

CISF TO LAUNCH "GREAT INDIAN COASTAL CYCLOTHON"

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The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is set for the launch of the first-ever "Great Indian Coastal Cyclothon" as part of its 56th Raising Day celebrations.

The initiative aims to raise awareness about national security in coastal areas, highlighting the threats posed by smuggling, including drugs, weapons and explosives.

A total of 125 dedicated CISF cyclists, including 14 women, will embark on a rigorous 6,553 km journey over 25 days, covering 11 states. The expedition will commence on March 7, 2025, from two starting points: Lakhpat, Gujarat, on the western coast and Bakkhali, West Bengal, on the eastern coast. The cyclists will traverse key coastal cities, including Mumbai, Goa, Mangalore, Kochi, Haldia, Konark, Vizag, Chennai, and Pondicherry, before concluding at the Swami Vivekananda Memorial in Kanyakumari on March 31, 2025.

The cyclothon will be virtually flagged off by Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah, from CISF Regional Training Centre, Thakkolam, Ranipet District, Tamil Nadu. The western route, covering 3,775 km, will commence from Lakhpat Fort in Gujarat, while the eastern route, spanning 2,778 km, will start from Bakkhali Beach in West Bengal.

Along the way, multiple events will be held, featuring demonstrations and cultural performances by CISF teams, schoolchildren, and NCC groups. Major events at prominent locations, including Lakhpat Fort, Surat, Gateway of India, Mormugao Port (Goa), Mangalore, Cochin, Konark, Vizag, Chennai, and Pondicherry. The Gateway of India event is scheduled on March 20. It will feature a Mumbai Police band and CISF fire and dog squad drills. Many smaller events such as cultural shows, community talks, traditional dances, cleaning drives, plantation drives, and outreach with local fishermen will also be held. The Grand Finale in Kanyakumari will feature a CISF band, patriotic performances and community interactions.

The CISF has invited citizens to be part of this historic initiative by joining the cyclothon along any stretch of their choice. Those unable to participate physically can register for the virtual rally at www.cisfcyclothon.com to show their support.

For queries and coordination, the CISF has also established a dedicated Control Room in Mumbai. Contact: (022) 27762015 or email adig-ws@cisf.gov.in.

This cyclothon is more than just a sporting event—it is a movement to unite communities, honor our security forces and strengthen India's coastal vigilance. Together, we can build a safer, stronger and more prosperous India.

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