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Safdarjung Airport comes under CISF security cover

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The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) on Wednesday took over security at Safdarjung Airport, Delhi's first airport, making it the 73rd aviation installation under the force's protection.

The move marks a key step in the Ministry of Home Affairs' (MHA) effort to strengthen and standardise civil aviation security under a specialised federal force.

Spread over 213 acres in South Delhi, Safdarjung Airport is a highly sensitive installation located near Aurobindo Marg and surrounded by important government and military establishments. Though a non-scheduled airport, it serves as a key hub for VVIP and VIP helicopter movements, including flights involving the President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers and Governors.

Given the airport's open, road-facing runway, dense vegetation around the perimeter and proximity to residential

areas, security agencies had recommended shifting from local policing to CISF protection. The initial deployment has been carried out under the Internal Security Duty Pattern (ISDP). The arrangement will allow CISF personnel to familiarise themselves with the airside layout, local terrain and operational procedures of the Indian Air Force and the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

CISF has proposed a dedicated strength of 136 personnel, led by a Deputy Commandant. The unit will take over from the Delhi Police and Nagaland Police. The CISF will operate the airport's security systems, including patrols along the 3,800-metre perimeter wall, a Perimeter Intrusion Detection System (PIDS), access control points and CCTV surveillance.

ADG (APS) Binita Thakur highlighted the strategic importance of Safdarjung Airport and said CISF's takeover reflected the significance of securing critical national infrastructure. — TNS