K'ghar collegians campaign for stricter anti-rape law

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Kharghar: The students' desire to have a say in the amendment of the anti-rape law bore fruit by the signature campaign of Saraswati College of Engineering, Kharghar. The campaign was conducted by Rotaract Club of the college across the city railway stations to support their demand for a stringent anti-rape law.

A team of 10 students, posted at each Harbour line stations, sought commuters to sign their petition drafted to the ministry. "The motto behind this campaign was that more awareness about the growing violence against women is not sufficient, there is a role every citizen can play in getting a stringent law in place. With help of lawyers, we have compiled 10 points that the authorities need to look into while amending the law," said Kalyan Kumar Biswas, treasurer of the club.

The day-long initiative resulted in around 8,000 signatures which would be attached with the letter the club intends to send to the home minister and chief minister. Another round of campaign is scheduled to be held on September 16 on the Central railway stations. Some of the points suggested include setting of fast track courts, setting of rape crisis centres across the state with trained counselors for the victim, ensure gender balance throughout the rank of the police force, implement zero tolerance policy on non-registration of crimes and soon.