## **VPN Privacy & Security Report (Using Windscribe)**

For this task, I used Windscribe VPN (Free Tier) to explore how VPNs protect privacy and secure communication online.

## Step-by-step Process:

- 1. I signed up for a free account on Windscribe and installed the VPN client on my computer.
- 2. Once installed, I connected using the 'Autopilot' mode, which automatically chose the best server.
- 3. After connecting, I visited whatismyipaddress.com to verify that my IP address had changed.
- 4. The website showed that my IP address now appeared to be from Hong Kong (IP: 146.70.250.22), instead of my actual location in Noida, India.
- 5. This confirmed that my traffic was being routed through an encrypted VPN tunnel, masking my real location.
- 6. I then disconnected the VPN and checked again-the IP reverted to my original Indian IP (27.56.159.139).

## Benefits of Using a VPN:

- Encrypts your internet traffic to prevent tracking and spying.
- Masks your real IP address, protecting your identity online.
- Allows secure browsing, even on public Wi-Fi.

## Limitations:

- Free VPNs usually offer limited data and fewer server choices.
- Speeds can be slower due to encryption and rerouting.
- Some websites may block VPN traffic.

Below are the screenshots that prove the successful connection and IP change.





