

# Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

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**In news :** CISF Raising Day has been observed recently

## **A brief note on CISF day -March 10**

It signifies the importance of security required by the critical industrial undertakings and sectors. Industrial places like nuclear installations, airports, power plants, heritage monuments, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation any many more require CISF in order to maintain easy workflow and secure surroundings for citizens.

## **About CISF**

- **Formation:** The CISF came into existence in 1969 under the act of the Parliament
- Governing body: Ministry of Home Affairs
- CISF set up with a modest beginning, having three battalions, to provide integrated security cover to the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) which, in those years, occupied the commanding heights of the economy
- It was started with a strength of over 3000 crew members and today the number of personnel has reached over 1,30,000.
- With time CISF has evolved to become the multi-skill security agency of the country mandated to provide security to the major installations across the country.
- **CISF is currently providing security cover to nuclear installations**, space establishments, airports, seaports, power plants, sensitive Government buildings and ever heritage monuments.
- Among the **important responsibilities recently entrusted to the CISF** are the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, VIP Security, Disaster Management and establishment of a

Formed Police Unit (FPU) of the UN at Haiti.

- After the Mumbai terrorist attack in November 2008, the mandate of the force has been broadened to provide direct security cover to private sector also.
- The objective of the CISF is – Better protection and security of industrial undertakings in both government and private sectors in the country.
- The CISF has 12 reserve battalions and 8 training institutes.

### **What is the Charter of duties of CISF?**

1. Security to property & installations
2. Access control
3. Perimeter Security
4. Security to specified vital buildings
5. Crime prevention and control
6. Escort of vital consignments
7. Protection to employees

### **Structure & Organization**

The CISF is headed by an Indian Police Service officer with the rank of Director-General, assisted by an IPS officer in the rank of Addl. Director-General.

The force is divided into Nine Sectors (Airport, North, North-East, East, West, South , Training, South-East, Central) and also has a Fire Service Wing.

**Current strength:** Its current active strength is 148,371 personnel.[4] In April 2017, the government raised the sanctioned strength from 145,000 to 180,000 personnel