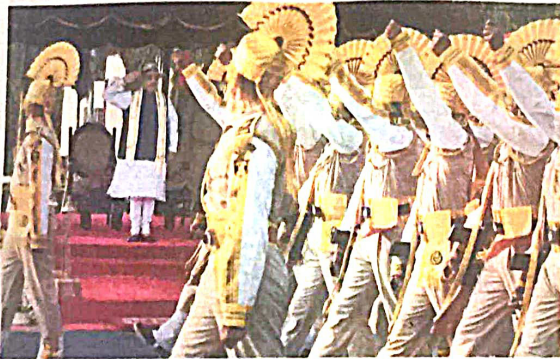


# 'Will bolster CISF with state-of-art technologies'

Union Home Minister Amit Shah attends 54th CISF Raising Day parade in Hyderabad: hails the force for "effective role" in safeguarding airports, seaports and other vital establishments of the country



(Clockwise from top left) Union Home Minister Amit Shah reviewing the ceremonial parade during the 54th CISF Raising Day celebrations at the National Industrial Security Academy in Hakimpet, on Sunday; CISF personnel performing anti-terrorist drills on the occasion; and women personnel of CISF performing Kalaripayattu, an indigenous martial art form as part of the parade. NAGARA GOPAL

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For the security of ports, airports and industrial units in the country, the Ministry of Home Affairs will leave no stone unturned to equip the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) with state-of-the-art technologies to tackle challenges, said Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

He was addressing the 54th CISF Raising Day parade at National Industrial Security Academy (NISA) in Hyderabad on Sunday.

Upon his arrival at NISA Hyderabad, Mr. Shah paid tributes at the Brave Heart Memorial by laying a wreath. He was accompanied by CISF director-general Sheel Vardhan Singh.

The Minister was honoured with a General Salute, and later, he reviewed the ceremonial parade.

Mr. Vardhan Singh expressed his gratitude to the Union Minister and said that over a period of five decades, CISF has carved a niche for itself in the field of security and emerged as the premier, multi-dimen-

Union Minister for Home Affairs, who attended the CISF Raising Day celebrations at Hakimpet on Sunday, was held up in the city for almost three hours as a technical glitch in his aircraft delayed his flight out of Hyderabad. An alternative arrangement was made for him at the nearby

Dundigal Air Force Academy to fly out.

Spokesperson for BJP Telangana N.V. Subhash said Mr. Shah was scheduled to depart by 12 noon. "The parade concluded by 11 a.m. and he was scheduled to fly out by 12 noon. However, due to a technical glitch in the aircraft, he had to wait for an alternative plan. Officials at Dundigal Academy promptly

made arrangements and he flew out of the city around 3.30 p.m.," he informed.

As per schedule, the Union Home Minister was expected to reach Thrissur by afternoon and proceed to the famed Sakthan Thampuran palace, reconstructed in Kerala-Dutch style in 1795 by Sakthan Thampuran, the mighty ruler of the erstwhile King-

dom of Cochin.

At 3.24 p.m. on Sunday, Mr. Shah tweeted, "Leaving for Kerala. Will be among the people of Thrissur at Janasakthi Rally in the evening. Will also visit the historical palace of Sakthan Thampuran, the founder of Thrissur city and offer Puja at Sree Wadakkunathan Temple, a holy shrine built by Bhagwan Parasurama."

to enhance this role in times to come. This will also pave the way for private companies to use the services of CISF in advisory and many other roles. In the coming two decades, the force would also be able to protect private companies from security-related threats likely to arise from modern technology and drones," said Mr. Shah, adding that the Ministry of Home Affairs is committed to providing

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necessary support to CISF for making it capable of facing futuristic challenges.

He also said that the government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will continue with the zero tolerance policy against terrorism which has been in place since the past nine years, and that terrorism, separatism and anti-national activities in any part of the country will be dealt with firmly.

### Medals presented

An investiture ceremony was also organised on the occasion, wherein the chief guest decorated 23 CISF officers and personnel with Police Medal for Gallantry, President Police Medal for distinguished

service, President Police Medal for Meritorious Service and Jeevan Raksha Padak.

Telangana Governor T. Chandrababu Naidu, Union Minister for Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region G. Kishan Reddy, MP K. Laxman and State BJP president Bandi Sanjay Kumar were among the dignitaries present on the occasion.

Women personnel of CISF performed Kalaripayattu, an indigenous martial art form which

originated in Kerala. A total of 172 women personnel showcased bare-hand physical exercise with offensive defensive moves and five types of fights with different weapons.

The Special Tactics and Training Wing of CISF, which has a range of operations, from securing urban installations like airports and Delhi Metro Rail to protecting VIPs to guarding vast swathes of land in Left Wing Extremist-affected areas, presented various tactics used in countering such situations.

sional and professionally competent force.

He also said that the force is ready to shoulder any responsibility assigned by the government, while announcing 3,039 head constables were being promoted to the rank of assistant sub-inspector.

The annual in-house publication, 'Sentinel-2023' and coffee table book on saving lives, 'Jeevan Raksha Parmo Dharma', was released by Mr. Shah,

who congratulated the parade commander and personnel who took part in the parade for "excellent performance".

### Commitment lauded

He highlighted the critical role played by CISF in the economic development of the country and at sensitive airports, Delhi Metro, ports and other vital industrial establishments, and said that the dedication and commitment of the

brave personnel of CISF is highly praiseworthy.

"CISF has been constantly upgrading itself by adopting sophisticated equipment like robotics and Artificial Intelligence for providing security to the nation. A country can be developed only if its airports, seaports and other vital establishments are secure and safe, and the CISF is playing this role very effectively. By adopting a hybrid model, they are going