



Changes after 26/11

On 26th November, 2008 a catastrophe struck the city of Mumbai. While the elite class of South Mumbai were dining at 5 star hotels, The Taj Mahal Hotel and the Trident, and the commuters were waiting for their trains to arrive at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, one of the busiest hubs in Mumbai; a group of 10 terrorists rocked the city with horrifying attacks. While these terrorists were equipped with AK-47 rifles, hand grenades and bullet proof vests, our policemen had to use defective bullet proof jackets and rifles like the .303, which was used in World War II more than 65 years ago!

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After 26/11, many Mumbaikars stood up against the government for their inability to handle the attacks efficiently. They protested on the streets, chanted slogans against the government and even formed different organisations, groups through which they could create awareness amongst the people. The citizens of Mumbai were furious with the justifications of the government to the attacks and demanded a change. Protests were carried out on streets, on television as well in newspapers and magazines. All these protests were based on one motive, to obtain a "change in the system".

People realised they can make a difference and the entire process of "change" was brought about after resignation of Home Minister, Shivraj Patil and Chief Minister, Vilasrao Deshmukh. All the indolent and apathetic people with laid back attitudes started to take active part in these protests and immediately got out of their narrow mindedness and tried to bring about a change for the betterment of India.