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We're not prepared for another attack: D Sivanandan

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Observing the fourth anniversary of the Mumbai attack, management students from We school presented a research paper on the peace quotient of Mumbai at event titled – Global peace initiative, started by Kia Scherr who lost her family at Trident hotel during the dreaded terrorist attack.

Presentation of the research paper – Circles of Peace – by the students was followed by a panel discussion.

The discussion saw eminent panelists like tennis ace Sania Mirza, Niranjan Hiranandani, co-founder of the Hiranandani Group, D Sivanandan, SS Mantha, chairman – AICTE and Shailesh Haribhakti, chairman, BDO Consulting Ltd and was hosted by actor, Vivek Oberoi. Diplomat community based in Mumbai, corporate leaders, eminent citizens, media personalities were also present to express their solidarity.

"The ever evolving technology is a major advantage to the terrorists. There are 3D printers with which guns can be shifted to a desired location. They are devising technology that will make it possible to have bomb fitted in a person's intestine, which cannot be detected in any metal detectors. But peace will not be achieved only by tackling terrorist attacks. There are three other major contributors in destruction of peace namely – Naxalism, organised crime and corruption. What we need is capacity building, resources, free sharing of real-time information between law enforcement and intelligence agencies."

Hiranandani, however, said, "Lack of effective readership is a major hindrance."

Even four years after the 26/11 terror attack, Mumbai is yet to recover from the trauma caused by the carnage.

"We are not prepared to handle terrorist attack like 26/11. They (terrorists) are four steps ahead of us, especially when it comes to technology," said former director general of police D Sivanandan at a panel discussion organised by the 'We school' in association with the One Life Alliance on Monday in Matunga.

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