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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: A security device put together at the Centre for Cyber Security Systems and Networks at the Amrita University in Kerala promises to offer women the chance of alerting their families when attacked.

Krishnashree Achuthan, director of the Kollam-based Amrita University's Centre for Cyber Security Systems and Networks, led the team which developed the Amrita Personal Safety System (APSS).

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"APSS is an inconspicuous, wearable and easy-to-operate electronic device that will help girls and women to trigger communication with family and police when in distress. The device will remain invisible to the offender and yet can easily be triggered by its user with multiple options to ensure stealthy and secure communication," Achuthan said.

The nationwide outrage sparked by macabre incidents like the December 16 rape and death of a girl in Delhi set the Amrita Centre cyber-security professionals to work.

The Amrita Centre for Cyber Security is making efforts to ensure that this device is securely lodged in an earring or a ring.

"We are designing it so that it can be affordable. The device will soon be equipped with technology that can videotape events," added the director.

A distinct feature of APSS is that it can function even in rural areas where the speed of communication is minimal.

Also, this device intelligently combines many location-aware technologies and it can function both indoors and outdoors.

"This customisable device provides flexibility in design so it can be easily worn, and integrates more than 15 features pertaining to women's safety and security. Significantly, it can also be used as a safety device for mentally challenged people with many functionalities to quickly identify their whereabouts," said Achuthan.

The centre's director recalled that her team of researchers were inspired by Amrita University's



(The nationwide outrage...)

chancellor [Mata Amritanandamayi Devi](#).

The APSS prototype will be formally unveiled during Amritavarsham 60 - the 60th birthday celebrations of Amritanandamayi, September 26-27 at her ashram at Kollam.

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S L Gera (Delhi)

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It is good to know that at least some people are seriously concerned about the safety of women. Only the time will tell as to how effective would be the device that is being made out. Law breakers always remain a step ahead. When the device becomes a public information, the first attack would be on the device. On many occasions, CCTVs were found of no use as they were the first to be made defunct before any robbery or theft was carried out.



Pat Balan ()

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Another step for safety of women



Jyothi Manoharan (Chennai, Tamil Nadu)

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A commendable innovation. Great effort. Hope it is available at reasonable price.

Jayadev P (Shaktinagar NTPC, India)

15 Sep, 2013 09:13 PM

I pray that it helps thousands of women at the time of distress.



B N Goyal ()

15 Sep, 2013 05:20 PM

Now we have countless universities in India but do not have a single one which could figure in the first 200 in the world scenario. There was a time when we had Nalanda, Taxshila and Benaras Universities in Vedic age. They had their followings - students and teachers - worldwide. In Independent India we had IIMs, IITs and University of Roorkee and its like but over the period with the degeneration of morale in the national polity we have lost our status and vision as well. What this new university will do, we shall see. Let us hope for the better.

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