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HINDUJA MUN 2026

THIRD EDITION

A Youth-Led Platform for Dialogue, Democracy and Social Responsibility

Organized by

DEPARTMENT OF INTEGRATED PROFESSIONAL DEGREE PROGRAMMES

1. TITLE & EVENT DETAILS

HINDUJA MUN 2026: A PLATFORM FOR YOUTH, DIALOGUE AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP

The third edition of Hinduja MUN 2026, organized by the Students of Integrated Professional Degree Programmes of K.P.B. Hinduja College of Commerce, brought together young participants from schools and colleges for structured debate, deliberation and intellectual engagement.

The conference brought together 100 plus delegates representing 20 different schools and colleges, with participants between the ages of 16 and 25. The event also welcomed first-time MUN participants and delegates attending through open delegations, creating a platform that combined competitive MUN experience with accessibility for newcomers.

Rather than positioning the MUN only as a competition, the organisers sought to encourage participants to understand issues, develop informed positions, articulate their views confidently and engage with opposing perspectives without compromising on respect.

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Committee Structure

United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)

Agenda: Addressing Human Rights Violations Against LGBTQIA+ Communities

Chair: Mr. Swastik Tawate | Vice Chair: Mr. Tanay Parikh

All India Political Parties Meet (AIPPM)

Agenda: Reservation Policies in India: Reform, Expansion, or Status Quo

Chair: Mr. Suraj Tondale | Vice Chair: Mr. Yash Bhosale

2. INTRODUCTION / OVERVIEW

MORE THAN A CONFERENCE — AN EXERCISE IN YOUTH LEADERSHIP

A Model United Nations conference is fundamentally an exercise in dialogue. It requires participants to research complex issues, understand competing perspectives, construct arguments and communicate their positions within a structured environment.

Hinduja MUN 2026 sought to take that experience beyond the conventional boundaries of competitive MUN culture. The third edition placed emphasis on encouraging young people to develop the confidence to speak, question, listen and take a stand without being disrespectful.

This philosophy was particularly relevant to the central message of the conference — “Ab Drugs Nahi”. The campaign provided a youth-focused social context, encouraging participants to view awareness and responsible decision-making as part of a wider responsibility towards society.

The event brought together participants with different levels of MUN experience. First-time delegates were welcomed alongside students who had already participated in the MUN circuit. Participants came from different schools and colleges and through open delegations, creating a diverse pool of perspectives.

For experienced delegates, the conference offered another opportunity to sharpen research, negotiation and public-speaking skills. For first-timers, it served as an introduction to formal debate, parliamentary procedure, diplomacy and issue-based discussion.

The result was a conference designed not only around competition, but around participation, confidence-building and constructive dialogue.



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3. OBJECTIVES

Encouraging Informed Discussion

To encourage young people to engage with contemporary issues through research, structured discussion and reasoned argument rather than superficial opinion.

Developing Communication Skills

To provide an environment in which participants could communicate ideas clearly and persuasively while learning to disagree without becoming disrespectful.

Creating Opportunities for First-Time Delegates

To welcome students who were new to MUNs and provide them with practical exposure to committee procedure, debate, negotiation and public speaking.

Promoting Youth Awareness

To connect the conference's youth-oriented environment with the wider social message of the "Ab Drugs Nahi" campaign and the importance of informed choices.

Building Confidence and Leadership

To develop initiative, adaptability, confidence and leadership through practical participation rather than classroom-only learning.

Encouraging Respectful Disagreement

To demonstrate that democratic discussion depends on the ability to defend a position while listening to and engaging with opposing viewpoints.

Together, these objectives positioned Hinduja MUN as a learning experience as well as a competitive platform, with an emphasis on the skills and attitudes required for responsible participation in public life.



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4. OPENING CEREMONY

SETTING THE TONE FOR TWO DAYS OF DIALOGUE

The opening ceremony formally marked the beginning of Hinduja MUN 2026 and brought together delegates, organisers, faculty members, college authorities and distinguished guests.

The first day recorded an opening-ceremony footfall of approximately 300 people, excluding the participating delegates, demonstrating the interest surrounding the inauguration.

The ceremony commenced with the traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, symbolising the beginning of the conference and the pursuit of knowledge and awareness.

Distinguished Presence

- Prof. (Dr.) Navin M. Punjabi - Principal
- Dr. Chandrakala Joshi - Vice Principal
- Dr. Antara Sonawane - Chief Coordinator (BMS & BBA)
- Dr. Jagruti Darji - Assistant Chief Coordinator (BMS & BBA)
- Mr. Freddy Martis – Development Manager, Hinduja Foundation
- Dr. Harish Shetty - Psychiatrist
- Ms. Ankita Patil, IRS – UPSC, Rank 140

The opening speech was delivered by Mr. Adidev Singh, Secretary-General of Hinduja MUN.

The central message of the opening proceedings focused on the purpose of discussion itself: participants were encouraged to learn how to discuss difficult subjects, take a clear stand and express disagreement without being rude or dismissive.

This message established the tone for the committee proceedings that followed, where delegates were expected to balance confidence with respect and competition with constructive engagement.



