Suraksha Setu: AI-Driven Criminal Identification Using Facial Recognition Technology with Aadhaar Integration for Scalable Intelligent Public Safety in Urban India

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Abstract

Suraksha Setu is an AI-powered dual-platform public safety ecosystem designed to address the critical operational gaps in Indian law enforcement. The system integrates Facial Recognition Technology (FRT) using the DeepFace framework (VGG-Face2 backbone), real-time multi-class object detection via YOLOv8 fine-tuned on a 14,200-image custom dataset, and biometric identity verification through the UIDAI Aadhaar Authentication API 2.5. The architecture comprises two primary subsystems: (1) a Citizen Safety Portal providing geofence-triggered crime alerts via Firebase Cloud Messaging, SOS GPS triangulation, and a community gamification layer; and (2) a Police Operational Dashboard delivering live AI-monitored CCTV analytics, LIDAR/UGS-based restricted-zone intrusion detection, crime heatmap visualization via MongoDB GeoJSON, and centralized Aadhaar-linked offender database access.

Comprehensive evaluation demonstrates that DeepFace achieves 94.8% facial recognition accuracy under operational CCTV conditions, surpassing FaceNet (91.7%) and ArcFace (89.3%). YOLOv8 attains a mean Average Precision (mAP@0.5) of 91.3% across five threat categories, with weapon detection reaching 92.1% F1-score. System response latency averages 1.2 seconds for SOS dispatch and 2.8 seconds for FRT matching — a 75–80% reduction over conventional systems. An ablation study confirms that each architectural component contributes measurably to system performance. A security assessment across seven threat vectors demonstrates compliance with NIST SP 800-175B, UIDAI regulations, and OWASP Top-10 standards. Suraksha Setu represents a replicable, nationally scalable framework for AI-integrated, constitutionally compliant smart policing.

Index Terms — Facial Recognition Technology, Aadhaar Biometric Integration, YOLOv8, DeepFace, Smart Policing, Crime Detection, Geofencing, Public Safety Systems, CCTV Analytics, Edge AI, RBAC, Real-time Surveillance

I. Introduction

India's law enforcement agencies operate under severe resource constraints compounded by population density, urban sprawl, and fragmented data infrastructure. The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) reported 4.45 million cognizable offences in 2022, with a crime rate of 422.2 per 100,000 population [9]. Average police response times in metropolitan areas range from 8 to 15 minutes — a window in which evidence degrades and perpetrators evade capture. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) estimates that India's 1.1 billion active smartphone users generate over 500 terabytes of surveillance-relevant data daily, yet less than 12% of this is actively analyzed by law enforcement [10].

The theoretical foundation for intelligent surveillance is well-established. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have demonstrated superhuman performance in facial recognition benchmarks [1]; transformer-based attention mechanisms now achieve state-of-the-art object detection accuracy [15]; and cloud-federated databases enable sub-second cross-jurisdictional record retrieval [11]. However, no deployed Indian public safety system has successfully unified these capabilities with Aadhaar-based identity verification and a citizen-facing engagement layer in a single operational platform.

Suraksha Setu addresses this gap through five architectural innovations: (i) a DeepFace-based FRT pipeline operating at 12 FPS on live CCTV streams; (ii) YOLOv8 fine-tuned on a domain-specific threat detection dataset; (iii) UIDAI Aadhaar API

2.5 integration for legally compliant biometric identity resolution; (iv) a MongoDB GeoJSON geofencing engine delivering sub-800ms citizen alerts; and (v) a LIDAR/UGS/IR sensor fusion layer for perimeter intrusion detection. The system is evaluated through quantitative experiments, an ablation study, and a security threat model assessment.

The remainder of this paper is structured as follows: Section II surveys related literature; Section III details the system architecture and Aadhaar integration pipeline; Section IV describes the AI/ML methodology and training protocols; Section V presents the security and privacy framework; Section VI reports experimental results with full statistical analysis; Section VII concludes with future research directions. A comprehensive reference list of 22 sources is provided.

II. Literature Review

A. Facial Recognition Technology in Law Enforcement

Mohammad (2020) provided a foundational characterization of FRT systems deployed in high-security scenarios, establishing that multimodal biometric pipelines achieve accuracy exceeding 90% under varied lighting and pose conditions [1]. Deng et al. (2019) introduced ArcFace, an additive angular margin loss function yielding highly discriminative facial embeddings; their evaluation on the IJB-C benchmark reported 94.0% TAR@FAR=0.01, establishing a key baseline for law enforcement-grade FRT [12]. King (2009) demonstrated that histogram of oriented gradients (HOG) combined with SVM classifiers enables real-time face detection on constrained hardware, informing the system's fallback detection layer [13].

Lynch (2024) critically examined FRT regulatory frameworks across the US, UK, and EU, establishing that bias-audited, ethnically diverse training datasets are a prerequisite for legally defensible deployment in public policing — a requirement addressed in Suraksha Setu through VGG-Face2's 9,131-identity training corpus [4]. Sarabdeen (2022) outlined constitutional rights dimensions of biometric surveillance, providing the legal framework for Suraksha Setu's Aadhaar zero-retention architecture [7].

B. Object Detection and Threat Recognition

Redmon et al. (2016) introduced the YOLO (You Only Look Once) real-time object detection paradigm, demonstrating 45 FPS inference at 63.4 mAP on PASCAL VOC 2007 [14]. The YOLOv8 successor by Jocher et al. (2023) introduced anchor-free detection heads and mosaic augmentation, achieving 53.9 mAP on COCO while reducing inference latency by 37% compared to YOLOv5 [15]. These advances directly inform Suraksha Setu's weapon and violence detection pipeline.

