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Report on Independence Day Celebration – 15 August 2026

"Celebrating Independence, Celebrating India"

On the occasion of the **80th Independence Day of India**, K. P. B. Hinduja College of Commerce (Autonomous), Worli Campus, celebrated Independence Day on **15 August 2026** with great enthusiasm, patriotism and national pride. The occasion was particularly significant as it marked the **first Independence Day celebration at the new Worli Campus**. The celebrations reflected the same sense of pride, gratitude and love for the nation that has always been an integral part of the Hinduja spirit.

The programme was organised with the objective of celebrating the spirit of **freedom, unity, patriotism and national pride**, while remembering and paying tribute to the sacrifices and contributions of the countless freedom fighters who devoted their lives to India's freedom.

Prabhat Pheri

The celebrations commenced at **7:00 a.m. with a spirited Prabhat Pheri**, led by teachers, non-teaching staff members, guardians and the enthusiastic volunteers (approx. 300 Students) of the **NSS, DLLE, SCCC, Gymkhana and Green Club**. The volunteers carried the message of patriotism, national pride and social responsibility through the campus and its surrounding areas.

A significant focus of the Prabhat Pheri was the **Drug-Free Campaign**, through which students and volunteers helped spread awareness about the growing menace of drug addiction and the importance of keeping young people away from substance abuse. The rally thus combined the celebration of national freedom with a meaningful social message, encouraging students and members of the community to contribute towards building a healthier and safer society.



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Flag Hoisting Ceremony

The Prabhat Pheri was followed by the flag-hoisting ceremony at 8:30 a.m. The Tricolour was hoisted with due respect and solemnity by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Navin M. Punjabi, filling the campus with a strong sense of national pride and patriotism. The flag-hoisting ceremony was followed by a heartfelt rendition of the National Anthem, which was observed with reverence by the students, teaching and non-teaching staff, and other members present.

The occasion also provided an opportunity to remember the countless freedom fighters whose courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to the cause of India's independence laid the foundation for the free nation we proudly call our own. Their contribution continues to inspire generations to uphold the values of freedom, democracy, unity, and responsibility.

Pledge for an Addiction-Free Maharashtra

In tandem with the Government of Maharashtra Police Department letter dated 13 August 2026, the flag-hoisting ceremony was followed by the "Addiction-Free Students – Addiction-Free Maharashtra" pledge.

Students, teachers and staff participated in the pledge after the hoisting of the national flag on Independence Day. The initiative was undertaken with the objective of creating awareness among students and young people and protecting them from the growing menace of drugs and addiction.

The pledge served as a meaningful extension of the Drug-Free Campaign undertaken through the morning's Prabhat Pheri. It reinforced the message that national development and responsible citizenship also require young people to remain healthy, aware and committed to the well-being of society.



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Cultural Programme

The flag-hoisting ceremony and pledge were followed by the **cultural programme at 9:00 a.m.** The celebrations came alive through a series of enthusiastic and heartfelt cultural performances presented by the students.

The performances reflected the **spirit of patriotism and India's journey to freedom**, while paying tribute to the heroes and freedom fighters who shaped the nation's history. Through music, dance and other cultural expressions, the students showcased their love for the nation and celebrated the rich cultural heritage and unity of India.

The cultural programme provided an engaging platform for students to express their patriotism and creativity while reminding everyone of the values and responsibilities that accompany the freedom we enjoy today.

"AB DRUG NAHI" – Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign

As an integral part of the Independence Day celebrations and in keeping with the social message of building a healthier and safer society, K. P. B. Hinduja College of Commerce (Autonomous) organised the "AB DRUG NAHI" Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign on 15 August 2026, in association with Live Times News' "War Against Drugs" initiative. The campaign aimed to sensitise students to the physical, psychological and social consequences of substance abuse and encourage them to make informed, responsible and healthy choices.

A key component of the campaign was an insightful panel discussion featuring Prof. (Dr.) Navin M. Punjabi, Principal, Dr. Antara Sonawane Sarode, Chief Programme Coordinator, Integrated Professional Programmes, and BBA student representatives Mr. Adidev Singh and Mr. Arpit Duggar. The discussion brought together institutional, academic and youth perspectives on critical issues such as substance abuse, peer influence, mental well-being and the collective responsibility of individuals and institutions in addressing the growing concern of drug addiction.



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The session was moderated live by Mr. Deepak Chourasia, Reporter, Live Times News, and was broadcast live on the Live Times News Channel, thereby extending the reach of the campaign beyond the college campus. The programme was further enriched by the presence of Dr. Harish Shetty, Psychiatrist, and Ms. Ankita Patil, IPS Officer, whose participation brought valuable perspectives relating to mental health, de-addiction, law enforcement and community safety.

A major highlight of the initiative was the collective "AB DRUG NAHI" pledge, taken by students and faculty members, reaffirming their commitment to reject substance abuse and promote healthy, responsible and productive lifestyles. The campaign complemented the "Addiction-Free Students – Addiction-Free Maharashtra" pledge undertaken during the Independence Day programme and strengthened the broader message of creating a drug-free environment for students and young people.

Through awareness, dialogue and active student participation, the "AB DRUG NAHI" Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign successfully reinforced the message that combating substance abuse requires awareness, informed decision-making, responsible choices and collective action. The initiative added a meaningful dimension to the Independence Day celebrations by connecting the idea of freedom with the responsibility to safeguard the well-being and future of the nation's youth.

AB DRUG NAHI – One Voice. One Commitment. A Drug-Free Future.

*The Independence Day celebration at K. P. B. Hinduja College of Commerce (Autonomous), Worli Campus was a memorable and meaningful occasion, made even more special as the **first Independence Day celebration at the new campus**. From the patriotic Prabhat Pheri and the hoisting of the Tricolour to the National Anthem, the "**Addiction-Free Students – Addiction-Free Maharashtra**" pledge and the vibrant cultural performances, each segment of the programme reflected the values of patriotism, unity, responsibility and service.*

The celebration successfully brought together the college community in commemorating India's independence while also drawing attention to an important social responsibility—the need to protect the youth from drug addiction and contribute towards an addiction-free Maharashtra.

*The programme concluded with a renewed commitment to **uphold the values of freedom, responsibility, unity and service** and to contribute meaningfully towards building the India we aspire to see.*

Jai Hind!