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Only CISF-trained private security for ports: Shah

Issues Directions To Beef Up Security Of Fishing Harbours

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New Delhi: Home minister Amit Shah, who on Friday reviewed the progress in the establishment of Bureau of Port Security (BoPS), the dedicated national agency proposed to oversee regulatory and inspection functions relating to the security of ships and port facilities, emphasised that only licenced private security agencies, with personnel trained by Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), should be trusted with port security.

CISF was designated as the 'recognised security organisation' for port security last year under International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, a development that aligns with the Narendra Modi govt's vision of port-led growth as it focuses on a 'blue economy', a key driver of economic expansion.

Shah chaired the review meeting here to assess the working of the ports, shipping and waterways ministry and fisheries department — attended by shipping minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Intelligence Bureau director, CISF DG and senior officials of the home ministry, ports ministry and fisheries department. Shah also issued directions for strengthened security of fishing harbours and fish landing centres. He said the registration of



Union home minister Amit Shah chairs a review meeting along with Union ports, shipping and waterways minister Sarbananda Sonowal in New Delhi, Friday

Future conflicts may take new forms: Rajnath

Defence minister Rajnath Singh Friday said that "future conflicts could emerge in new and unforeseen forms, and therefore, Indian soldiers should remain physically and mentally prepared, continuously upgrade their skills and master emerging technologies", reports **Surendra Singh**.

Addressing naval personnel in Visakhapatnam on the eve of commissioning of stealth frigate **INS Mahendragiri**, Rajnath said, "Nature of warfare is evolving rapidly. There are conflicts that are fought without a formal declaration of war... Govt will leave no stone unturned to provide the soldiers with the world's best weaponry, technology and resources. But weapons alone do not win wars; it is the people who wield them that do."

fishermen should be made simpler and adequate security arrangements, including the permanent deployment of personnel, must be ensured at the fish landing centres.

Seeking an early commencement of the training of security personnel, the home minister called for the creation of a database of all such personnel to be deployed under BoPS. He said that all ports covered under the BoPS security framework should have container scanning facilities. CISF was told to conduct trial runs of the security

arrangements at major ports like Visakhapatnam Port, Jawaharlal Nehru Port, and Mundra Port.

BoPS is being established as a statutory body — on the lines of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security that regulates security infrastructure at airports — under Section 13 of Merchant Shipping Act, 2025. To be headed by a director general, it will function under the ports and shipping ministry, and ensure timely analysis, collection and sharing of security-related information, with a special focus on cyber security.