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5. COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

United Nations Human Rights Council — UNHRC

Agenda: Addressing Human Rights Violations Against LGBTQIA+

Communities Chair: Mr. Swastik Tawate | Vice Chair: Mr. Tanay

Parikh

The UNHRC provided delegates with a platform to examine questions surrounding human rights, equality, dignity and protection from discrimination.

The agenda invited discussion across several interconnected areas: the responsibility of governments and institutions to protect individuals from discrimination, access to education and employment, institutional safeguards, awareness and the role of policy in reducing barriers faced by vulnerable communities.

A key dimension of such deliberation is the relationship between individual rights and institutional responsibility. Participants were encouraged to consider how rights can move beyond formal principles and become meaningful in everyday life.

The committee also created an environment in which delegates had to respond to opposing positions. The exercise therefore tested not only knowledge of the issue, but also the ability to listen, rebut and negotiate constructively.

The proceedings reflected the wider philosophy of the conference: complex questions require dialogue, and meaningful dialogue requires both conviction and respect.



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6. KEY DISCUSSION & DELIBERATIONS

UNHRC: Human Rights, Equality and Institutional Responsibility

The UNHRC agenda naturally brought attention to equality, dignity and the protection of individuals from discrimination. Discussions could be approached through the effectiveness of existing safeguards, the responsibilities of public institutions and the importance of awareness and education.

The committee environment also encouraged delegates to consider how social attitudes can influence the practical experience of rights. This creates an important distinction between legal recognition and effective protection in everyday life.

Other relevant areas of deliberation included access to education and employment, representation, institutional accountability and mechanisms through which human-rights concerns can be addressed.

AIPPM: Reservation Policy and the Question of Reform

Agenda: Reservation Policies in India: Reform, Expansion, or Status Quo

The AIPPM agenda placed delegates within a distinctly Indian public-policy debate. Reservation remains closely connected with questions of historical disadvantage, representation, social justice and equality of opportunity.

The deliberative framework allowed participants to examine the rationale behind reservation, the effectiveness of existing policies, representation of disadvantaged communities and the relationship between social and economic criteria.

The central policy question extended beyond whether reservation should exist. Delegates could also examine whether the existing system should be retained, reformed or expanded, and what considerations should guide any such change.

The committee therefore required participants to balance competing principles and political perspectives while defending their positions in a structured parliamentary environment.



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7. DELEGATE PARTICIPATION

The conference hosted 90 delegates from 20 different colleges, with participants falling broadly within the 16–25 age group. The delegate pool included students from different schools and colleges as well as participants from open delegations.

One of the defining features of the conference was its willingness to welcome first-time MUN participants. This helped create a more inclusive environment in which delegates could enter the MUN format without requiring extensive prior experience.

At the same time, the conference retained a competitive character. Delegates approached committee proceedings with enthusiasm and preparation, making the sessions dynamic and discussion-oriented.

The mix of experienced and first-time delegates also contributed to the diversity of the discussions. Participants arrived with different levels of familiarity with formal debate, allowing the conference to function both as a competitive platform and as a learning environment.

The age diversity within the 16–25 bracket further reflected the role of youth in conversations surrounding public policy and social responsibility.

For many delegates, the value of the conference extended beyond the final awards. Research, public speaking, negotiation, listening and confidence are transferable skills that participants can carry into academic, professional and civic environments.



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8. NOTABLE MOMENTS

A Strong Opening-Ceremony Response

The presence of approximately 300 people during the opening ceremony, excluding delegates, created a strong beginning to the conference and reflected the wider interest surrounding the event.

The "Ab Drugs Nahi" Message

The central campaign gave the conference a social dimension beyond conventional MUN competition. By bringing youth awareness and responsible citizenship into the event's narrative, the organisers sought to connect discussion with real-world relevance.

First-Time Delegates on the Same Platform

The inclusion of first-time delegates alongside experienced MUN participants was a significant feature of the edition. It reinforced the idea that MUNs can serve as entry points into public speaking, diplomacy and issue-based discussion.

Two Distinct Committee Formats

The combination of UNHRC and AIPPM exposed delegates to two different styles of deliberation: an international human-rights framework and an Indian parliamentary-policy environment.

A 40-Member Organizing Committee

Behind the visible proceedings stood a 40-member organizing committee responsible for transforming planning into a functioning two-day conference. The scale of the team reflected the range of operational responsibilities required to execute the event.



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9. ORAGANIZING COMMITTEE & EXECUTION

The execution of Hinduja MUN 2026 depended on coordination across a 40-member organizing Committee. A conference involving delegates from 20 colleges requires simultaneous attention to registration, communication, delegate management, hospitality, venue readiness, committee operations, public relations and on-ground coordination.

The Organizing Committee therefore functioned as the operational backbone of the conference. Its role extended from preparation before the event to real-time coordination during the proceedings.

A successful MUN requires precision because multiple activities take place simultaneously. Committee rooms must remain on schedule, delegates must receive accurate information, guests must be coordinated and unexpected issues must be addressed without disrupting the participant experience.

