

# Independence Day message from the Director General



On the proud occasion of our nation's 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all members of the CISF and their families.

Today, we remember with deep gratitude our valiant freedom fighters for their sacrifice in securing the country's independence. We also salute the martyrs of our armed forces including CISF who laid down their lives in defending the nation and safeguarding the internal security of the country.

CISF has always demonstrated unwavering commitment to its mandate of protecting critical assets of the nation and meeting the security challenges with professionalism. Today's security environment is increasingly dynamic with threats from rogue drones, hybrid warfare and anti-national elements. To counter these effectively, we must constantly upgrade our skills and embrace new technologies.

CISF is moving forward with purpose to deal with these multiple threats. The sanctioned strength of the Force has recently been raised to 2.2 lakh personnel—a significant milestone. Operational preparedness of the Force is being strengthened by comprehensively upgrading the skills through training and procurement of latest equipments.

To boost morale of the Force, we have overhauled the posting policy bringing better work-life balance through choice based postings to nearly 86% personnel, special provisions for women personnel, those nearing retirement and couple cases.

We have significantly increased the financial assistance from welfare fund for medical expenses, children's education and loans for marriage, house construction, etc. The process for availing the financial assistance has been simplified and made available online to ensure easier access.

I am sure that these initiatives will motivate the Force members and take the CISF forward and also make it future ready. Let us draw inspiration from the spirit of Independence Day to renew our commitment to integrity, service and sacrifice.

Once again, I convey my best wishes to all members of the Force and their families. May the Tricolour always fly high and our commitment to the nation remain steadfast.

Jai Hind!

  
(Rajwinder Singh Bhatti)  
Director General