

ISMO News Letter : 01/2021

Dear Esteemed Thought Leader & DSSC Alumni,

Greetings from the DSSC International Students Office (DISO), DSSC, Wellington, India!

It gives us great pleasure to inform you that we have recently established the DSSC International Students Office (DISO) with the twofold aim of establishing a single point contact for all International Student Officers nominated for the Staff Course, as well as to keep our esteemed international alumni updated with the events and developments and events at DSSC. This email is the first step in our outreach to you.

Despite the ongoing global pandemic, DSSC has recently successfully conducted its 76th Staff Course with a course strength of 478 Students including 33 International Students from 21 countries. The Course commenced on 03 August 2020, after a delay of two months due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions. The College utilised this time to work out detailed protocols for incoming student officers (SOs). These included extensive administrative preparation of accommodation, testing of all SOs and their families and assisting them in initial quarantine by delivery of food, water and essential supplies at their doorstep. Leveraging the excellent digital infrastructure at DSSC, online training sessions were conducted during the quarantine period. Once a safe 'COVID free bubble' was established, the 'On Campus' Course began on 03 August 2020. Online classes, including guest lectures via videoconferencing were a regular feature of the 76th Staff Course. **Though these measures stretched the College resources a bit, you would be happy to know that during the entire conduct of the Course, we did not have even a single day's disruption in training. The 76th Staff Course graduated as scheduled on 17 April 2021.** Towards the later half of the course, as the pandemic eased off a little, the College also conducted several Sports and Co-curricular activities with enthusiastic participation of the SOs and their families. Some photographs highlighting the course activities are attached for your perusal. A digital version of the final issue of the HOOT magazine is also attached herewith.

As mentioned earlier, this is the beginning of the DSSC outreach to our alumni. We hope that we have been able to give you a flavour of the latest activities at DSSC and have rekindled your fond memories of Wellington. We shall follow up with more information and updates about the College at regular intervals, generating more touch points with our esteemed alumni from our friends across the globe. We look forward to ideas / suggestions from you on how to further enrich our interactions.

We sign off, wishing you and your family good health, happiness and success in all your endeavours ahead. Stay Safe, Remain Alert, Stay Blessed Always!

With warmest regards,