

# Start-up firm devises intrusion alarm system that has an edge over CCTV, security guards

## Securing ATMs, with tech

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**Bangalore:** Incidents of ATM thefts and mugging inside the money dispensing kiosks are increasingly becoming a concern for banks and customers. Bangalore, which has one of the highest number of ATM counters in the country, has also recorded a rise in the incidences of ATM burglary cases in the recent past.

While the Bangalore city police has made it mandatory for all banks to install CCTV cameras and deploy security guards at their ATM counters, the fact remains that CCTVs do not prevent crime – it just records it, and hiring security guards is expensive.

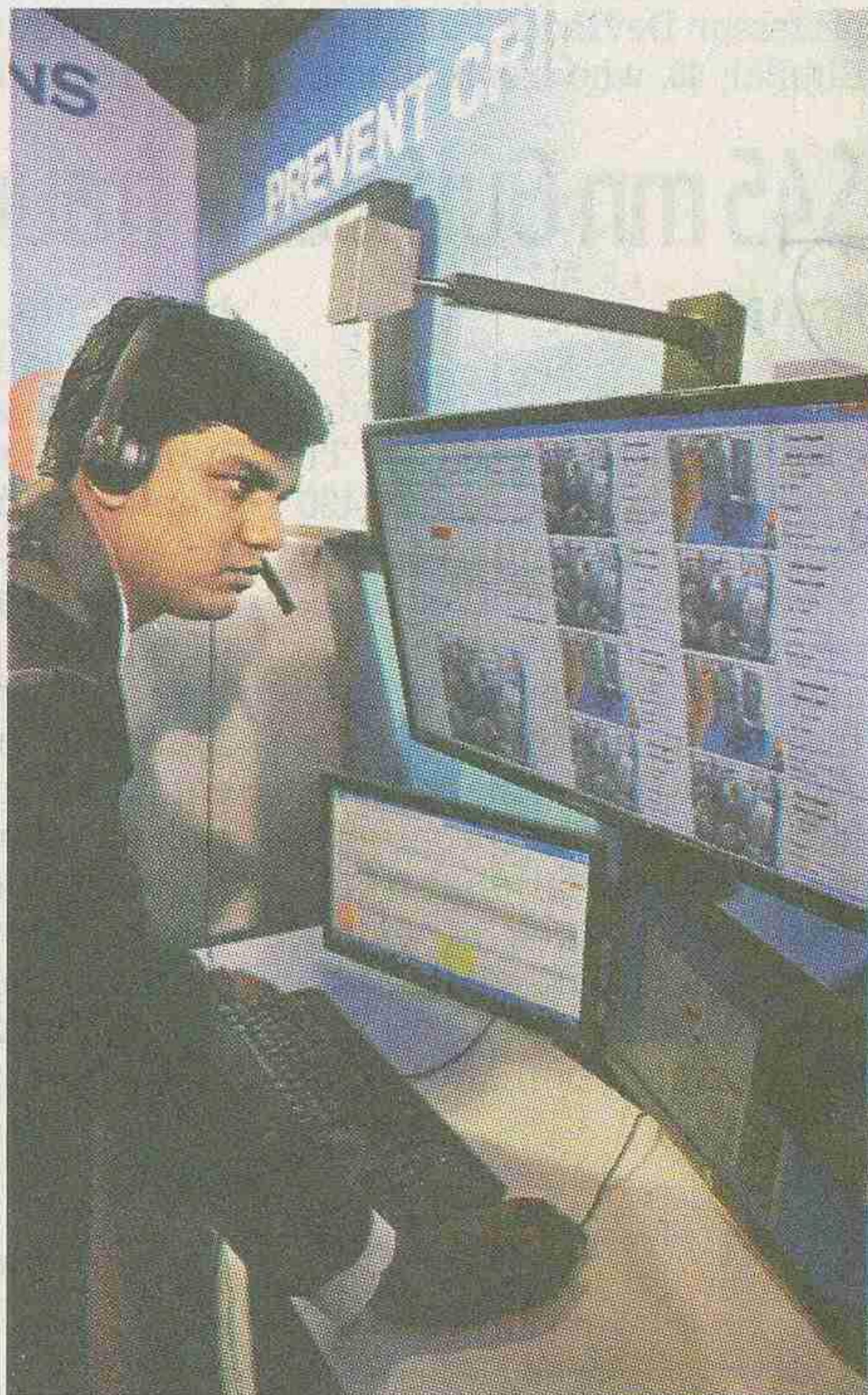
Then how can safety be ensured at ATM counters?

A Mumbai-based start-up, Securens Systems Pvt Ltd, has come up with a unique solution called 24/7 Monitored Intrusion Alarm Systems with Active Deterrence for ATMs.

“With Active Deterrence, the crime is not only detected online as it is happening, but action is taken immediately to deter the undergoing crime using video verification and two-way audio,” says a press release from the company.

Speaking with media persons in the city on Tuesday after demonstrating the surveillance system, managing director of Securens Systems Pvt Ltd Sunil R Udupa said the solution has proven to be extremely effective in both detecting and deterring crimes over the past two years.

“Since it is a technology-based solution, it becomes far more efficient and reliable than manual guarding and moreover, it comes at a lesser cost. Banks have to pay Rs12,000 per month for installing this technology at each ATM chamber irrespective of the number of



A demo of the ATM security system developed by Securens Systems Pvt Ltd, at Hotel Oberoi on Tuesday. —A Veeramani/dna

ATMs. Manual guarding (three shifts) will cost the bank about Rs30,000 per month,” he said.

Securens currently has 363 ATM’s under surveillance in Bangalore and 435 in Karnataka State.

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