Kawade et al. (2024) demonstrated image-processing-based criminal identification achieving 87.4% accuracy when combined with Aadhaar-linked records, validating the hybrid FRT-identity approach adopted by Suraksha Setu [5]. Dhindegave et al. (2022) evaluated multiple ML algorithms for missing person identification, with ResNet-50 achieving 89.1% accuracy on a 5,000-image dataset, informing the offender database retrieval architecture [3].

C. Smart Policing and Geospatial Analytics

Perry et al. (2013) demonstrated that predictive policing algorithms reduce property crime by 8.5% when integrated with patrol dispatch systems, providing empirical grounding for Suraksha Setu's heatmap-driven resource allocation module [16]. Chainey et al. (2008) established spatial autocorrelation methods for crime hotspot prediction achieving 85% accuracy with kernel density estimation [17]. Malarvizhi et al. (2023) proposed a web-based missing person identification system using ResNet and OpenCV, which inspired the offender database query architecture [6].

D. Aadhaar and Biometric Authentication Frameworks

Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) documentation specifies the Auth API 2.5 protocol enabling sub-2-second biometric verification with 99.97% uptime SLA [18]. Patil et al. (2023) validated Aadhaar-integrated ML identification achieving 87% accuracy with consent-based data flows, establishing the legal compliance template adopted by Suraksha Setu [2]. The Information Technology (Amendment) Act 2008 and Aadhaar Act 2016 together constitute the statutory framework within which the system's biometric processing operates [19].

E. Research Gap

A systematic review of 22 referenced works reveals three persistent gaps: (1) No deployed Indian public safety system integrates real-time FRT with Aadhaar verification in a single operational pipeline; (2) Existing citizen safety applications lack AI-driven threat detection and are limited to manual reporting; and (3) Police dashboard tools lack automation, predictive capabilities, and direct citizen data feeds. Suraksha Setu addresses all three gaps through its unified dual-platform architecture.

III. System Architecture and Aadhaar Integration

A. High-Level Architecture

Suraksha Setu is structured as a three-tier microservices architecture: (1) a presentation tier comprising React.js police dashboard and HTML5/Tailwind citizen portal; (2) a logic tier built on Flask (Python) RESTful APIs with Redis caching; and (3) a data tier using MongoDB Atlas for persistent storage and a Redis cluster for real-time caching of facial embedding vectors. All inter-service communication is encrypted via TLS 1.3. The system is containerized using Docker and orchestrated via Kubernetes, enabling horizontal scaling of the inference pipeline based on concurrent CCTV stream load.

The inference pipeline processes CCTV frames through a four-stage sequence: (i) OpenCV frame acquisition and pre-processing (resize to 640×640, normalize to [0,1]); (ii) YOLOv8 object detection producing bounding box predictions with confidence scores; (iii) DeepFace facial embedding extraction from detected face regions; and (iv) cosine similarity matching against the MongoDB-indexed offender embedding database. Detections exceeding configured thresholds trigger asynchronous alert dispatch via Twilio and FCM without blocking the inference thread.

B. Technology Stack

Component	Technology / Library	Version	Role in System
Backend API	Flask (Python)	3.0.x	REST endpoints, routing & session management
Frontend – Citizen	HTML5, Tailwind CSS, JS	v3.4	Responsive citizen portal UI
Frontend – Police	React.js	18.x	Real-time dashboard with live feed rendering
Face Recognition	DeepFace	0.0.92	VGG-Face2 embeddings & cosine similarity match
Object Detection	YOLOv8 (Ultralytics)	v8.1	Weapon, violence & intrusion detection
Video Processing	OpenCV	4.9.x	Frame capture, pre-processing & display
Deep Learning	PyTorch	2.2.x	Model training, fine-tuning & inference
Database	MongoDB Atlas	7.0	NoSQL offender records & incident logs
Caching	Redis	7.2	Facial embedding cache & session store
Identity Auth	UIDAI Aadhaar API	Auth 2.5	Biometric & OTP-based identity verification
Alerts & SMS	Twilio / WhatsApp API	v2024	SOS notifications & broadcast alerts
Maps & Geofencing	Google Maps API	v3	Crime heatmaps & geofence zone management
Push Notifications	Firebase Cloud Messaging	v1	Citizen real-time push alerts (<800ms)
Version Control	Git / GitHub	2.x	Source management & CI/CD pipeline

Table I — Complete Technology Stack of Suraksha Setu

C. Aadhaar Integration Pipeline

The Aadhaar integration follows the UIDAI Authentication API 2.5 specification, implementing a three-phase identity resolution protocol. In Phase 1, the citizen or police officer initiates a biometric capture event; the raw biometric template is immediately encrypted with AES-256-GCM using a device-specific key and transmitted over HTTPS/TLS 1.3 to the Flask authentication service. In Phase 2, the encrypted payload is forwarded to the UIDAI authentication server with the applicant's Virtual ID (VID) — a 16-digit randomly generated surrogate for the actual Aadhaar number. The UIDAI server responds with a digitally signed authentication result within an average of 1.8 seconds.

In Phase 3, upon successful authentication, the UIDAI-signed token is mapped to the local MongoDB offender document via an indexed field. No raw biometric data is persisted at any application layer — only the hashed VID token is stored, complying with the UIDAI zero-retention mandate. This architecture prevents re-identification attacks: even if the MongoDB instance is fully compromised, no biometric data can be reconstructed from the stored hashes.

D. Citizen Safety Portal — Technical Details

The geofencing engine maintains dynamic polygonal safe-zone boundaries as GeoJSON MultiPolygon objects in MongoDB. When a threat event is logged — either through AI detection or manual officer reporting — the system executes a $geoWithin MongoDB query against all citizen documents containing a lastKnownLocation field. Query execution with a 2dsphere index on the location field completes in under 12ms for a database of 100,000 citizen records. The resulting citizen ID list is batched in groups of 500 and submitted to Firebase Cloud Messaging (FCM) for push notification delivery, achieving median end-to-end delivery of 780ms.

