College strengthens girl student security for Navratri

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The former Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Madhukar Sankhe, had recently joined the TOPSGRUP which deals with offering security solutions to the people. TOPSGRUP and Sankhe along with their team will be holding a self-defence workshop for the female students of SK Somaiya Degree College of Arts, Science and Commerce at Vidyavihar. Along with Sankhe, the workshop will be led by Ravi Nair, Country Head HR and Administration.

The workshop will be conducted by eight marshals (including four girls and four boys) for the female students in the college. The reason behind conducting the workshop is to specifically consider the upcoming Navrati Festival. With workshop insights, the female students are trained on how to react during emergency situations like attack from behind, chain, mobile or jewellery snatching, which also includes guidelines on how to protect themselves from sexual or physical abuse.

In a conversation with the Afternoon D&C, Nair said, “There is a lot of rush during Navratri, hence we want to alert them about their surroundings. Along with that, we will train them physically so that they can take care of themselves. Our aim is to eliminate the ‘dark side’ of the festival and make it safe and sound.” He further added, “Sankhe Sir being with us is a great thing. Being in the field for the past 38 years, he has an inside out knowledge of self-defence.”

Topline has around 120 Life Brigades and Life Patrols that are stationed at various locations across the city, covering many prominent Garba locations so that Garaba/ Dandiya lovers can visit their favourite pandals without having to fear. In the event of unforeseen happenings, victims can call on Hotline no. 1252/67599900 for help with a guaranteed turnaround time of 9 to 15 minutes.

The patrolling vehicle which will be used at various locations across the city.