

## 'Sharp dip in terror due to PM's zero tolerance policy'

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Hyderabad: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's zero tolerance towards terrorism, naxalism and anti-national activity has led to a significant dip in such incidents across the country, said Union home minister Amit Shah at the 54th Raising Day of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at National Industrial Security Academy, Hyderabad, on Sunday. The event was held outside the national capital region for the first time in CISF's history.

"Majority of those involved in terrorism, naxalism are joining the mainstream. The country can't progress



Union home minister Amit Shah delivering his speech at the 64th CISF Raising Day at Hakimpet in Hyderabad on Sunday

economically without secured airports and seaports. With PM Narendra Modi's call to make India 5 trillion economy, CISF's role in realising this objective will be significant," Shah said.

CISF personnel conducted a mock demonstration to display skills in dealing with hostile situations and fire accidents at vital installation.

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## Kalari spectacle and mock Maoist strike wow audience at 54<sup>th</sup> Raising Day of CISF

Force's First  
Parade In Hyd,  
Outside Delhi

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Hyderabad: A 172-women contingent of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) made an entry into the National Industrial Security Academy ground with a bang and left the gathering floored immediately, as they displayed their Kalaripayattu skills — an ancient form of martial art from Kerala. Clad in the traditional Kalari attire, the team showcased their talent in armed fighting at the 54th Raising Day of CISF at Hakimpet on Sunday, which left even Union home minister Amit Shah in awe.

The women used sticks, swords, shields and their hands to demonstrate various acrobatic moves, even as different Bollywood tunes played in the background. The women trained in the art form after CISF decided to include Kalaripayattu in its training manual. Their performance on Sunday was met with thundering applause.

Following the breathtaking show, CISF personnel demonstrated how a hostile situation could be dealt with as they created a mock Maoist attack-cum-hostage situation at NMDC mining facility.

They showed how in case a group of Maoists attacked and killed personnel at the mining facility, they could use technology like drones, etc., to take stock of the situation, track the movement of Maoists, control the situation and neutralise the rivals. The close to 30-minute drill was dotted with low intensity explosions, showcasing how CISF could handle situations



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All-woman contingent's display of martial art, Kalaripayattu, and CISF's mock demonstration of hostile situation enthral the audience at the 54th Raising Day of CISF at Hakimpet on Sunday



where IEDs were planted by Maoists in the bodies of government officials. Dogs were used as first responders.

As CISF is the only organisation that has an in-house fire-fighting wing, the CISF personnel showed how they

handle a situation if there was a large-scale fire or gas mishap at a fuel refinery or other places.

Recruitment to  
be multifold in  
CISF, says Shah

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Shah reiterated the Centre's support to meet future challenges with better use of technology, including artificial intelligence. The home minister, who arrived in Hyderabad on Saturday evening, was given the customary guard of honour by CISF personnel. He left for Delhi on Sunday noon.

Lauding CISF's stellar role during the Covid-19 crisis, Shah said, the prime minister had acknowledged their services and paid tributes to those who died while aiding in the war against the pandemic.

"The Centre initiated several welfare schemes for Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF). More than 35 lakh Ayushman CAPF cards have been distributed and the housing satisfaction ratio will be 73% by 2024, the highest since independence," he said.

He said, in the next 10 years, many job opportunities would be created in CISF and recruitment avenues will be multifold. "In 1969, CISF comprised 3,000 personnel. Now, the strength has risen to 1.7 lakh. CISF is providing security to 66 sensitive and major airports, 14 major seaports, nuclear and space institutions, Delhi Metro, Statue of Unity and many industrial units and mines," said Shah. He said among CAPFs, CISF is the only force, which has an effective fire-fighting force. While dealing with 50 lakh commuters on Delhi Metro and airport every day, CISF remains committed to security of the nation's assets, he added.