

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, DSOI

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warm wishes to the esteemed members of the prestigious DSOI which offers the best platforms for social engagement, recreation and entertainment, befitting our services culture. Having taken over as the President of the institute, my endeavour has been to ensure all-round improvement in functioning of the DSOI. Congruently, the Management Committee has taken a slew of measures to address specific problem areas concerning the interior economy, infrastructure and services in the institute.

The financial health of the institute needed immediate attention as it is ailing from huge burden of expenditure owing largely to salaries of the staff. Pending audit of accounts is underway and is expected to be completed before the next MAM. Steps for right-sizing the DSOI staff, changing the existing model of managing DSOI to outsourcing in a phased manner is being undertaken. Infrastructure improvements like renovation of Bars, Sky lounge, Sports Complex, Lobby and Banquet Halls is in prog and is likely to be completed by Oct 16. New coffee lounge and outdoor bar will add to the facilities of DSOI. The renovation of residential suites is likely to be completed and the suites will be available to the members wef October 2016 onwards. The quality of catering and services have seen a positive change which is indicated by increase in clientele/ foot-fall on all days. We have permitted wearing of Jeans on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays to meet the long outstanding demand of members. It has met with a positive response.

Certain stringent measures to arrest wastages have been put in place due to which significant reduction in losses has been achieved. Motivation, training, and installation of bio-metric attendance system for the staff has effected better accountability. President's Weekly Forum on Sundays is being conducted to remove the communication gap between members and management of DSOI. The same has been well taken and appreciated by members. Hiring rates of Banquet Hall, Party lawns have been reduced to attract more clientele. We have already started preparations for organising MAM and New Year Eve function.

Notwithstanding, the challenges posed by the financial constraints, we shall strive to meet all aspirations of the esteemed members. I am sanguine that with a renewed focus and concerted effort, the DSOI will remain as the 'Niche Destination' for social interaction. May I also take this opportunity to request you to give me suggestions for the overall improvement of our Institute.

I wish all the members happy times at the DSOI.