

Panic button feasible within deadline: Smartphone makers

NEW DELHI: Hailing the Indian government's decision to include a panic button for the safety of women and satellite-based GPS in all mobile handsets from next year, the country's leading smartphone manufacturers said it is feasible to roll out these features within the proposed timeline. According to Atul Jain, COO, smart electronics business at LeEco India, told IANS: "I think it is possible for manufacturers to have a panic button for new phones that are going to be launched in the next year." If you have a mobile phone, you can either press numeric key '5' or '9' to invoke emergency call. "Alternately, for smartphones,

the government said that you can either have an icon which, as soon as you press, will go into a particular control centre or you can have a three-time press on the on-off button that will send the message to a particular centre," he said. In a statement, Karbonn Mobiles said that the decision by Communications and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad is a step towards harnessing the full potential of mobile devices which could be a potent tool in ensuring women's safety. According to Jain, installing the GPS system will definitely lead to certain cost hike which will depend on the manufacturer.