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CISF: 'Creditable' steps led to lowest no. of suicides in 6 yrs

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The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) on Thursday said it has recorded the lowest number of suicides amongst its personnel in 2024 — at 15 — over a six-year period due to some “credible” steps taken to resolve the problems of its staffers.

As per official data, the force, which guards vital and sensitive installations in the aerospace, nuclear and government domain, saw 15 deaths last year due to suicide, which comes to 9.86 per lakh in an organisation that has an operational strength of over 1.51 lakh personnel.

The comparative data of deaths due to suicide in the force over the last five years stood at 25 in 2023, 26 (2022), 21 (2021), 18

(2020) and 17 in 2019.

“The CISF has taken creditable steps in combating this challenge by implementing a series of proactive measures, which has led to substantial reduction in suicides of force members in 2024,” said a CISF spokesperson.

As per the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, the spokesperson said that the national suicide rate stood at 12.4 per lakh in 2022.

“In comparison, the CISF has significantly reduced its suicide rate to 9.87 per lakh in 2024, a decline of over 40 per cent from 2023,” he said.

It is for the first time in the last five years that suicide rate in the CISF has fallen below the national rate, the spokesperson claimed.