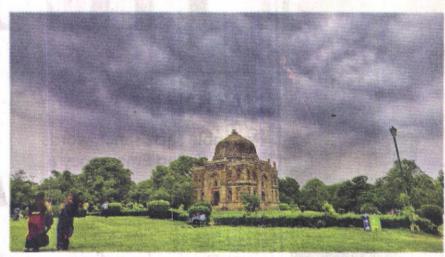
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Visitors at the Lodhi Garden on a cloudy afternoon in New Delhi on Saturday. According to the weather office, areas in east, west, south, and southeast Delhi received rainfall.

Facial ID, AI to speed up security at airports: CISF

Digitised entry for vehicles for quicker security response

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Security agencies and various authorities at airports are considering the integration of facial recogni-tion technology and CCTV for staff, in addition to deploying other technology tools for faster security checks and reducing queues at these facilities.

The airport guarding force, CISF, on Friday, organised a "functional workshop of the airport sector" in Delhi, where these measures along with synchronising automatic number plate recognition and FASTag for vehicles were discussed in detail for making the airport security not just stronger, but also more efficient and passenger-friendly.

The CISF is the national civil aviation security force and it has 69 air-

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THE AGENCIES, during the workshop, also discussed measures to have "unified" training for all airport staff, from security personnel to airline crew

bureau of immigration (BOI), Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL), special protection group (SPG), national security guard (SPG), the Delhi police, Air India Express and Indigo airlines, apart form chief security officers of 69 civil airports guarded by the CISF attended the day-long event, a spokesperson from the force said.

"This workshop focused on making airport security not just stronger, but also more efficient and passenger-friendly," he said.

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faster entry into the airport and quicker processing at security check-points, reducing queues and wait times. Digitised standard operating procedures (SOPs) will also lead to smarter and quicker responses to any security concerns," he said.

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Airport entry passes are essentially issued by the BCAS to a variety of staffers who work in the airport and the CISF is mandated to check their IDs upon entry and exit.

Officials said integrating the airport entry passes with facial recognition system will reduce queues at several airports where staffers and passengers use the same gate for entry leading to confrontation sometimes as travellers question the delay in granting them entry into the facility for catching a flight.

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