The third edition also demonstrated the importance of teamwork. The final event experience was not created by a single department or individual, but through the combined efforts of the organizing team, faculty coordinators, executive board and partners.

Public Relations & Outreach

The public-relations function formed an important part of the conference's outreach. The event ultimately reached its target of 90 delegates, with participants representing 20 colleges. Further details on the PR campaign, media coverage, outreach metrics and individual recognitions can be added to the final edition of this report.

Partners

The conference was conducted in partnership with Real Raincoat, Live Times, Leading Edge Live, FinPlan Edu and IIIDE, whose association contributed to the event ecosystem.



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10. CONCLUSION

HINDUJA MUN 2026: WHERE DISCUSSION BECAME PARTICIPATION

The third edition of Hinduja MUN represented an effort to create a platform where young people could do more than speak. They could research, question, negotiate, listen and learn to defend a position while respecting the person holding an opposing view.

With 90 delegates from 20 colleges and a 40-member organizing committee, the conference brought together a diverse group of young participants within an environment designed around structured debate and responsible dialogue.

The two committees — UNHRC and AIPPM — offered different perspectives on complex questions of human rights and Indian public policy. Their agendas demanded research, reasoning and the ability to engage with competing viewpoints.

The conference's central "Ab Drugs Nahi" message added a wider social dimension. It reminded participants that youth engagement with society cannot stop at discussion.

Awareness, responsibility and informed decision-making are equally important.

The event also reinforced the value of welcoming first-time participants. By opening the platform to students from different schools, colleges and open delegations, Hinduja MUN helped introduce a wider group of young people to structured public discourse.

Ultimately, the success of a conference such as Hinduja MUN cannot be measured only by the number of delegates or awards distributed. Its deeper impact lies in the confidence participants gain, the perspectives they encounter and the conversations they carry beyond the committee room.

As the third edition concluded, Hinduja MUN stood as a testament to the potential of youth-led platforms to combine competition with learning, advocacy with responsibility and disagreement with respect.

"The objective was never simply to teach participants how to win an argument. It was to teach them how to have one."



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11. LIVE BROADCAST COVERAGE — 15th August 2026

HINDUJA MUN ON AIR: CARRYING “AB DRUGS NAHI” BEYOND THE COMMITTEE ROOM

On 15th August 2026, proceedings from Hinduja MUN 2026 were carried to a wider audience through a special live broadcast on Live Times, the conference's official media partner. The telecast extended the reach of the “Ab Drugs Nahi” campaign beyond the delegates present in the committee rooms, bringing the conference's central message of youth awareness and responsible citizenship to viewers following the event remotely.

The broadcast was anchored by Mr. Manish Singh, whose coverage guided viewers through the atmosphere of the conference, the spirit of the debates and the significance of the day's proceedings. The anchoring format combined live commentary with structured segments, allowing the broadcast to capture both the energy of the delegates and the substance of the discussions taking place.

An In-Depth Conversation with Dr. Harish Shetty

A highlight of the day's coverage was a dedicated interview segment with Dr. Harish Shetty, the renowned psychiatrist whose presence had earlier lent institutional weight to the opening ceremony. The conversation, conducted as part of the live telecast, situated the “Ab Drugs Nahi” theme within a wider discussion on youth mental health, peer pressure and the psychological factors that often underlie substance use among young people.

The interview allowed the conference's social message to move from a symbolic campaign line into a more substantive conversation, giving viewers a professional and reasoned perspective on why sustained awareness efforts among students and young adults remain necessary. It also reinforced the conference's broader philosophy of pairing debate and discussion with real, informed engagement on issues of public concern.

An Interactive Session with Ms. Ankita Patil, IRS

The broadcast also featured a live interactive session between Ms. Ankita Patil, IRS (UPSC Rank 140), and students in attendance. The format departed from a conventional address, instead allowing delegates and student participants to engage directly, ask questions and exchange views on the day's themes.



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The session drew on Ms. Ankita Patil's own journey and perspective as a civil servant to speak to the students about discipline, responsible decision-making and the importance of steering clear of harmful influences during formative years — themes that connected naturally with the conference's "Ab Drugs Nahi" message. The open, question-and-answer format gave students a direct platform to engage with a working civil servant, adding a practical, real-world dimension to the day's proceedings.

Extending the Conference's Reach

Together, the anchored coverage, the interview segment and the interactive session gave 15th August a distinct character within the broader arc of Hinduja MUN 2026. Where the committee rooms tested delegates on research, negotiation and debate, the live broadcast carried the conference's underlying message — awareness, responsibility and informed choice — to an audience beyond the venue itself.

The telecast reinforced the conference's objective of connecting structured, competitive dialogue with tangible social relevance. By pairing expert insight from Dr. Harish Shetty with the direct, student-facing engagement of the session with Ms. Ankita Patil, the broadcast ensured that the "Ab Drugs Nahi" theme was not confined to opening remarks or campaign branding, but was actively discussed, questioned and reinforced on air.

Further details of the broadcast — including segment timings, viewership figures and additional quotations from the interview and interactive session — are to be added once verified information is available from Live Times.