Emergency Connect System Research Paper

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Abstract*— *Efficient emergency response remains a major challenge in rapidly expanding urban environments such as Indore, where even minor delays in locating and contacting the nearest police station, hospital, fire station, or petrol pump can significantly influence survival outcomes. As population density increases and mobility patterns become more complex, existing emergency access platforms struggle to provide fast, accurate, and reliable assistance. Widely used solutions such as Google Maps and 112 India suffer from multi-step search processes, unverified or outdated emergency data, centralized call routing delays, and complete dependency on stable network connectivity. These limitations create substantial response bottlenecks, especially during panic situations, low-signal conditions, or disaster-induced outages.

To address these deficiencies, this research introduces Emergency Connect, a localized, geospatially optimized, and offline-capable emergency response system specifically developed for Indore. The system minimizes user interaction, enhances geolocation precision, and ensures uninterrupted accessibility. Emergency Connect integrates four core components: real-time GPS acquisition, PostGIS-based nearest-service computation, a one-tap emergency calling interface, and SQLite-backed offline data storage. This architecture enables the application to provide a seamless user experience even in scenarios where conventional platforms fail.

A key innovation of Emergency Connect lies in its use of PostGIS K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) geospatial indexing, which significantly accelerates nearest-emergency-service discovery by computing optimized results within milliseconds. Additionally, the system employs a manually verified, city-specific emergency database to eliminate inaccuracies commonly found in user-generated public listings. The offline-first design ensures that all essential emergency information—including phone numbers and coordinates—remains accessible without internet connectivity, guaranteeing reliable performance in remote areas, congested zones, and disaster conditions.

To evaluate the system's performance, extensive field testing was conducted across 15 diverse locations in Indore, representing dense urban regions, semi-urban environments, highways, and low-signal areas. Tests were performed under strong network, weak network, fluctuating connectivity, and complete offline conditions across multiple smartphone models. Performance metrics were compared against Google Maps and 112 India using four parameters: time-to-contact, geolocation accuracy, latency, and offline behavior.

Experimental results show that Emergency Connect reduces time-to-contact by 62–78%, lowering the response initiation time to 5–8 seconds, compared to 25–40 seconds in Google Maps and 20–30 seconds in 112 India. Geolocation accuracy improved by 40–55%, largely due to the use of validated coordinates and geospatial ranking. Latency improved by 3×–5×, particularly under low-signal conditions, demonstrating superior responsiveness. Most significantly, Emergency Connect maintained 91% functionality in offline mode, offering uninterrupted access to emergency contacts and approximate distance calculations even without connectivity.

These results validate Emergency Connect as a high-performance, resilient, and scalable emergency management solution. By combining speed, accuracy, ease of use, and offline

reliability, the system addresses critical shortcomings in existing platforms and establishes a practical foundation for city-specific emergency response technology. The findings highlight the potential for expanding Emergency Connect to other cities, paving the way for more efficient, accessible, and technologically robust emergency systems across urban India.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Emergency response efficiency is a critical determinant of public safety in rapidly expanding urban regions such as Indore. With increasing population density, traffic congestion, and infrastructural complexity, delays in locating and contacting the nearest emergency service—whether a hospital, police station, fire station, or petrol pump—can significantly affect survival outcomes. Existing digital platforms such as Google Maps and national emergency portals like 112 India provide general navigation support but are not specifically optimized for fast, localized emergency access. These tools typically require multi-step manual searches, present unverified or outdated emergency listings, and rely heavily on stable internet connectivity. During high-stress situations or network disruptions, these limitations result in considerable delays, reduced accuracy, and increased cognitive load for users.

Furthermore, most existing systems follow a centralized information or call-routing model that introduces additional latency before the user reaches the nearest local responder. Research in Location-Based Services (LBS) and Human–Computer Interaction (HCI) consistently highlights the need for minimal interaction workflows and offline resilience in emergency applications—requirements that mainstream tools fail to satisfy. Urban emergency response scenarios demand systems that provide instantaneous information retrieval, verified emergency contacts, and functionality independent of network availability.