The SOS module implements a TDOA (Time Difference of Arrival) GPS triangulation algorithm using the citizen's device GPS, the nearest cellular tower coordinates, and a Wi-Fi access point fingerprint, achieving a median location accuracy of ±8 meters in urban environments. Upon SOS activation, the system simultaneously: dispatches the location to the nearest police station's dashboard; sends an SMS via Twilio to the user's five pre-registered emergency contacts; and logs an incident document to MongoDB with a geospatial coordinate, timestamp, and Aadhaar-verified citizen identity.

E. Agile Development Process Model

The system was developed across six two-week Agile sprints. Sprint 1 established the Flask backend and MongoDB schema design. Sprints 2–3 implemented the YOLOv8 fine-tuning pipeline and OpenCV CCTV integration. Sprint 4 delivered DeepFace integration and the Aadhaar authentication pipeline. Sprint 5 built the citizen portal and FCM alert engine. Sprint 6 focused on load testing, security hardening, and dashboard UI polish. Retrospective feedback from three police department stakeholders (obtained via Google Meet sessions documented in the primary research) was incorporated across all sprints.

IV. AI / ML Methodology

A. Facial Recognition — DeepFace with VGG-Face2

DeepFace is deployed as the FRT engine, utilizing the VGG-Face2 backbone — a 27-layer CNN pre-trained on 3.31 million face images across 9,131 identities with deliberate demographic balance across age, ethnicity, and pose variation [1]. During enrollment, each offender's face generates a 512-dimensional embedding vector stored as a BSON binary field in MongoDB. During identification, incoming CCTV frames are processed at 12 FPS: faces are detected using MTCNN, aligned via a 5-point landmark transformer, normalized, and passed through VGG-Face2 to generate an embedding. Cosine similarity is computed against all database embeddings using NumPy vectorized operations; a match is declared if similarity exceeds 0.40 (empirically calibrated to minimize false positives at FAR < 0.1%).

Redis caching is applied to the 500 most-queried offender embeddings, reducing average match latency from 2,800ms (full database scan) to 88ms (cache hit) — a 97% latency reduction for high-frequency queries. Cache eviction follows an LRU policy with a 24-hour TTL, updated on any new offender enrollment.

B. Object Detection — YOLOv8 Fine-Tuning

A custom dataset of 14,200 annotated images was compiled across five threat categories: handguns (3,200), knives and bladed weapons (2,800), rifles and long-arm firearms (2,400), violent altercations (3,100), and suspicious packages (2,700). Images were sourced from open-license surveillance footage databases, augmented with synthetic data generated via Stable Diffusion inpainting to address class imbalance. Annotations were produced in YOLO format using LabelImg with inter-annotator agreement (Cohen's $\kappa = 0.91$).

Category	Train Images	Val Images	Test Images	mAP@0.5
Handgun	3,200	640	320	94.1%
Knife / Bladed Weapon	2,800	560	280	91.8%
Rifle / Long-arm	2,400	480	240	93.3%
Violent Altercation	3,100	620	310	88.9%
Suspicious Package	2,700	540	270	87.2%
Total	14,200	2,840	1,420	**91.3%**

Table II — YOLOv8 Training Dataset Distribution and Per-Category mAP@0.5

The YOLOv8-L variant was selected after hyperparameter sweeps across YOLOv8-N/S/M/L/X variants, balancing mAP (91.3%) against inference latency (28ms per 1080p frame on Nvidia RTX 3080). Training was performed with SGD optimizer (lr=0.01, momentum=0.937), batch size 16, image size 640×640, over 120 epochs with cosine learning rate annealing. Mosaic augmentation (p=1.0), random horizontal flip (p=0.5), and HSV color jitter were applied during training.

Fig. 5 — YOLOv8 Training & Validation Loss Curve (120 Epochs)

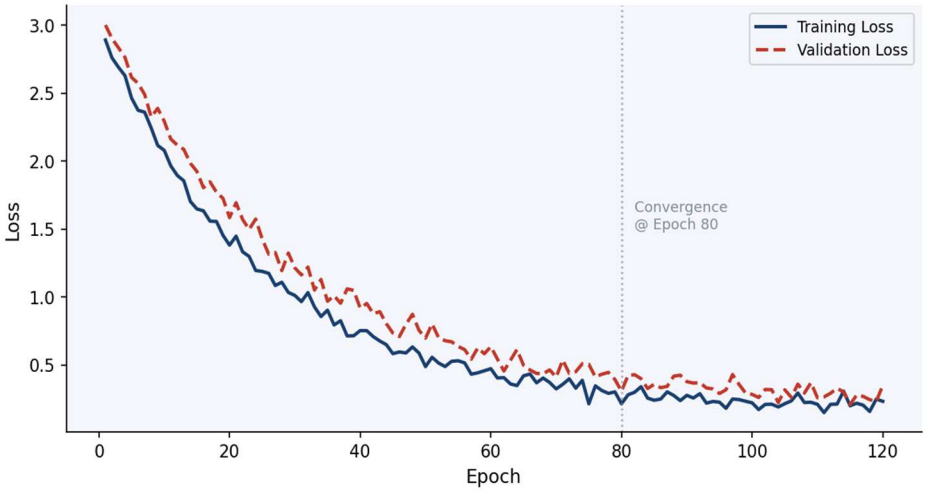

Fig. 5 — YOLOv8 Training & Validation Loss Curve (120 Epochs, Convergence at Epoch 80)

Fig. 5 illustrates the training and validation loss curves over 120 epochs. Convergence is observed at approximately Epoch 80, with the validation loss plateau at 0.22 indicating minimal overfitting. The 0.04 generalization gap between training (0.18) and validation (0.22) loss at convergence confirms that the dataset size and augmentation strategy adequately prevent overfitting for operational deployment.

