honoured to be appointed Vice President of The Doon School Old Boys' Society. My heartfelt thanks go out to the Executive Committee, to Sameer, Junaid, the Collegium of Presidents, and the Board of Governors, and the entire fraternity who have placed their trust and support in me. A special thanks to the Headmaster for supporting The DSOBS and it's really a privilege to serve such a distinguished and dynamic community, one that has always been very close to my heart. I look forward to working with all of you to strengthen our bond and continue to build the legacy of our Society. Thank you very much.”

The President thanked everyone.

The Meeting was adjourned with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

