

State police to get lesson in manners

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THE Maharashtra Police is all set for an image-makeover. The idea is to make Maharashtra's policemen a more accessible and friendlier lot. Keeping this in view, a four-day Etiquette Training programme has been organised by Ecole Solitaire for the force commencing on October 8.

At a press conference held on October 6 on the training and grooming of the Maharashtra Police, discussions revolved around the stress under which the police force works.

Speakers maintained that the stress due to difficult working conditions and low pay were the main reasons for the rude behaviour of some police personnel.

Dr. Pasricha, Commissioner and Additional Director General of Police, state CID intelligence Department, Mumbai said that "the police should treat citizens differently from regular criminals. There have been complaints about the rude behaviour of the police and it needs to be changed if we have to build trust and confidence in the minds of the people about the police."

"Community involvement is very important for policing and hence we have included gender issues, human rights, disaster management and first aid etc in the course in our training academy. These sensitise the police and help them in dealing with civilians".

Induction of moral values and polite behaviour with ladies is also an integral part of the training. All this would go a long way in helping build credibility of the organisation, it was felt.

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trainers for this programme and founder-director of the finishing school Ecole Solitaire, said that the programme would lay emphasis on confidence-building and would deal with non-verbal communication like body language extensively.

As part of the training programme the police officers will be shown a video footage of them in action to make them aware as to how they conduct themselves in public.

Around 171 PSIs and Assistant Police Inspectors will undergo the reorientation course.

Omprakash Bali, Additional Director General Police, Training and Special unit, Maharashtra state while seconding the rude behaviour of the police also said that the public too does not at times respect the constable.

Finally, the sessions through October 8 to October 11 should

help in breaking the existing stereotype of an unfriendly policeman, in the mind of the public.

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