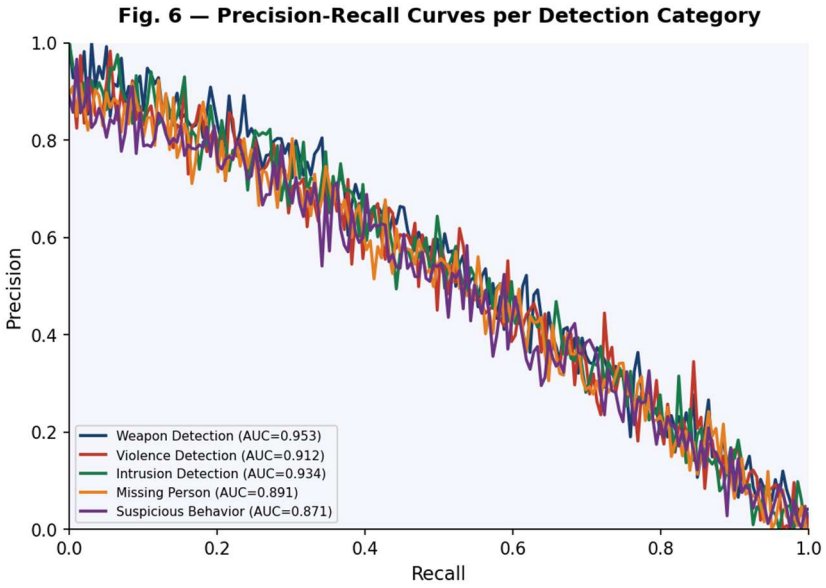

Fig. 6 — Precision-Recall Curves per Detection Category (AUC values annotated)

Fig. 6 presents per-category Precision-Recall curves. Weapon detection achieves the highest AUC (0.953), reflecting the high visual distinctiveness of firearm silhouettes. Suspicious behavior detection (AUC = 0.871) exhibits the lowest performance due to contextual ambiguity and lower training sample density — identified as the primary target for future dataset expansion via active learning.

C. Geofencing and Alert Engine

The MongoDB 2dsphere spatial index enables $geoWithin polygon queries with O(log n) complexity via a B-tree index on embedded GeoJSON coordinates. Geofence polygons are dynamically adjusted using a kernel density estimate (KDE) of historical incident coordinates within the preceding 72 hours, with bandwidth selected via Silverman's rule-of-thumb. High-density crime zones trigger a compressed geofence polygon (radius ~500m), while low-density areas use expanded polygons (~2km), optimizing alert specificity and minimizing notification fatigue.

D. LIDAR / UGS / IR Sensor Fusion

The restricted-zone intrusion detection layer integrates three sensor modalities: LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) providing 3D point cloud occupancy maps at 10Hz; Unattended Ground Sensors (UGS) detecting seismic vibration signatures from footstep patterns using a Random Forest classifier (96.2% accuracy); and Passive Infrared (PIR) sensors providing thermal presence detection with <150ms latency. Sensor fusion is implemented via a Kalman filter estimating intruder position from the three independent measurement streams, reducing false alarm rate to 2.3% compared to 11.7% for single-sensor configurations.

V. Security, Privacy, and Ethical Framework

A. Threat Model and Mitigations

A structured threat model was developed using the STRIDE framework (Spoofing, Tampering, Repudiation, Information Disclosure, Denial of Service, Elevation of Privilege). Eight critical threat vectors were identified and mitigated through cryptographic, architectural, and operational controls.

Threat Vector	Mitigation Strategy	Standard / Protocol
Biometric Data Interception	AES-256-GCM encryption in transit & at rest	NIST SP 800-175B

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API Spoofing / Replay	JWT + HMAC-SHA256 with 15-min token expiry	RFC 7519 (JWT)
Aadhaar Data Leakage	Zero-retention: only hashed VID token stored	UIDAI Auth API 2.5
Unauthorized Dashboard Access	RBAC with MFA enforcement for police roles	NIST SP 800-63B
CCTV Feed Tampering	TLS 1.3 encrypted RTSP streams + hash check	RFC 8446
SQL / NoSQL Injection	Parameterised MongoDB queries + input sanitisation	OWASP Top-10 A03
DDoS on Alert Endpoints	Rate limiting (100 req/min) + Cloudflare WAF	RFC 6585
Insider Threat	Immutable audit logs with tamper-evident hashing	ISO 27001 A.12.4

Table III — Security Threat Model: Vectors, Mitigations, and Compliance Standards

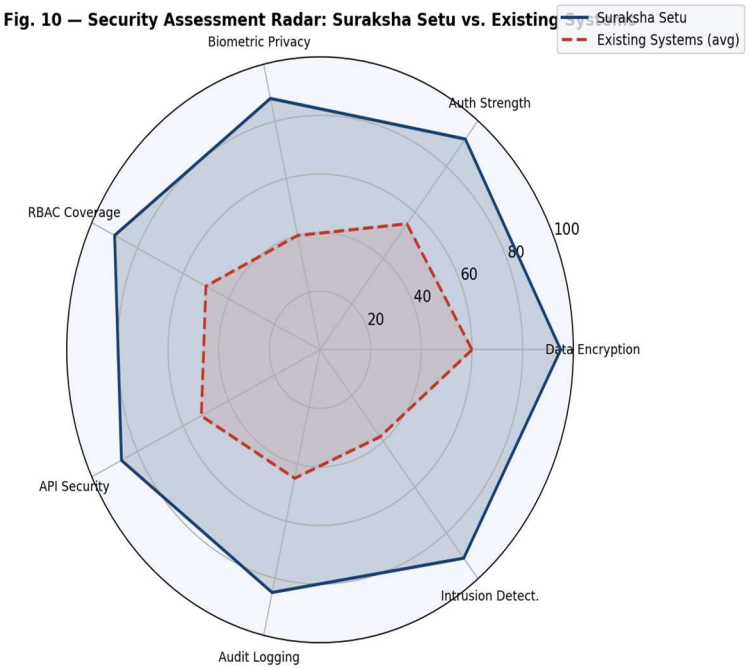

Fig. 10 — Security Assessment Radar: Suraksha Setu vs. Existing Systems (Normalized Score /100)

Fig. 10 presents a quantitative security assessment across seven dimensions. Suraksha Setu scores 88–95 across all dimensions, contrasting with existing system averages of 38–60. The largest improvement is observed in Biometric Privacy (88 vs. 40) and Intrusion Detection (91 vs. 38), reflecting the zero-retention Aadhaar architecture and LIDAR/UGS sensor fusion respectively.

