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■ TN youth can take CAPF exams in Tamil, says minister Start courses in Tamil: Shah to Stalin

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Union home minister Amit Shah said on Friday the Union government will conduct recruitment examination for Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) in regional languages. Addressing the 56th Raising Day Parade of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in Thakkolam, the minister said the youth can now take the CAPF recruitment exams in Tamil and other languages which are included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

Turning the tables on chief minister M.K. Stalin, who has been running a campaign against



Amit Shah

the BJP-led Union government's alleged plans to impose Hindi on the state, Mr Shah requested him to start medical and engineering courses in Tamil. "This will not only strengthen Tamil as a mother tongue, but also benefit students studying in Tamil medium. It will also provide equal opportunities for children educated in the Tamil medi-

um," Mr Shah said.

The culture of Tamil Nadu has played a significant role in strengthening India's culture in many ways, the Union home minister said.

"Whether it is in introducing administrative reforms, achieving spiritual heights, setting educational standards or promoting the message of unity and integrity of the country, Tamil Nadu has greatly strengthened Indian culture in every field. The Tamil language, culture and traditions are invaluable jewels of India's culture, and the entire country acknowledges this," Mr Shah said.

He announced that the CISF regional training centre in Thakkolam will be

named after the great warrior of the Chola dynasty Adita Chola. "Adita Chola created numerous tales of valor and sacrifice and attained martyrdom and advanced the glorious traditions of the Chola Empire," he said.

Earlier, the Union home minister launched the CISF's annual magazine, Sentinel, and honored 10 personnel with the President's police medal, two with the Jeevan Raksha Medal and 10 with the Gallantry Medal.

He laid the foundation stone for six different infrastructure and development projects worth ₹ 88 crore to improve the health, smooth duty performance, and facilities for CISF personnel.