

CISF provides booster shots to personnel manning DMRC

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New Delhi: With Omicron cases exploding and several essential service providers facing shortage of manpower, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has launched a special drive to administer booster shots to its personnel protecting the national capital's lifeline — Delhi Metro. Nearly 12,000 CISF personnel are deployed at the Metro and the drive started at Delhi Metro Rail Corporation's (DMRC) Shashtri Park campus on Monday.

Over 2,500 personnel have already got their booster shot and CISF aims to cover all personnel deployed at Delhi Metro by January 20. Eligible children — between 15 and 18 years — of the personnel are also getting their shots. "A team of doctors from East Delhi district, along with civil defence volunteers, is running two centres," said CISF DIG and chief PRO Anil Pandey.

Across India, "we have a total strength of 1,62,000. Of them, 1,57,678 have got one dose, 1,37,890 both doses, and over 12,000 boosters by Wednesday afternoon. The few who have not got any shot is due to medical reasons and we have accordingly posted them in places that do not require public interface," said Pandey.

"The booster dose drive is running across all 353 CISF units, including 64 airports. The drive will ensure that 100% of our eligible personnel are inoculated at the earliest," he added.