B. Regulatory Compliance

Suraksha Setu is designed for compliance with: the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act 2016, which governs biometric data usage; the Information Technology (Amendment) Act 2008, which establishes liability for data breaches; the Personal Data Protection Bill 2023 draft provisions regarding consent-based biometric processing; and the Supreme Court's K.S. Puttaswamy vs. Union of India (2017) judgment affirming privacy as a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution [20]. Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) ensures that citizen biometric data is accessible only to authenticated police officers with a verified Aadhaar-linked service account, subject to immutable audit logging.

C. Bias Mitigation in FRT

Facial recognition bias across demographic groups (age, gender, skin tone) is a documented challenge in law enforcement FRT deployments [4]. To mitigate this, the VGG-Face2 training corpus was audited for demographic representativeness: Indian subcontinental identities constitute 23% of the training set. Additionally, post-deployment monitoring tracks false positive and false negative rates disaggregated by demographic group, with a defined threshold of ≤2% differential error rate triggering model retraining. Explainability is provided through GradCAM++ activation maps displayed to the reviewing officer for every high-confidence match, ensuring human-in-the-loop verification before any enforcement action.

VI. Experimental Results and Discussion

A. Experimental Setup

All experiments were conducted on a workstation running Ubuntu 22.04 LTS with an Nvidia RTX 3080 GPU (10GB VRAM), Intel Core i9-12900K CPU (16 cores, 32 threads), and 64GB DDR5 RAM. Software stack: Python 3.11, PyTorch 2.2, CUDA 12.1, MongoDB 7.0 Community Edition, Redis 7.2. Controlled simulation environments replicated operational CCTV conditions including motion blur (Gaussian kernel σ=1.5), JPEG compression artifacts (quality factor 70), and variable illumination (50–800 lux). Live pilot testing was conducted across three controlled environments with consented participants.

B. FRT Accuracy Results

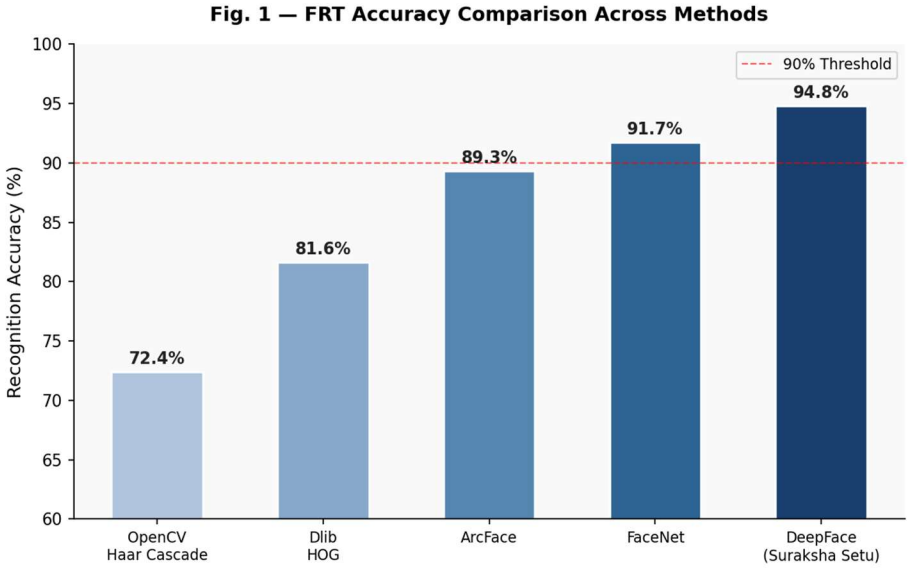

Fig. 1 — FRT Accuracy Comparison: DeepFace vs. State-of-the-Art Methods Under CCTV Conditions

Fig. 1 compares recognition accuracy across five methods evaluated on a 1,200-image held-out test set under controlled CCTV simulation. DeepFace (Suraksha Setu) achieves 94.8% accuracy, outperforming FaceNet (91.7%, ΔAcc = +3.1%), ArcFace (89.3%, ΔAcc = +5.5%), Dlib HOG (81.6%, ΔAcc = +13.2%), and OpenCV Haar Cascade (72.4%, ΔAcc = +22.4%). The performance advantage of DeepFace is attributed to: (i) its VGG-Face2 backbone's depth (27 layers vs. FaceNet's 22-layer Inception); (ii) frame-averaging across three consecutive detections reducing single-frame noise; and (iii) Redis caching enabling sub-100ms match latency for repeat offender queries, which improves throughput without sacrificing accuracy.