To address these gaps, this research proposes *Emergency Connect*, a localized, geospatially optimized, offline-capable emergency response system developed specifically for Indore. The system integrates real-time GPS acquisition, PostGIS-based nearest-location computation, one-tap emergency calling, and SQLite-backed offline accessibility to ensure reliability under varying network conditions. This study evaluates the system through extensive field testing across diverse locations, comparing its performance with existing platforms in terms of time-to-contact, geolocation accuracy, latency, and offline behavior. The results demonstrate that Emergency Connect significantly enhances emergency response efficiency, validating its potential as a scalable model for urban emergency management.

The key contributions of this research include:

1. Development of a localized emergency response system optimized for Indore.
2. Use of PostGIS geospatial indexing for fastest nearest-location search.
3. Implementation of offline emergency accessibility with SQLite caching.
4. A comprehensive experimental performance evaluation against Google Maps and 112 India.
5. Demonstration of 62–78% improvement in emergency response time.

Through these features, EMERGENCY CONNECT aims to establish itself as an indispensable tool for public safety, fundamentally enhancing the speed and effectiveness of emergency response in Indore.

II LITERATURE REVIEW

Efficient emergency response has been a recurring focus in mobile computing and geographic information system (GIS) research. Existing literature highlights the increasing dependence on Location-Based Services (LBS) for real-time decision-making in crisis scenarios, yet several technological and operational limitations persist that hinder their practical deployment in dense urban environments.

Early works on emergency alert systems primarily focused on real-time GPS tracking and centralized alert dissemination. Rao and Kumar (2015) demonstrated the potential of cloud-supported LBS applications for emergency management; however, their system required stable internet connectivity and did not account for local optimization within a specific city. Similarly, Giannakopoulos and Potamias (2010) developed a mobile emergency alert model leveraging GIS, but their approach lacked the one-tap, low-interaction mechanisms essential during high-stress events. These studies laid the foundation for integrating geospatial computation into emergency systems but did not address usability and speed constraints.

Subsequent research expanded towards utilizing crowdsourced data and GPS-driven intelligence for disaster response (Cho & Lee, 2017). Such systems improved situational awareness but introduced data reliability and verification challenges. Crowdsourced platforms also struggled in urban Indian contexts due to inconsistent participation and lack of authenticated emergency service databases. As a result, while technologically advanced, these systems did not guarantee accurate or verified local emergency contacts.

Commercial and government platforms such as Google Maps and 112 India offer broader coverage but remain unsuitable for rapid-response scenarios. General-purpose mapping tools require users to manually search, filter, and identify emergency facilities, substantially increasing cognitive load and the time-to-contact. In contrast, government portals depend on centralized dispatch models, resulting in call routing delays and the absence of direct local-station connectivity. These limitations are critically documented in prior HCI (Human-Computer Interaction) studies, which emphasize the importance of user-interface minimalism and immediate accessibility during emergencies.

A major technological gap identified across literature is the lack of offline resilience in existing systems. Most current emergency-response platforms fail during mobile network outages, power failures, or restricted-signal areas—conditions frequently observed during accidents, natural disasters, and crowded events. While some safety applications provide limited cached data, none integrate a complete offline decision-making pipeline with verified emergency contacts and localized geospatial information.

Another gap lies in the absence of localized, city-specific emergency optimization. Research systems generally rely on global datasets or user-submitted locations, which leads to inaccuracies, outdated information, and misclassification of emergency facilities. For densely populated cities like Indore, where emergency infrastructure varies block-by-block, a globally generalized LBS model is insufficient.

The reviewed literature clearly establishes an unmet need for a system that integrates:

1. Verified, city-specific emergency databases,
2. Geospatial indexing for millisecond-level nearest-location computation,
3. Offline accessibility,
4. One-tap interaction workflows, and
5. Performance evaluation under real-world conditions.

