

The database-linked second phase of the 'Blackberry project' will enable the traffic police to crack down on repeat offenders

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Rule-flouting motorists, beware. A little gizmo will now help the police keep tabs of all your traffic violations, and you could well end up having your licence suspended or cancelled.

Following on the initial, albeit limited, success of phase I of the 'Blackberry project' wherein 280 of these high-end handsets along with wireless printers were given to traffic sub-inspectors and inspectors across the city, the upcoming phase II of the project will help the traffic

servers will be connected to the main server at the MG Road traffic automation centre. Each police station will have a user name and password and can check data on the main server, he said. By entering the registration number of a vehicle involved in a traffic offence in the Blackberry handset, the traffic police official will be able to know if the motorist was caught for an earlier offence, and in which part of the city, he said.

TeliBrahma executives had a meeting with Additional Commissioner of Police (Traffic and Security) Praveen Sood regarding phase II recently. Sood has asked for another demonstration and a meeting in this regard will be held on Monday. To begin with, phase II will be implemented in select sub-divisions, Prashanth said.

For repeat offenders, the jurisdictional DCP will recommend suspension or cancellation of the licence to

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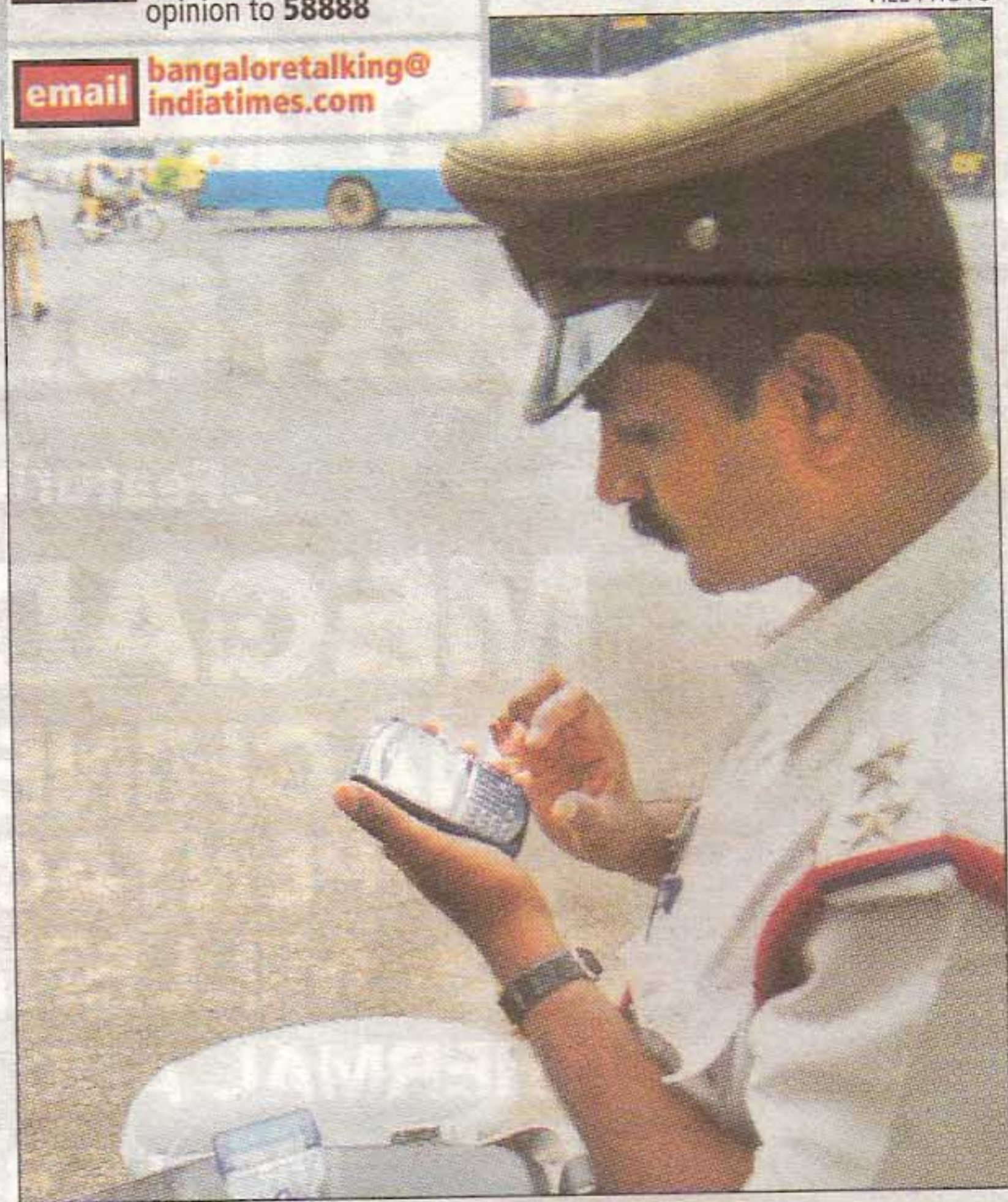
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police track pending cases and previous offences.

R Prashanth, Release Manager of TeliBrahma, the company which has provided the software, told **Bangalore Mirror** that in phase II, notices will be issued to offenders through the main server which is linked to all 280 handsets.

In the earlier phase, police station servers were not connected to the main Blackberry server. In phase II, all local

the RTO concerned, said a traffic police officer.

Syed Shafi Ahmed, RTA, Jayanagar, said that repeated violations like drunken driving and over-speeding will attract suspension of the licence on the recommendation of the DCP concerned. The licence can be kept under suspension for a maximum period of six months. In case a motorist's licence is suspended thrice, his/her licence will be cancelled, he added.