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REPORT ON THE CAMPUS VISIT AND STUDENT INTERACTION WITH HER EXCELLENCY MS. ANNA ANATOLIIVNA ZAICHENKO, HON'BLE ACTING CONSUL GENERAL OF UKRAINE IN MUMBAI

Event: Internationalisation Initiative – Campus Visit and Student Interaction

Guest Speaker: Her Excellency Ms. Anna Anatoliivna Zaichenko, Hon'ble Acting Consul General of Ukraine in Mumbai

Date: 5 October 2026

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Venue: K. P. B. Hinduja College of Commerce, Mumbai

As part of its internationalisation initiatives, K. P. B. Hinduja College of Commerce welcomed **Her Excellency Ms. Anna Anatoliivna Zaichenko, Hon'ble Acting Consul General of Ukraine in Mumbai**, for a campus visit and an interactive address with students.

The students extended a traditional and warm welcome to Her Excellency. Following brief interactions with senior faculty members and the student team, she was escorted to the college auditorium by the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Navin M. Punjabi, accompanied by Col. Sood, Management Representative.

The programme commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries present. Col. Sood, Management Representative, felicitated Her Excellency with a floral bouquet, while the Principal presented her with a memento as a token of appreciation and respect. The Principal also felicitated Col. Sood with a floral bouquet. The guests were introduced by Dr. Romani Sen Shitak.

In his welcome address, the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Navin M. Punjabi, highlighted the longstanding relationship between India and Ukraine, spanning over three decades, with cooperation across agriculture, pharmaceuticals, science, technology, education and culture. He acknowledged the significance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visit to Ukraine in August 2024 in strengthening bilateral relations. He also highlighted the educational connections between the two countries, noting that many Indian students had pursued their academic journeys in Ukraine, fostering friendships and strengthening people-to-people ties. He expressed his hope for peace and a resolution to the ongoing crisis through diplomatic dialogue, in accordance with the

principles of the United Nations Charter, emphasising that every individual deserves the opportunity to pursue their aspirations with peace and dignity.

Col. Sood, Management Representative, expressed his appreciation for the College's internationalisation initiative and emphasised the value of providing students with opportunities to broaden their perspectives through direct interaction with distinguished international representatives.

In her address, Her Excellency Ms. Anna Anatoliivna Zaichenko expressed her pleasure at interacting with the students of K. P. B. Hinduja College of Commerce. She highlighted the longstanding tradition of student exchange programmes and academic engagement between India and Ukraine. She also observed that, despite the ongoing crisis, students continued to apply to universities in Ukraine and pursue their educational aspirations. She shared her happiness at taking up her diplomatic assignment in India as Acting Consul General of Ukraine in Mumbai, following her posting in California, USA.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Shradha B. Jain. The National Anthems of India and Ukraine were played as a mark of respect for both nations and in celebration of their friendship.

The programme witnessed the participation of **over 200 students** and concluded with group photographs of Her Excellency, the dignitaries, the organising team and the students.

Post-Event Meeting and Discussion on Future Collaborations

Following the formal programme, a meeting was held between **Her Excellency Ms. Anna Anatoliivna Zaichenko, Hon'ble Acting Consul General of Ukraine in Mumbai; Prof. (Dr.) Navin M. Punjabi, Principal; Col. Sood, Management Representative; and Dr. Shradha B. Jain, International Programmes Coordinator**. The meeting focused on exploring potential avenues for strengthening academic and cultural ties between K. P. B. Hinduja College of Commerce and universities in Ukraine.

The discussions covered potential collaborations in hybrid and online learning, student and faculty exchange programmes, reciprocal two-week study immersion programmes, joint research, academic conferences, seminars and business case competitions. Opportunities for collaboration in finance, technology, entrepreneurship and innovation were also explored.

The **Study India Programme**, focusing on India as a market and a dynamic business ecosystem, was discussed as a potential platform for providing Ukrainian students with insights into India's economy, industries, consumer markets, entrepreneurial landscape and emerging business opportunities.

Cultural collaboration was another key area of discussion. The proposed establishment of a **Ukrainian Bookshelf in the College Library** was explored as an initiative to promote awareness of Ukrainian literature, history and culture. Other possibilities included cultural workshops, heritage walks, institutional visits and experiential programmes showcasing India's cultural heritage under the broader *Incredible India* and Mumbai themes, as well as reciprocal participation in festivals and cultural events.

The meeting provided a constructive platform for identifying potential areas of mutual interest and exploring future academic, institutional and cultural engagement between India and Ukraine.

Conclusion

The visit marked a significant step towards strengthening India–Ukraine academic and cultural ties. The discussions opened avenues for future international collaboration, reaffirming the College's commitment to global learning, internationalisation and cross-cultural understanding.