



Cops attend to complainants at the chic police station and (below) policemen relax in the TV room

The plush interiors, the piped music, comfortable chairs to sit on... the place doesn't really look like a typical police station.

The new-look police station sure has had its effect on the officers. "The environment here is so good, it gives me a lot of peace. I can look at the complaints coming in with a better frame of mind," said Police Sub-Inspector Abdulgani Hadkar.

"I have just joined here from Sangli. But during my 25 years of service, I have never before seen a cleaner work place than this," added PSI Usha Madne.

And the complainants who visit the station are also happy. "The place looks so nice and the officers are amazingly co-operative," said Kailash Patil.

There is also a restroom with a television and a computer room. The room for the accused also presents a

From barrack to plush police station!

Marine Drive police station is among the coolest in city

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During the British Raj it was used as a barrack. Today, it is one of the plush police stations in Mumbai. Welcome to the new Marine Drive police station opposite the Cricket Club of India (CCI) near Churchgate.

No, the police station does not boast of any expensive equipment or infrastructure. But its clean, plush interiors make it a police station with a difference. Architect Jimmy Mistry of Della Technica converted the barrack into a plush police station. "Jimmy is a good friend. When I gave him the proposal, he immediately agreed to renovate the entire place free of charge," said Himanshu Roy, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Zone-1.

"But we have not changed the old



architectural structure while giving a modern look to the interiors. The objective is to make the environment at the police station as friendly as possible."

Just before the building was renovated, it was used as Crime Branch Control office, which has now been shifted to Worli.

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Design element in government offices goes a long way in improving the work culture. "Corporates should adopt police stations to change the scenario," said Mistry. However, the place needs to be maintained on a regular basis. "Things will improve slowly," said Roy.