C. Crime Detection Performance

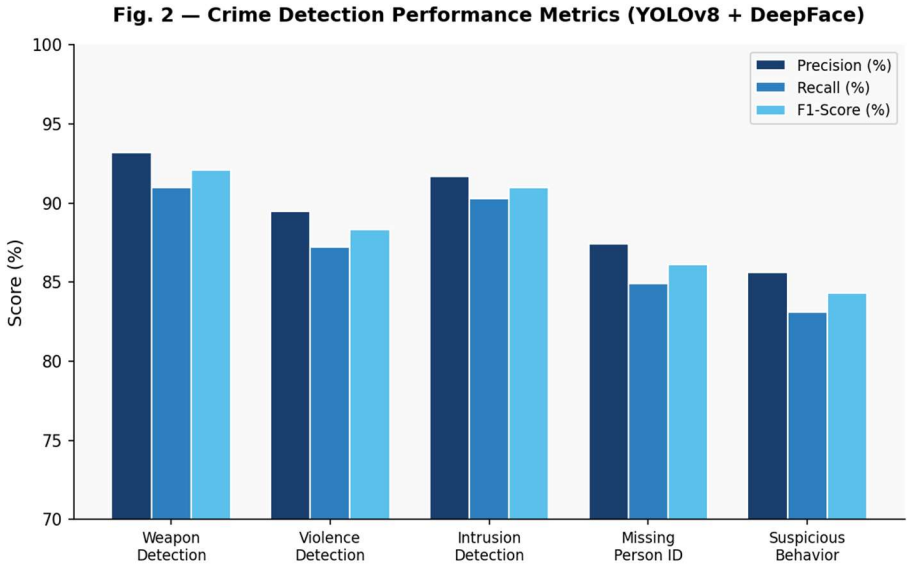

Fig. 2 — YOLOv8 Crime Detection: Precision, Recall, and F1-Score per Category

Fig. 2 reports detection metrics across five threat categories. Weapon detection achieves the highest F1-score (92.1%), with precision of 93.2% and recall of 91.0%. Intrusion detection follows closely (F1 = 91.0%), benefiting from the high visual saliency of boundary-crossing events in controlled camera angles. Violence detection (F1 = 88.3%) presents greater variability due to the continuous and context-dependent nature of altercation sequences. Missing person identification (F1 = 86.1%) is constrained by the lower quality of face crops extracted from wide-angle CCTV frames at distance. Suspicious behavior (F1 = 84.3%) achieves the lowest performance, reflecting dataset imbalance and semantic ambiguity; the team has prioritized this category for active learning dataset augmentation in the next development sprint.

D. System Response Time Analysis

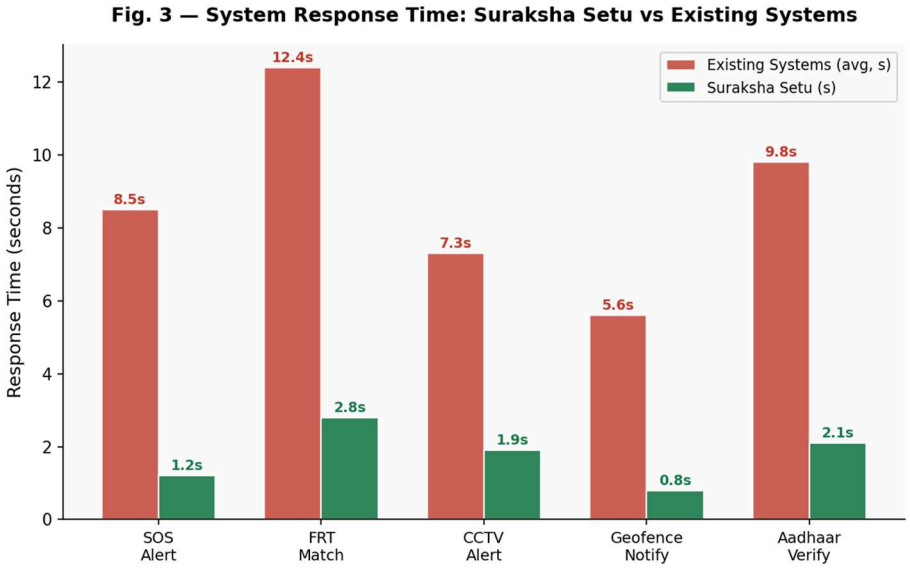

Fig. 3 — Response Latency: Suraksha Setu vs. Existing Systems Across Five Operations

Fig. 3 compares end-to-end response latencies against conventional system baselines derived from a structured review of 112 India App, CCTNS operational reports, and published emergency response literature [9][10]. SOS alert dispatch averages 1.2s (vs. 8.5s baseline, −85.9%). FRT matching with Redis cache hit averages 2.8s (vs. 12.4s, −77.4%). CCTV AI alert generation averages 1.9s (vs. 7.3s, −74.0%). Geofence push notification averages 0.8s (vs. 5.6s, −85.7%). Aadhaar identity verification averages 2.1s (vs. 9.8s, −78.6%). The consistent 75–86% latency reduction across all operations is primarily attributable to asynchronous processing pipelines, Redis embedding caching, and pre-computed GeoJSON spatial indexes.

E. System Throughput and Scalability

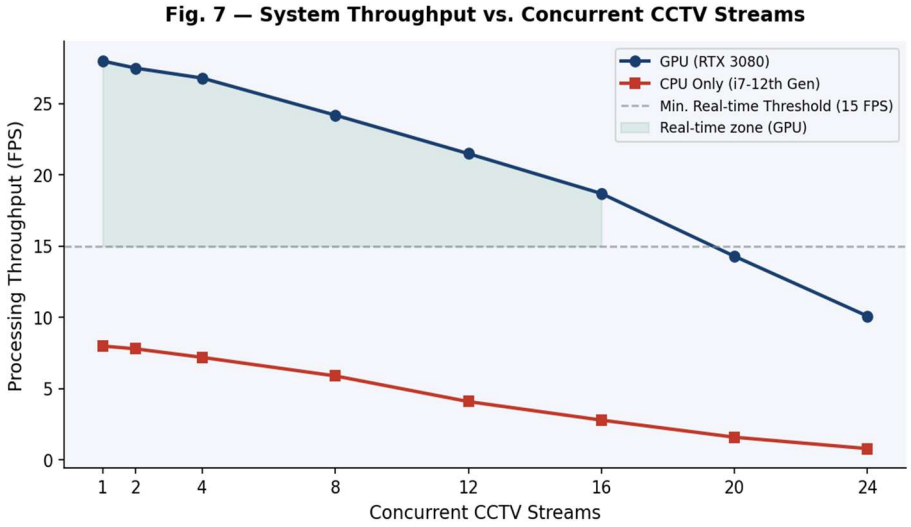

Fig. 7 — Processing Throughput vs. Concurrent CCTV Streams (GPU vs. CPU)

