

Netra to keep a close watch over New Year's Eve hotspots

Cops Tie Up With Navy, Coast Guard For City Security

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The city police plan to use unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) surveillance cameras for New Year's Eve celebrations on Monday. The Netra cameras will hover over vulnerable and crowded spots that the police have earmarked. A police official said the cameras, which will be monitored from laptops, will help track down revellers who sexually harass women.

The police are also keeping an eye on adventure sport organizers following a central Intelligence Bureau (IB) alert of a terror attack through the aerial route, probably with the

Western Rly plans eight extra trains tonight

Mumbai: Western Railway will run eight special local trains on December 31. The first will leave from Churchgate at 1.30pm and arrive at Virar at 3.02pm. The other three from Churchgate will leave at 2.10am, 2.50am and 3.20am. Similarly, the services from Virar will leave at 12.30am, 1am, 1.40am and 2.55am. TNN

help of a parachute.

Netra was earlier used during the Ganesh immersions in October and during Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray's rally in September at Azad Maidan after the riots. "The UAV was used to observe crowds. It showed areas that suddenly became crowded and required more deployment. It spotted

PLAY SAFE TONIGHT

► Police in khaki and plainclothes will line the streets as Mumbai parties on Monday

► Over 30,000 personnel from 92 police stations will be deployed on roads to carry out bandobast at crucial spots

► More than 1,000 personnel will be deployed at traditional hotspots like the Gateway of India, Juhu beach, Girgaum-Chowpatty, Shivaji Park, Gorai, Marine Drive, Carter Road and Bandra Bandstand

► Apart from police personnel, Home Guard personnel will be roped in

► Cops will monitor CCTVs that are at beaches

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SECURITY HOTSPOTS

- Gateway of India and Juhu waterfronts to be 'well-fortified'
- Special enclosure for women & families, which to be curtailed and barricaded
- Separate approach and dispersal routes
- CCTV surveillance, as well as police videographers at work

13 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR WOMEN

- 1 Avoid getting drunk and celebrating on streets
- 2 In absence of valet, make sure your vehicle is parked at some place close by. In case you have the option of a valet, let the person in-charge do his job
- 3 Make sure you have the numbers 100 and 103 on your speed dial and do not hesitate to call if you feel threatened or sense danger
- 4 Do not let perpetrators get away. Report them immediately, click photos, note their vehicle No. Let them know that they can't get away just like that
- 5 Carry weapons in your bag like pepper spray, Swiss knife, cutter. Use them wisely
- 6 Plan your celebration with known people who are responsible and care about your safety
- 7 Inform parents/elders exactly who you are out with along with their contact details
- 8 Do let your friends and people around know that you have given their details to your parents
- 9 Do not pretend to be talking on phone or
- 10 The networks are generally jammed on December 31, so ensure that your female friends call you once they reach home
- 11 Avoid violent confrontation, especially in the company of women
- 12 If you witness anything wrong, intervene
- 13 If you are drunk, either take a driver along

ists have infiltrated into the city and are likely to strike tourist hotspots like the Gateway of India, Marine Drive, major railway stations, Girgaum and Juhu-Chowpatty, the two airports and shopping malls.

"The inputs said the terrorists may target the city to avenge the hanging of 26/11 Pakistani terrorist M...",

bandis. "We have imposed a security cover all over the city in the wake of the Delhi rape incident, but following the terror alert we have enhanced security in coordination with the Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard," said another officer. There were 169 terror alerts in 2012, against last year's 350 and 447 in 2010.

Elaborate security for female partygoers

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Mumbai: Fewer women will attend midnight parties at crowded venues as 2013 arrives under the shadow of the Delhi gangrape case. The police said they have made elaborate arrangements and have assured zero tolerance to sexual harassment and molestation.

But Ashish and Shraddha, a young couple who visited the Chowpatty beachfront for New Year 2012, will not do so this time. "In any case, we will stop by for half an hour on our way home from work around 7.30-8 pm. We have not had a nasty experience but the mood is one of caution this year," Ashish says.

House parties and potluck dinners are the flavour of the season, particularly because parents of young girls feel reassured this way. "Some college friends and I will spend the evening at a classmate's house in Juhu but we plan to travel in a private car, and not by autorickshaws. There is safety in numbers. We can roll up the windows if we encounter passing rowdies who come to Juhu beach," says Andheri resident Asmita Nalk. Her father has in-

structed her to wear clothes that do not attract unwanted attention, and home every hour.

Women who plan to go will travel in group with male friends and watch drink. If they do leave the

"We have stationed female researchers at the entrance and women guards outside bathrooms. There is no reason to worry in a five-star as unwanted elements cannot get in

Nilesh Vaidya | SECURITY CHIEF, HOTEL SAHARA STAR

attended halfway they see wisdom of fetching a fresh themselves and watching the bartender as he mixes

Party venues claim to be well fortified with private security and CCTV cameras. Nilesh Vaidya, security head of Sahara Star, has devised a rate security details for Temptations 2013 party. have stationed female se-

Many prefer to stay home after some 'hotspots'

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Mumbai: Several revelers have planned to book Cool

'Don't drink' V Narayan & Sandhya Nair