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Safdarjung Airport comes under CISF security cover

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NEW DELHI: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) on Wednesday formally took over security responsibilities at Safdarjung Airport, bringing the facility under its protection umbrella as the 73rd civil aviation installation secured by the force.

Senior CISF officers, along with representatives of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and local law enforcement agencies, were present during the handover. The move is part of the Ministry of Home Affairs' broader effort to strengthen and standardise aviation security across the country through a dedicated central security framework.

Spread across 213 acres in



south Delhi, Safdarjung Airport is located in a high-security zone surrounded by key defence and government establishments. The airport plays a crucial role in handling non-scheduled flights, including helicopter operations involving the President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, Union ministers, Governors and other

senior dignitaries.

The deployment follows recommendations by security agencies for enhanced protection, citing the airport's strategic importance, proximity to residential areas and exposed runway layout. CISF personnel were inducted in phases under the Internal Security Duty Pattern to ensure uninterrupted airport operations.

A dedicated CISF unit of 136 personnel, headed by a Deputy Commandant, has been tasked with securing the airport. The force will oversee perimeter security, access control, baggage screening systems, surveillance networks and response mechanisms, replacing the earlier arrangement involving Delhi Police and Nagaland Police personnel.