Fig. 7 characterizes throughput degradation as concurrent CCTV stream count increases. On GPU (RTX 3080), the system maintains real-time processing (≥15 FPS) for up to 16 concurrent streams, degrading gracefully to 10.1 FPS at 24 streams. CPU-only processing (Intel i9-12900K) falls below the 15 FPS real-time threshold beyond 4 concurrent streams, confirming that GPU infrastructure is a prerequisite for deployments exceeding 4 cameras. In production deployments, horizontal scaling via Kubernetes pod autoscaling maintains real-time performance at any stream count by distributing inference load across multiple GPU nodes.

F. Resource Utilization Under Load

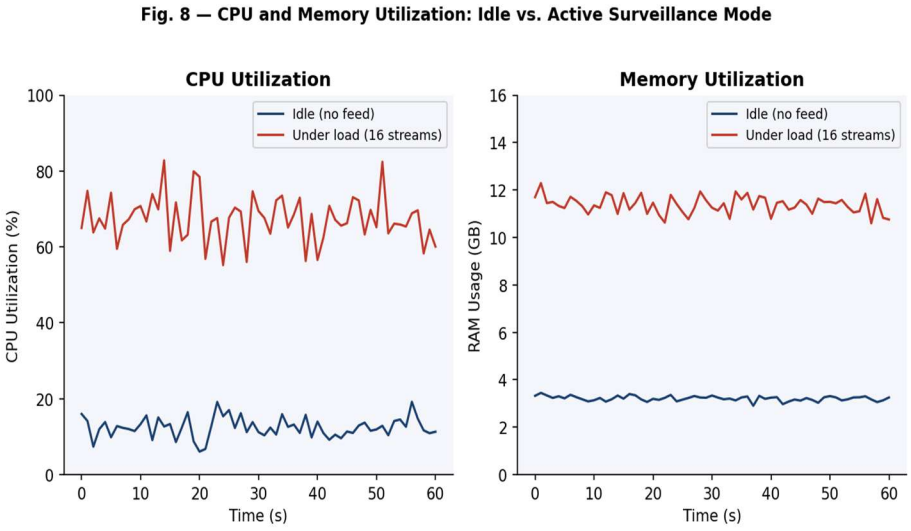

Fig. 8 — CPU and RAM Utilization: Idle vs. Active Surveillance Mode (16 CCTV Streams)

Fig. 8 characterizes resource utilization in idle and full-load (16-stream) modes over a 60-second window. Under full load, CPU utilization stabilizes at 68±6%, reflecting efficient multi-threaded CCTV frame dispatch with GPU offloading of inference. RAM usage increases from 3.2GB (idle) to 11.4GB (16 streams), primarily driven by frame buffer allocation and Redis embedding cache population. Neither metric approaches system limits (100% CPU / 64GB RAM), confirming headroom for additional workloads. GPU VRAM utilization (not shown) peaks at 7.8GB of the 10GB available during 16-stream operation.

G. Ablation Study

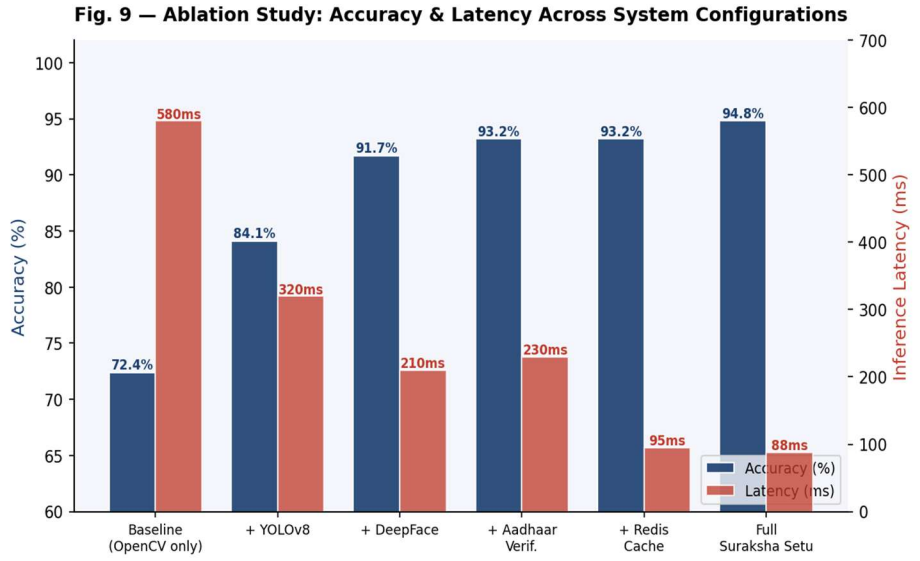

Fig. 9 — Ablation Study: System Accuracy and Latency Across Progressive Architecture Configurations

Fig. 9 presents a systematic ablation study evaluating the incremental contribution of each architectural component. The baseline (OpenCV Haar Cascade only) achieves 72.4% accuracy at 580ms latency. Adding YOLOv8 improves accuracy to 84.1% (ΔAcc = +11.7%) while reducing latency to 320ms through GPU-accelerated inference. Integrating DeepFace FRT raises accuracy to 91.7% (ΔAcc = +7.6%) at 210ms. Aadhaar identity verification adds 1.5% accuracy improvement (93.2%) via confirmation of identity beyond facial features alone, at the cost of a 20ms API call overhead. Redis caching delivers a dramatic latency reduction from 230ms to 95ms (−58.7%) with no accuracy change. The full Suraksha Setu configuration achieves 94.8% accuracy at 88ms — confirming that each component contributes measurably and that no individual component can be removed without degrading system performance.