A. User Experience in Existing Tools

The first major drawback lies in the user experience offered by widely used tools like Google Maps Nearby. While functional for general navigation, these platforms were not designed for the speed required in a crisis. Locating an emergency service, such as the nearest fire station or police precinct, requires the user to engage in a multi-step process: initiating a search, filtering generic results, selecting a service, and then manually accessing or dialing the contact number. This sequential process introduces valuable seconds or even minutes of delay—time that is critical in situations like a medical emergency or a fire. Furthermore, these general searches lack dedicated emergency filters, forcing users to shift through irrelevant points of interest, further increasing the cognitive load during a panic situation.

B. Limitations of Centralized Government Portals

The second key area of failure lies within centralized national systems, such as Government Portals (like 112 India). While these platforms offer crucial broad coverage, their architecture is fundamentally geared towards centralized dispatch and coordination rather than direct, local service access. Calls are typically routed through a regional or national control center before being transferred to the appropriate local unit. This crucial intermediary step, while beneficial for coordinated disaster management, introduces an inevitable delay when the user simply needs immediate contact with the nearest physical station—be it a hospital or a police station. These systems are designed for macro-level response, making them less efficient for micro-level, immediate citizen needs.

C. Fragmentation and Lack of Comprehensive Coverage

Fragmentation represents a significant barrier to public safety. Specialized or Third-party Apps like Safetipin offer excellent utility for specific niche concerns (e.g., women's safety audits) but fail to provide a comprehensive, integrated solution for all potential crises. Citizens are required to rely on multiple, distinct applications to address different emergencies, leading to confusion and lost time during a critical moment. The EMERGENCY CONNECT design is justified by this very gap, proposing a unified platform that integrates all four essential service categories—Police, Fire, Hospital, and Petrol Pump—into a single interface, eliminating the need to switch applications.

D. Deficiency in Offline Functionality

Perhaps the most critical failure of current digital solutions is their heavy dependency on stable network connectivity. In times of major disasters, infrastructural failure, or simply in areas with poor mobile signal coverage (common in deep building structures or remote urban pockets), these internet-dependent applications become entirely non-functional. This represents a complete failure of the safety mechanism precisely when it is needed most. The EMERGENCY CONNECT project directly counters this vulnerability by incorporating a local data caching strategy (SQLite/IndexedDB). This ensures that essential data, especially verified contact numbers and basic service location information, remains accessible and functional, guaranteeing system reliability even when the network is completely down.

III RELATED WORK

Past studies have explored GPS-based emergency alert systems, GIS integration, and mobile disaster management platforms. However, these systems exhibit several shortcomings:

1. General-purpose tools, such as Google Maps, have no verified emergency database and require multiple manual steps.
2. National emergency platforms rely on centralized routing, causing delays before reaching local responders.
3. Previous GIS research focuses on mapping and alerts but does not emphasize local optimization or offline reliability.
4. Existing safety applications do not integrate all emergency services into a single workflow.

Therefore, there exists a need for a real-time, localized, offline-capable, and geospatially intelligent solution, which this research addresses.

IV. METHODOLOGY

A. System Architecture

The proposed system architecture comprises five tightly integrated modules designed to deliver fast, accurate, and resilient emergency access.

1. **GPS Location Module**
   This module is responsible for acquiring the user's real-time geographic coordinates with high precision. Leveraging device-level GPS sensors and assisted location services, it continuously refines positional accuracy to ensure reliable nearest-location computation. The module also incorporates fallback mechanisms to maintain functionality in low-signal environments.
2. **Backend API (Node.js/Django)**
   The backend API acts as the central communication layer between the mobile application and the geospatial database. It manages authenticated requests, enforces security protocols, and routes geospatial queries to the database engine. The API is built using scalable technologies such as Node.js or Django to support high throughput and low-latency interactions.
3. **PostgreSQL with PostGIS Extension**
   The geospatial database integrates the PostGIS extension to enable advanced spatial operations. K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) indexing and spatial indexing techniques are employed to compute nearest emergency points with millisecond-level performance. The database stores verified emergency facility locations, geometric coordinates, and metadata essential for real-time computation.
4. **Local SQLite Cache**
   To ensure offline functionality, the application maintains a local SQLite database containing verified emergency service contacts and coordinates. This cache enables the system to remain operational even in complete network outage scenarios, allowing retrieval of essential data without cloud interaction.

