

No New Year Celebration in Mumbai



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Mumbai the dream city. Mumbai the glamour den. Mumbai the fashion hub. And yet, no raucous parties to bring in the New Year 2009.

Mumbaikars (residents of Mumbai) have remained true to their new-found awareness and their anger against terror and to their commitment for a terror free era starting with 2009. What had so far been described as the 'spirit of Mumbai' is proved to be a myth as Mumbaikars no longer are ready to carry on with the pathetic lack of security to common people.

After the 26/11 terror strike the anger of Mumbaikars had erupted into the streets and spread to other parts of India. The media has done a great job by graphically showing the tremendous public outburst that led to political turmoil with the fall of governments and politicians. The anger first shown in Guwahati post 30/10 was not highlighted by the media, but it did not go in vain. Mumbai has given it global dimensions.

Except for few stray crackers going off Mumbai streets remained quiet, the traffic was normal and flowing, the hotels had no queues and the attendance on the beaches was just ordinary. Instead, there were prayer meetings and good will get-togethers with most of the residents preferring to stay indoors and usher in the new year in a personal way.

This is entirely a new face of Mumbai that needs to be considered seriously.

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