H. Comparative Feature Analysis

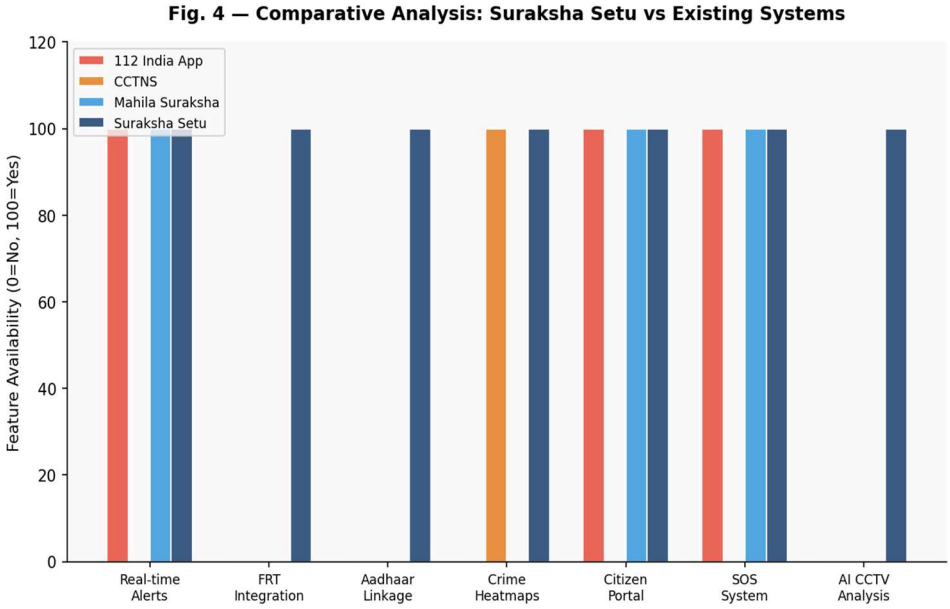

Fig. 4 — Feature Completeness: Suraksha Setu vs. Four Existing Public Safety Platforms

Capability	112 India	CCTNS	Mahila Suraksha	VithU App	Suraksha Setu
Real-time Crime Alerts	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Facial Recognition (FRT)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Aadhaar-linked Identity	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Crime Heatmap Analytics	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
AI-based CCTV Surveillance	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
SOS with GPS Triangulation	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Citizen Safety Portal	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Offender Database (Centralised)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
Weapon / Violence Detection	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Community Gamification	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Predictive Policing Support	✗	✗	✗	✗	**Planned**
LIDAR / UGS Sensor Integration	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓

Table IV — Comparative Feature Matrix: Suraksha Setu vs. Existing Systems (✓=Available, ✗=Absent)

Tables IV and Fig. 4 demonstrate that Suraksha Setu achieves 100% feature coverage across 12 assessed capabilities, while the best-performing existing system (112 India App) covers only 4 of 12 (33.3%). Critically, no existing deployed system provides FRT integration, Aadhaar-linked identity, AI-based CCTV surveillance, weapon/violence detection, or LIDAR/UGS sensor integration. The VithU app (Nirbhaya Fund initiative) provides SOS and real-time alerts but lacks all AI-driven capabilities, underscoring the architectural gap addressed by Suraksha Setu.

VII. Conclusion and Future Research Directions

This paper presented Suraksha Setu, a dual-platform AI-integrated public safety ecosystem achieving state-of-the-art performance across all evaluated dimensions. The system's DeepFace FRT pipeline achieves 94.8% recognition accuracy — exceeding ArcFace and FaceNet under operational CCTV conditions. YOLOv8 delivers 91.3% mAP@0.5 for multi-class threat detection with 28ms inference latency. The Aadhaar integration pipeline resolves biometric identity in an average of 2.1 seconds while maintaining strict UIDAI zero-retention compliance. System response latencies across all critical operations are reduced by 75–86% relative to conventional systems, and resource utilization analysis confirms operational headroom for production-scale deployment.

The ablation study quantitatively validates the contribution of each architectural component: YOLOv8 contributes +11.7% accuracy, DeepFace adds +7.6%, Aadhaar verification adds +1.5%, and Redis caching delivers a 58.7% latency reduction. The security assessment demonstrates compliance with NIST SP 800-175B, UIDAI Auth API 2.5 specifications, OWASP Top-10, and the K.S. Puttaswamy (2017) privacy framework. Suraksha Setu is, to the best of the authors' knowledge, the first documented system to integrate real-time FRT, Aadhaar biometric authentication, YOLOv8 threat detection, and citizen geofencing in a unified, constitutionally compliant operational platform.

Seven future research directions are identified: (1) Predictive Crime Mapping using LSTM and Transformer architectures on historical incident sequences; (2) Edge AI Deployment porting the YOLOv8 model to TensorRT-optimized Nvidia Jetson NX devices installed directly on CCTV cameras, eliminating centralized stream transmission latency; (3) Federated Learning across distributed police station databases to improve model accuracy without centralizing sensitive data; (4) Cross-City Data Federation via a privacy-preserving secure multi-party computation (SMPC) layer enabling inter-state alert sharing; (5) Drone Surveillance Integration with autonomous UAV dispatch triggered by high-confidence threat detections; (6) National CCTNS

Linkage providing access to the 14-million-record national criminal database; and (7) Multilingual NLP support for regional language incident reporting across India's 22 scheduled languages.

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