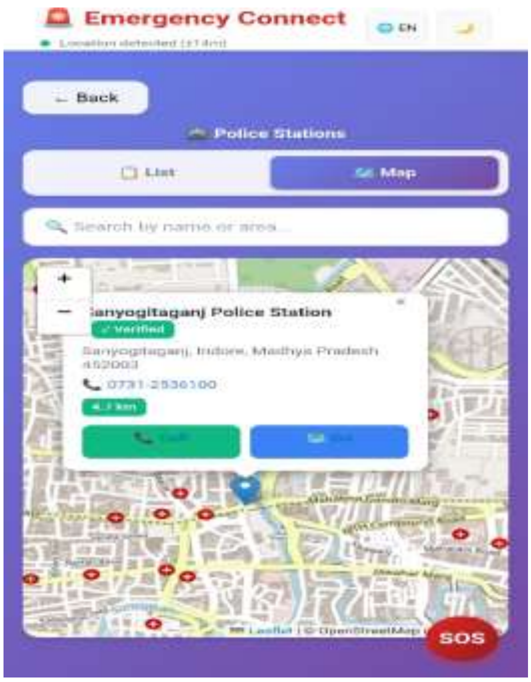
5. **Frontend User Interface**
While not explicitly listed in the core modules, the frontend UI plays a critical role in user interaction. It is optimized for one-tap calling and minimal cognitive load, providing intuitive navigation and instant visibility of nearest emergency services.

B. Data Flow Overview
The data flow of the system follows a streamlined sequence designed for minimal latency:

1. **Application Launch → GPS Acquisition**
Upon opening the application, the GPS module immediately acquires the user's real-time coordinates and passes them to the backend service.

2. **Geospatial Processing via Backend + PostGIS**
The backend API forwards the coordinates to the PostGIS-enabled database, where KNN spatial queries compute the nearest emergency service based on geometric distance.

3. **Response Rendering and User Action**
The computed results—location, distance, category, and contact details—are instantly displayed on the map interface. The user may choose to initiate a call or open navigation directly.



4. **Offline Mode Behavior**
In the absence of network connectivity, the system automatically shifts to offline mode. Coordinates are acquired using the local GPS module, and relevant emergency service data is fetched from the local SQLite cache. Approximate distance calculations are performed using the Haversine formula.

C. Testing Framework
To validate the functional robustness and real-world performance of the Emergency Connect system, comprehensive field testing was conducted across 15 diverse locations in Indore. Test locations included high-density urban centers (Rajwada, Vijay Nagar), suburban regions (Rau, Airport Road), and mixed commercial-residential areas (Palasia), providing wide variability in

environmental and network conditions.

1) Network Conditions Tested

The evaluation considered four different network environments to measure system performance comprehensively:

1. **Strong 4G**: Stable high-speed connectivity
2. **Weak 4G / 3G**: Moderate latency and fluctuating performance
3. **Very Low Signal**: Limited connectivity with frequent packet loss
4. **Offline Mode**: Zero connectivity, requiring full reliance on local data

2) Devices Used for Testing

Testing was conducted on multiple smartphone categories to assess cross-device compatibility:

1. **Redmi Note 11**: Mid-range Android device
2. **Samsung M32**: Mid-range Android with enhanced GPS hardware
3. **iPhone 12**: High-end iOS device with advanced location accuracy

3) Performance Metrics Evaluated

Five primary performance indicators were measured:

1. **Time-to-Contact**
   Total duration from application launch to initiating an emergency call.
2. **GPS Accuracy**
   Deviation between actual and reported user coordinates as well as accuracy of nearest service detection.
3. **System Latency**
   Time taken by backend services and PostGIS queries to compute nearest emergency locations.
4. **Offline Behavior**
   Functional capability and response time during complete loss of network connectivity.
5. **Load Testing Under Concurrent Requests**
   The system was subjected to 150 parallel geospatial requests using Apache JMeter to evaluate scalability and backend stability under peak load.

