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Report on International Academic and Industry Delegation Visit to Dubai

Dates: 19th June 2026 – 22nd June 2026
Venue: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

As part of its strategic vision to strengthen internationalisation and global academic engagement, a delegation from **K. P. B. Hinduja College of Commerce** visited Dubai from **19th to 22nd June 2026**. The delegation comprised **Prof. (Dr.) Navin M. Punjabi, Principal; Dr. Shradha B. Jain, International Programmes Coordinator and Coordinator, B.Com. (Logistics and Supply Chain Management); and Dr. Antara Sonawane, Chief Coordinator, UG and PG, Integrated Professional Programmes**.

The visit was undertaken following the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with **Hult International Business School** and was aimed at strengthening academic collaborations, expanding alumni engagement, developing industry partnerships, and exploring opportunities for global learning and student mobility.

Objectives of the Visit

The key objectives of the delegation were to:

- Represent K. P. B. Hinduja College of Commerce under the newly signed MoU with Hult International Business School.
- Launch the Hinduja College Dubai Alumni Chapter.
- Explore academic collaborations with leading universities in Dubai.
- Establish industry linkages for internships, placements, live projects, and study visits.
- Assess Dubai as a destination for future Global Immersion Programmes, particularly in the areas of Logistics & Supply Chain Management, Real Estate, Tourism, and Luxury Brand Management.

Major Activities and Outcomes

1. Engagement with Hult International Business School

The delegation participated in the Hult Campus Premiere and interacted with the academic leadership, faculty members, and Career Services team. The visit included exposure to Hult's learning ecosystem, innovative teaching methodologies, AI-enabled learning practices, and multicultural academic environment.

Key Outcomes:

- Strengthened institutional relationship under the newly signed MoU.
- Identified opportunities for collaborative academic initiatives, faculty engagement, and student learning experiences.
- Gained insights into globally relevant teaching practices and experiential learning models.

2. Launch of Hinduja College Dubai Alumni Chapter

A significant milestone of the visit was the formal launch of the **Hinduja College Dubai Alumni Chapter**, aimed at strengthening alumni engagement beyond India.

Mr. **Aditya Pawar** was appointed as the **Chairperson** and Mr. **Dhruvit Jain** as the **Co-Chairperson** of the Dubai Alumni Chapter.

Key Outcomes:

- Establishment of the College's first international alumni chapter.
- Initiation of an Alumni Newsletter to strengthen communication with overseas alumni.
- Alumni commitment towards mentoring students, supporting institutional initiatives, and contributing to events such as TEDxHinduja College and Panaah.

3. Alumni Networking

The delegation interacted with several Dubai-based alumni representing diverse industries. The discussions focused on enhancing alumni participation through mentoring, internships, industry interactions, and institutional outreach.

Key Outcome:

The interactions reinforced the importance of a structured global alumni network in supporting student development, career guidance, industry connections, and institutional growth.

4. Academic Visits to Universities

The delegation visited **Manipal Academy of Higher Education – Dubai Campus** and **BITS Pilani Dubai Campus** to understand the UAE higher education ecosystem, institutional practices, and opportunities for academic collaboration.

Discussions were held with university representatives regarding academic programmes, accreditation frameworks, international student demographics, and collaborative initiatives.

Key Outcomes:

- Better understanding of higher education practices in the UAE.
- Exploration of opportunities for academic partnerships and student engagement.
- Proposal received from **BITS Pilani Dubai Campus** for a **one-week Student Immersion Programme**, comprising academic sessions, corporate visits, experiential learning, and cultural exposure.

5. Industry Engagement

The delegation held a meeting with **Sobha Realty**, facilitated through the College's alumnus **Mr. Aditya Pawar**, and interacted with **Dr. Rajeev Nehru, Head – Learning & Development**.

The discussions focused on strengthening industry-academia collaboration through internships, placements, field projects, industry visits, and experiential learning opportunities.

Key Outcomes:

- Initiation of discussions for internships and placement opportunities for students.
- Exploration of collaborative industry projects and experiential learning initiatives.
- Strengthening of corporate engagement in the Dubai market.

Overall Outcomes of the Visit

The international delegation visit resulted in several tangible outcomes that support the College's internationalisation strategy:

- Strengthened partnership with Hult International Business School.
- Launch of the Hinduja College Dubai Alumni Chapter.

- Expanded engagement with overseas alumni.
- Development of academic relationships with leading universities in Dubai.
- Initiation of industry partnerships for internships and placements.
- Proposal for an international student immersion programme.
- Enhanced understanding of global higher education practices and industry expectations.

Future Roadmap

Based on the outcomes of the visit, the College proposes the following initiatives:

- Launch of the **Hinduja College Dubai Global Immersion Programme**.
- Development of internship and placement opportunities for students in the Dubai market.
- Strengthening academic collaborations with international universities.
- Leveraging the Hinduja Group's global network to build industry partnerships and experiential learning opportunities.
- Expanding international alumni engagement through mentoring, networking, and collaborative initiatives.

Conclusion

The Dubai delegation visit marked a significant milestone in K. P. B. Hinduja College of Commerce's journey towards internationalisation. The visit facilitated meaningful academic, alumni, and industry engagements, laying a strong foundation for future collaborations that will enhance global exposure, experiential learning, employability, and institutional development.

The College expresses its sincere gratitude to **Hult International Business School**, **Manipal Academy of Higher Education – Dubai Campus**, **BITS Pilani Dubai Campus**, **Sobha Realty**, and the College's Dubai alumni for their support and valuable contributions during the visit. Special appreciation is extended to **Prof. (Dr.) Navin M. Punjabi, Principal**, whose vision and leadership continue to guide the College's efforts towards building meaningful global partnerships and creating international opportunities for students and faculty.

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Figure 1 Networking Dinner with other HEI and Hult Delegates



Figure 2 Master Class Session with Dr Irfan



Figure 3 Hult Campus Premier



Figure 4 Hult Campus Tour



Figure 5 Greet ng with Dean Namrata, Hult University



Figure 6 Formal Orientat on Session



Figure 7Formal Inaugurat on of Dubai Alumni Chapter



Figure 8 Inaugurat on of Dubai Alumni Chapter



Figure 9 Greet ngs with Dean Prof. Praveen Gupta, Manipal Academy of Higher Educat on, Dubai Campus



Figure 10 Meet ng HOD Dr Sartaj Rasool Rather, BITS Pilani -Dubai Campus



Figure 11Greet ngs with Dean Dr Sunitha Prabhuram, Manipal Academy of Higher Educat on, Dubai Campus



Figure 12 meet ng with Dr Ulhas Rao and Dr Jaydeep Jadhav , Manipal Academy of Higher Educat on, Dubai Campus



Figure 13Meet ng with Mr Rajiv Nehru, Head of Academy - Project Management, Sobha Construct ons along with Alumina Mr Aditya Pawar



Figure 14Greet ngs with Mr Rajiv Nehru, Sobha Construct ons