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Around 1,200 fishing harbours and fishing landing sites are all set to be brought under the oversight of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) as part of the Union Home Ministry's plan to fortify and secure India's coastline.

About Central Industrial Security Force

- It is a **Central Armed Police Force (CAPF)** in India operating **under the Ministry of Home Affairs**.
- It provides security to various critical **infrastructures and important national installations**.
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Motto:** "Protection and Security".

Establishment of Central Industrial Security Force

- The idea of forming a specialised industrial security force gained urgency after the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965.

- The **CISF came into existence in 1969** through the **CISF Act 1968** with a sanctioned strength of only three battalions.
- The original charter of CISF was to provide integrated security cover to certain sensitive public sector undertakings.
- The Act was **amended in 1983**, declaring the CISF as an **Armed Force of the Union**.

Organisation Structure of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

- It is headed by an **Indian Police Service officer** with the rank of **Director-General**, assisted by an IPS officer in the **rank of Addl. Director-General**.
- The force is **divided into seven sectors** (Airport, North, North-East, East, West, South, and Training) and also has a **Fire Service Wing**.
- The force consists of **seven training institutes** – six Recruit Training Centers and the National Industrial Security Academy (NISA).

Functions of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

- It provides security to India's most critical infrastructure facilities, like **nuclear installations, space establishments, airports, seaports, power plants**, etc.
- In addition, the CISF also protects important government buildings, iconic heritage monuments, Delhi Metro, Parliament House Complex.
- CISF personnel are trained in disaster management techniques, enabling them to actively respond to natural **disasters like earthquakes, floods, and cyclones**.
- CISF is one of the largest Fire Protection Service providers in the country. CISF is the only force with a **customized and dedicated fire wing**.

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