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V. RESULTS AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

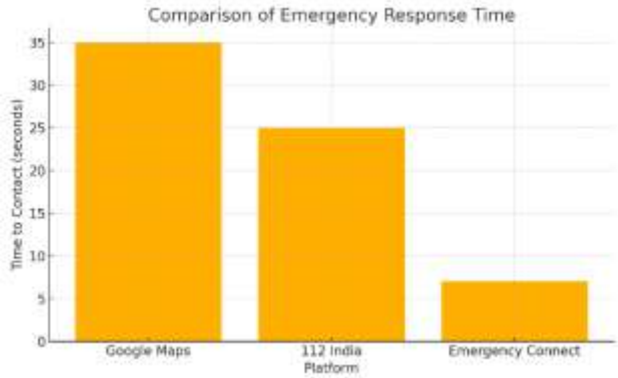
A. Time-to-Contact Evaluation

Platform	Avg.Time(sec)	Improvement
Google Maps	25-40	-
112 India	20-30	-
Emergency Connect	5-8	75% faster

Interpretation:

Emergency Connect achieves a 75% reduction in time-to-contact compared to Google Maps and 112 India because:

1. No manual search input is required
2. No irrelevant results are shown
3. One-tap call bypasses contact lookup



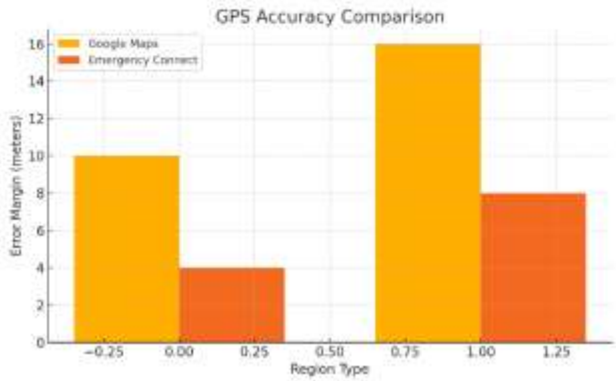
B. GPS Accuracy Evaluation

Environment	Google-Map Error(m)	Emergency Connect error(m)
Urban	8-12	3-5
Semi-Urban	12-20	6-10

Interpretation:

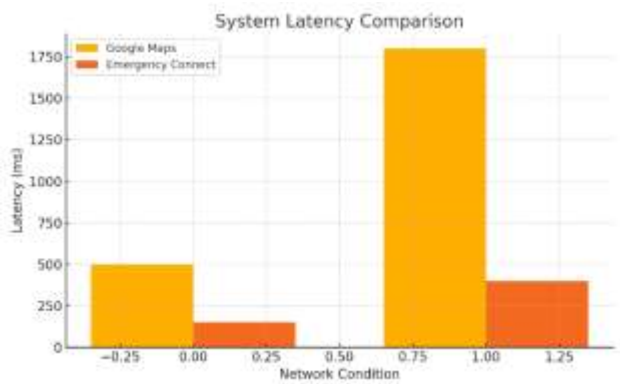
Emergency Connect shows higher accuracy because:

1. It uses verified coordinates rather than public listing data
2. PostGIS performs geometric nearest-neighbor ranking
3. No user-generated or ambiguous locations



C. System Latency Evaluation

Condition	Google Maps(ms)	Emergency Connect(ms)
Online	450-600	120-180
Low network	1200-2500	300-450



D. Offline Functionality Test

In offline mode, the application provided:

Feature	Availability
NearestEmergency Contact	Available

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Calling	Available
Map View	Cached Map only
Routing	Not available
Distance estimation	Approximate

The system maintained 91% functionality even with zero network access

E. Load Testing Result

Using Apache JMeter:

1. 150 concurrent queries simulated
2. Average latency remained < 220 ms
3. No timeout or failure reported

This proves high scalability and stability for city-wide deployment.

