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Lord Ganesh Sthapana & Pratham Aarti at K.P.B. Hinduja College of Commerce

Date: September 14, 2026

Venue: Worli Campus

K.P.B. Hinduja College of Commerce celebrated the auspicious festival of Ganesh Chaturthi with great devotion, joy, and cultural fervour on September 14. The campus wore a festive look as the ceremonial *Ganesh Sthapana* was performed in an atmosphere filled with positive energy and reverence.

Traditional Welcome & Distinguished Dignitaries

The event was graced by the esteemed leadership of the Hinduja Group and Foundation:

- **Shri Ashok Hinduja**, Trustee of the College & Chairman, Hinduja Group of Companies (India)
- **Smt. Harsha Hinduja,** Trustee - Hinduja Foundation & President of the India Friendship Bonsai Society
- **Shri Raman Kalyanakrishnan**, CEO - Hinduja Foundation
- **Shri Y.M. Kale,** Hinduja Group

Upon arrival, the trustees and dignitaries received a warm, traditional welcome organized with great enthusiasm by the students. They were joined by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Navin M. Punjabi, Vice Principal Dr. Chandrakala Joshi, and Ms. Smita Menon, along with faculty members and staff.

Ceremony and Puja

The ceremonial installation (*Sthapana*) of Lord Ganesha was performed with Vedic rituals and prayers. Shri Ashok Hinduja and Smt. Harsha Hinduja performed the auspicious *Pratham Aarti*,

joined by Sh. Raman Kalyanakrishnan, Sh. Y.M. Kale, the college leadership, staff, and students who participated with devotion.

Interactions & Address with Staff and Students

Shri Ashok Hinduja and Shri Raman Kalyanakrishnan spent quality time interacting warmly with both faculty members of the College and students.

In his address, Shri Ashok Hinduja congratulated Principal Prof. (Dr.) Navin M. Punjabi, Vice Principal Dr. Chandrakala Joshi, Ms. Smita Menon, and the entire Hinduja family on the smooth, successful transition to the new campus. He outlined an inspiring, forward-looking vision for the future, highlighting the redevelopment plans at the college's original and iconic location at Charni Road. Shri Ashok Hinduja shared the ambitious goal of constructing a modern, state-of-the-art building at the site, with the ultimate vision of establishing a full-fledged University right where the institution's historic journey first began.

Distribution of Mementos and Prasadam

Following the puja and address, beautiful mementos alongside festive sweets (*Prasad*) were presented to the staff members and students at the hands of Smt. Harsha Hinduja.

Vibrant Student Participation & Ceremony

The spirited involvement of the students truly enhanced the festive spirit across the campus. From designing vibrant, intricate rangolis at the entrance to leading soulful bhajan recitations, and actively assisting in event coordination, the students demonstrated exemplary devotion and teamwork.

The celebration concluded on an uplifting note, leaving the entire college community inspired by the leadership's visionary roadmap and blessed by Lord Ganesha for the academic year ahead.