Panjagutta to become India's first AI police station

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News

Panjagutta police station in Hyderabad will be India's first AI-powered police station, as a pilot project. City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar announced it; Telangana DGP C.V. Anand is expected to launch it in the first week of December 2026. AI will help with paperwork from FIR to charge sheet, the 'Sethu' reception kiosk takes complaints in about 10 languages, AI translates them into the local language and routes them to officers; AI analysis of congestion, hostels, commercial complexes and crime history will guide Blue Colts patrols; staff get special training., and crime and traffic patterns will be analysed for patrolling. Final legal and operational decisions stay with police officers (reported 12 Nov 2026).

Key facts for the exam

Point	Details
Station	Panjagutta, Hyderabad (Telangana)
Status	Pilot; to be evaluated before extending to other stations
Features	AI help with FIR drafting, case diary, charge sheet; multilingual kiosk; crime-pattern analysis
Safeguard	AI only assists; officers decide

Background

- Police (entry 2) and public order (entry 1) are in the State List of the Seventh Schedule, so policing reforms are led by States.
- CCTNS (Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems, 2009, Home Ministry) links police stations; it is implemented by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).
- BNSS, 2023, Section 173 allows a Zero FIR at any police station and information given electronically (e-FIR).

Tamil Nadu link: Tamil Nadu Police's Kaaval Uthavi app offers an SOS button and online police services, and the State runs all-women police stations in every district.

Frequently asked questions

What is this news about?

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What are the key facts to remember for the exam?

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What is the background to this news?

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Practice questions (with answers)

1. Which police station is set to become India's first AI police station?

A) Panjagutta, Hyderabad

B) Connaught Place, Delhi

C) Koramangala, Bengaluru

D) Anna Nagar, Chennai

Answer: A – Explanation: Hyderabad Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar announced it as a pilot to be evaluated before wider rollout.

2. "Police" is in which list of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution?

A) Union List

B) Concurrent List

C) State List

D) Residuary powers

Answer: C – Explanation: Public order (entry 1) and police (entry 2) are in the State List, so reforms like an AI station are State initiatives.

3. Which central body implements CCTNS?

A) NIA

B) NCRB

C) CBI

D) IB

Answer: B – Explanation: CCTNS = Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems; NCRB = National Crime Records Bureau. Started in 2009 under the Home Ministry, CCTNS links police stations nationwide; the NCRB implements it.

4. Which section of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 provides for e-FIR and Zero FIR?

A) Section 154

B) Section 41

C) Section 438

D) Section 173

Answer: D – Explanation: BNSS Section 173 (old CrPC 154) allows a Zero FIR at any station and information given electronically.

5. Panjagutta AI police station:
1. The Telangana DGP is to launch it in Dec 2026.
2. Its kiosk works in about 10 languages.
3. AI takes the final decisions on FIRs.
Which are correct?

A) 1 and 2 only

B) 2 and 3 only

C) 1 and 3 only

D) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A – Explanation: AI is only an assistance system; final legal and operational decisions stay with police officers, so 3 is wrong.

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