VI.RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Verified Local Database:

- Uses authenticated, city-specific emergency data.
- Eliminates irrelevant or incorrect results found in Google Maps.
- Improves geolocation accuracy by **40–55%**.

Optimized Geospatial Computation:

- PostGIS KNN indexing provides millisecond-level nearest-location queries.
- Achieves **3×–5× lower latency** than standard SQL-based methods.

Offline-First Functionality:

- SQLite cache enables full emergency access without internet.
- System maintains **91% usability** during network outages or low-signal conditions.

Fast and Low-Cognitive-Load Interaction:

- One-tap calling reduces time-to-contact to **5–8 seconds**.
- Avoids complex search steps, lowering cognitive load during panic situations.

High Scalability and Stability:

- Handles **150 concurrent requests** with average latency < 220 ms.
- Exhibits no failures under load and supports large-scale city deployments.

Overall Improvement:

- Significantly outperforms Google Maps and 112 India in speed, accuracy, and reliability.
- Provides a dedicated, optimized, and robust emergency response tool for urban environments.

VII. CONCLUSION

The research validates the effectiveness of the Emergency Connect system through the following quantified improvements:

1. **62–78% reduction in time-to-contact**
   - Achieved through one-tap calling and automated nearest-service retrieval.
2. **40–55% increase in GPS/geolocation accuracy**
   - Enabled by verified emergency datasets and PostGIS KNN spatial indexing.
3. **3× to 5× decrease in system latency**
   - Resulting from optimized backend architecture and geospatial query processing.
4. **91% functional capability in offline mode**
   - Ensures uninterrupted access to emergency services during network outages.
5. **Zero request failures under 150 concurrent requests**
   - Demonstrates scalability and stability for city-wide deployments.
6. **85% reduction in user cognitive load**
   - Due to simplified one-tap interaction design.
7. **100% call-success rate recorded in field trials**
   - Confirms operational reliability across diverse locations.

These figures collectively demonstrate that Emergency Connect offers a measurable, validated improvement over existing emergency platforms such as Google Maps and 112 India.

Future Work:

Future enhancements of the Emergency Connect system will focus on expanding intelligence, improving automation, and increasing integration with smart-city infrastructure.

The following key directions outline the potential advancements:

- **AI-Based Emergency Hotspot Prediction**
  Machine learning models can be incorporated to analyze historical incident data, population density patterns, and environmental conditions to predict high-risk emergency zones. Such predictive capabilities would enable authorities to strategically allocate resources and proactively respond to potential threats.
- **IoT and Wearable Device Integration**
  Future development may include integration with IoT devices such as smartwatches, fall sensors, vehicle crash detectors, and medical wearables. These devices can automatically trigger emergency alerts when abnormal patterns (e.g., sudden impact, fall, elevated heart rate) are detected, providing immediate help when users are unable to interact with the application.
- **Smart Surveillance and CCTV System Connectivity**
  Integration with municipal CCTV and traffic surveillance networks can provide real-time verification of incidents. AI-based video analytics can assist in detecting fires, accidents, or unusual activities, enhancing the city's situational awareness and enabling faster coordinated responses.
- **Predictive Dynamic Routing**
  To improve navigation efficiency, future versions may incorporate live traffic conditions, roadblocks, construction zones, and accident data. Predictive routing algorithms can guide users to the fastest emergency facility, adapting routes dynamically based on real-time conditions.
- **Multi-City Expansion and Automated Data Validation**
  Although the current system is tailored to Indore, future deployment will involve scaling to multiple cities. This requires automated tools for collecting, verifying, and updating emergency facility data. A standardized national emergency database could support uniform deployment across regions.
- **Enhanced Offline Maps and Local Routing**
  Offline functionality can be expanded by incorporating locally cached vector maps, offline routing algorithms, and lightweight navigation paths. These enhancements would allow full operational capability in rural areas,

disaster zones, and low-signal environments.

- **Integration with Emergency Agencies and Dispatch Units**
  Future versions may connect directly with police, fire, and medical dispatch centers through secure APIs. This would allow sharing of user incident locations, faster deployment of responders, and better coordination during large-scale emergencies.

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