

## Digital Police Portal

### Why in news?

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Minister of Home Affairs has recently launched Digital Police Portal under the CCTNS project.

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### What is CCTNS?

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- The Crime and Criminal Tracking Networks and Systems is an Indian government project for web based policing.

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- It was conceived as a response to the Mumbai attacks of 2008 and approved in 2009.

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- It aims at creating a comprehensive and integrated system for effective policing through e-Governance.

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- The system is already in operation in many states but with a limited coverage.

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### What are the features of the Portal?

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- The portal is part of the Inter-operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) that aims to integrate the CCTNS project with a larger database.

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- It aims at **integrating** various **organs of the criminal justice system** with the CCTNS database.

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- This include the police, courts, prisons, forensic laboratories, juvenile homes, etc.

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- It facilitates a **pan-India search** of **crime and criminal records** of individuals through a national database.

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- It offers 11 kinds of search and 44 types of reports.

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- Also, it will provide for the **citizens** to register FIRs online and also to register complaints against erring police officials.

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- It gives them access to seven **public delivery services** which include among many -

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1. person/address verification of employees, tenants and servants.

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2. permission for hosting public events.

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3. reporting lost and found articles and vehicle theft

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- The portal has a scope of extending its domain further to the databases like vehicle registrations as well.

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## **What is the way forward?**

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- Criminal investigations and decisions can now become more informed.

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- However the success of this potential game-changer project will depend on **data accuracy and its judicious utilisation.**

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- Government has to ensure this while going ahead with the revolutionary initiative for the justice system.

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