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# CISF to set up spl desk for women personnel at HQ

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Aiming to resolve the grievances of its more than 12,000 women personnel posted across various ranks, the CISF on Monday said it has decided to set up a "special desk" based at its headquarters in Delhi.

The dedicated desk for women personnel will "specifically" address their issues and griev-

ances and "ensure a more prioritised-and-human-centric approach to their concerns," the Central Industrial Security Force officials said, adding that the desk would have adequate numbers of women officers.

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A CISF spokesperson also said it is the first time

that four of the IG-rank officers, out of the total 16, are being held by women cadre officers.

As per rules, eight IG posts each are reserved for CISF and IPS officers that join the force on deputation.

"This is a pivotal shift towards gender equality in leadership," the spokesperson said.

As part of its initiative towards "gender balance", the force is also conduct-

ing a sports recruitment drive this year, where 229 women and 204 men will be recruited. After the completion of this process, the total number of CISF sports teams will rise from 26 to 60, which will be 31 men's and 29 women's teams, he said.

Raised in 1969, the CISF guards 69 civil airports of the country, apart from vital installations in the nuclear and aerospace domain.