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CISF takes charge of Ayodhya airport

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The Central Industrial Security Force on Wednesday took over the security of newly built "Maharishi Valmiki International Airport" at Ayodhya, days before the high-profile consecration ceremony at the Ram temple on January 22.

The Union home ministry has sanctioned a security cover of more than 150 CISF personnel for the Ayodhya airport. The "Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhyadham" is the country's 68th civil airport terminal to come under the umbrella of the specialised Aviation security group (ASG) of the Central force, the officials in CISF said here.

The move comes after a security review was held by Central security and

intelligence agencies that recommended a professional security cover for the airport like the one provided by the CISF.

In a formal induction ceremony was held on January 10, wherein the representatives from the airline operators and various stakeholders were also present at the occasion. A deputy commandant rank officer is heading the unit, which will provide round the clock security coverage to the airport, the force said in a statement.

The CISF will further fortify its security infrastructure with an aim to ensure the secured passage for pilgrims and visitors to the holy city, contributing to a safe experience for all.

Like other airports, the force's personnel will frisk passengers, check baggage and secure the perimeter of the facility.