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Report on Students' Interaction with the Principal – K. P. B. Hinduja College of Commerce (Autonomous)

20th August, 2026

With reference to the meeting convened on August 18, 2026 by the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Council, Shri Sachin Ahir Ji, in the presence of Hon'ble Minister for Higher & Technical Education, Shri Chandrakant Dada Patil; Director, Higher Education, Dr. Shailendra Deolankar; and Dr. Pramod Naik, wherein it was suggested that Principals should regularly interact with students, understand their concerns and guide them towards appropriate academic and career pathways, K. P. B. Hinduja College of Commerce (Autonomous) initiated the proposed Students' Interaction with the Principal.

Accordingly, an interactive session was conducted today, 20 August 2026, with Prof. (Dr.) Navin M. Punjabi, Principal, in association with the Students' Council, Teachers and Students' Team at 11:00 am.

The session brought together students from various programmes and years, providing them with an open platform to interact with the Principal, share their concerns, ideas and aspirations, and seek guidance regarding their academic journey, career opportunities and future pathways.

The interaction was conducted in a student-centric and participative manner, with emphasis on listening to students' concerns and strengthening communication between the students and the College leadership.

As directed, the following documentation is being maintained for the session:

- Attendance sheet containing students' Name, Class, Division and Signature.
- Geotagged photographs of the interaction.
- Brief report of the session.

Summary of Interactive Session with Students

The following concerns were raised by students during the interactive session, along with the solutions and actions proposed by the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Navin M. Punjabi:

1. Jain Food Option

Concern: Students requested Jain food options in the college canteen.
Action: Trials for introducing Jain food are currently underway. The Canteen Committee, along with a student representative who prefers Jain food, will oversee and coordinate this initiative.

2. Chairs/Benches for Left-Handed Students

Action: A few benches in the last row of each classroom are ergonomically designed to accommodate left-handed students. Additionally, the IQAC will circulate a KYS (Know Your Students) form across all courses to identify right-handed and left-handed students. Based on the information collected, appropriate seating arrangements will be made accordingly.

3. Smart Boards in Classrooms

Concern: Students requested the installation of smart boards in classrooms to facilitate effective teaching and learning.

Action: The College currently has more than 16 smart boards. The Principal informed that a request has been initiated to raise funds through CSR initiatives to facilitate the installation of smart boards in each classroom.

4. Sugar-Free Drinks and Mineral Water in Vending Machines

Concern: Students requested the availability of sugar-free beverages and mineral drinking water through vending machines.

Action: Sugar-free beverages and other suitable products will be procured in accordance with the applicable FDA regulations and institutional guidelines.

5. Slow Wi-Fi Connectivity

Concern: Students reported that the college Wi-Fi connection is slow.
Action: The issue will be examined and resolved with the assistance of the college's technical team.

6. High Cost of Canteen Food

Concern: Students expressed concerns regarding the high cost of food available in the canteen.

Action: AB Coffee offers various subscription options through which students can avail themselves of food at discounted rates. After applicable offers, the cost of items across approximately 70% of the menu works out to around ₹55. The College is also exploring additional vendors to provide students with a more affordable and traditional food menu.

7. Installation of Cameras in Classrooms for safety and security.

Concern: **Students requested the installation of cameras in classrooms to enhance safety and security.**

Action: The suggestion was very well received. The Principal informed that the order for the installation of cameras has already been placed, and the cameras will be installed shortly.

8. Washroom Hygiene and Availability of Sanitary Napkins

Concern: Students raised concerns regarding washroom hygiene and the availability of sanitary napkins.

Action: Sanitary napkins are available from a non-teaching staff member, Ms. Hansa, at a nominal cost of ₹5. Appropriate measures will also be undertaken to improve and maintain hygiene in the washrooms. The matter will be monitored by the Vice-Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Chandrakala Joshi, through the Women Development Cell. The Principal also suggested that suitable measures be taken to ensure that female students feel comfortable approaching the designated staff member to request sanitary napkins.

9. Girls' Washroom Door on the Second Floor

Concern: The door of the girls' washroom on the second floor does not close properly. **Action:** The Maintenance Department will get the door stopper fixed and, if necessary, make suitable adjustments to ensure that the door closes properly. A staff member will also be assigned to monitor the area.

10. Tissue Holder / Hand Dryer

Action: The College will explore the feasibility of installing either a hand dryer or a tissue holder, considering environmental and monetary factors. Students may also record maintenance-related concerns in the maintenance register available on the campus or request a faculty member to record the concern on their behalf.

11. Dysfunctional Washbasin in the Boys' Washroom

Concern: The middle washbasin in the boys' washroom is not functioning properly. **Action:** The matter will be brought to the attention of the Registrar for necessary action.

The College proposes to continue such weekly/fortnightly interactions between the Principal and students to ensure regular engagement, timely understanding of student concerns and appropriate guidance for their academic and professional development.

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This initiative is a meaningful step towards promoting a student-centric, responsive and progressive higher education environment.

Submitted for kind information and record.

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