

Shah: Zero tolerance to terrorism, extremism

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Union home minister Amit Shah on Sunday said that the government's zero tolerance to terrorism and left-wing extremism would continue in the future, at the CISF's 54th Raising Day event held at the National Industrial Security Academy campus at Hakimpet.

Shah said that as a result of the government's stringent action in the past nine years, many are laying down arms and joining the mainstream.

The Union home minister said that over the past 53 years, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has played a key role in the nation's financial growth by securing airports, seaports, vital installations and industries.

Lauding CISF's contribution to preventing the use of fake currency, narcotics and also infiltration, he encouraged them to be prepared to face new challenges with the same spirit and thwart all attempts that might derail the economy.

"Only when these areas are safe and secure, can any nation progress and compete with the world in the international arena and I, on behalf of the Union home ministry, thank every member of the CISF for these great services to the nation," he said.

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Union home minister Amit Shah speaks at the 54th CISF Raising Day parade 2023 at the National Industrial Security Academy in Hakimpet on Sunday.
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Yes we can, Shah tells BJP in state

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Telangana will have a BJP chief minister with a robust chance of victory in the Assembly polls if party leaders focus on strengthening the cadre base in the state's rural hinterlands, Union home minister Amit Shah is believed to have told the party leaders on Sunday.

Shah, who was in the city to attend the 54th Raising Day event of the CISF at the National Industrial Security Academy in Hakimpet, reportedly exuded confidence that the party will

triumph in the elections as it has the support from the people. Shah's flight was delayed by a technical issue on Sunday afternoon when he was supposed to depart the city for Kochi.

Meanwhile, Shah held closed-door meetings with Union minister for tourism and culture, G. Kishan Reddy, BJP state president and Karimnagar MP, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, and national president of the BJP's OBC cell K Laxman on matters of importance to the party.

■ Page 5: Shah promises to meet leaders frequently

A Kalaripayattu demonstration by an all-women team of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) was the highlight of the 54th Raising Day event held on the National Industrial Security Academy (NISA) campus in Hakimpet on Sunday.

The martial art form, native to India, also marked the first time that an all-women team held a demonstration at the CISF's Raising Day. Women showcased their expertise with nedhu vadi (long sticks), kuru vadi (short sticks), cherma kambu (narrow sticks) and fire.

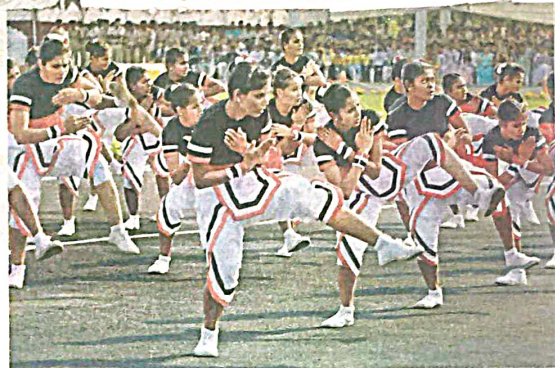
Previously, a Kalaripayattu demonstration was held at the Statue of Unity in Kevadia of Gujarat in 2019.

Officials said that while CISF personnel are already trained in Krav Maga, an Israeli martial art form used for armed combat in emergencies, they have been training in Kalaripayattu as a martial art form that does not require the use of arms.

They said that a woman contingent working with the Delhi Metro is fully trained in the art form, which comes in handy while dealing with eve teasers and trouble-mongers in public places, as the use of arms is not feasible in crowded places.

They are planning to expand this component to all deployments in the country, wherever there is more civilian interface.

Among other notable events was a demonstration by the CISF's Special Tactics and Training Wing (STTW) of a Naxal attack, for which they deployed canine squads, assault teams, bomb detection and diffusion teams, mine-proof vehicles and deploying marksman, a custom armoured capsule-based bulletproof vehicle used at airports.



Women personnel of the CISF demonstrate Kalaripayattu, a traditional martial art, during the 54th CISF Raising Day Parade 2023 held at the National Industrial Security Academy, Hakimpet, on Sunday.
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Shah elated as CISF fete organised in glorious city

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Shah also said he was elated that the Raising Day, for the first time, was taking place outside the national capital in the "gauravmay shahar" (glorious city).

Reminding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's aim to make India a \$5 Trillion economy, Shah said that he hopes CISF will continue to play a key role. "As the nation prepares to celebrate the centenary of Independence, I'm sure you will deliver the same service that you have been delivering during the past 53 years," he

said. Shah also paid tributes to CISF personnel who died in the line of duty, highlighting its role as the first responder during the Covid-19 pandemic. "With their humane approach, they have served the nation while putting themselves at risk. In this effort, some of them have even sacrificed their lives," he said.

The Union minister also highlighted how the CISF has been keeping up with technological advancements by using robotics, AI, drones and other advanced improvements.

Shah also said that the CISF was the only one

among all CAPFs to have a state-of-the-art firefighting facility, referring to the Fire Service Training Institute.

Earlier in the day Amit Shah, accompanied by CISF DG Sheel Vardhan Singh, inspected the parade and awarded medals to achievers. The event concluded with a gripping demonstration of Kalaripayattu, a traditional martial art form, by 172 women personnel, along with demonstrations of special tactics training wing countering a Naxal attack on a mineral plant and firefighting in a chemical industry.

Currently, marksman vehicles are deployed at the Delhi, Hyderabad and Mumbai international air-

ports. The fire team also demonstrated its action in handling a blazing chemi-

cal unit using support from multiple agencies and ensuring there was no casualty.