

In hybrid security model, CISF has to train pvt agencies: Amit Shah

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NEW DELHI: Home minister Amit Shah on Sunday said the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) should work out a “hybrid arrangement” with the private security agencies under which the para-military force can prepare the security framework for guarding the private sector industries and installations and train private personnel accordingly. Once they are fully ready with such hand-holding by CISF, the latter hand full charge to the private security personnel, he suggested while addressing the CISF’s 53rd Raising Day event in Ghaziabad.

Stating that the role of private security agencies was expanding rapidly as the nation progressed from a \$2.5 trillion economy into \$5 trillion one, Shah said CISF should take the responsibility of training the private security agencies.

He suggested that the force develop some training models, possibly based on size of workforce employed by the production units or keeping in mind the need of some selected areas. “Efficiency of private agencies will have to be increased because CISF alone cannot ensure the security of the industrial sector of the entire country,” he said.

Pointing out that the CISF’s responsibility area — like guarding airports and metro —allowed good scope for increasing the number of women personnel, Shah asked the CISF DG Sheel Vardhan Singh to enhance the gender ratio in CISF from the existing 94:6 (94 men to 6 women) to at least 80:20.

Stating that as the country steps into ‘Amrit Kaal’, or the period between its 75th and 100 years of Independence, Shah directed CISF to recognise the challenges of the coming times. “CISF should have a 5-year action plan to prepare a base and a 25-year action plan to keep pace with the growing economy of the country. These should be ready this year,” he said.

Pointing to the threat of drones to the industrial sector, Shah said CISF should work in collaboration with institutions like DRDO and BSF, which are working to develop anti-drone models and anti-drone technology.

He appreciated the contribution of CISF in rescue missions, recalling how the CISF personnel deployed at airports had welcomed passengers arriving under Vande Bharat Abhiyan despite being at the risk of contracting Covid and were now receiving students being flown in from Ukraine under ‘Operation Ganga’.

CISF has a strength of 1.64 lakh personnel.