



18th UIC World Security Congress

Why in News?

The **18th UIC World Security Congress**, organised by the [Railway Protection Force \(RPF\)](#) and the **International Union of Railways (UIC)**, ended with the adoption of the **Jaipur Declaration**.

What are the Major Highlights of the Jaipur Declaration?

- **Safe and Secure Rail Network:**
 - The **declaration highlighted the commitment of UIC** to work towards providing a more **safe and secure rail network** across the globe, by also fully activating the **Asia-Pacific, Latin America and African regional assemblies by 2025**.
- **Adoption of New Technologies and Role of RPF:**
 - It called for the **adoption of new technologies such as [Artificial Intelligence](#), [5G](#), [IoT](#) among others to develop comprehensive solutions** for Railway Security.

What is Union International Des Chemins?

- The **UIC (Union International Des Chemins)** or **International Union of Railways** established in 1922 is **headquartered in Paris**.
- It is the worldwide professional association representing the railway sector for **research, development & promotion of rail transport**.

What is the Railway Protection Force?

- **About:**
 - RPF is the prime security and **law- enforcement organisation** in the field of Railway Security in India.
 - Constituted as a **federal Force in the year 1957**, RPF is responsible for **security of railway property, passenger and passenger zones**.
 - RPF personnel serve the Nation and go the extra mile in their line of duty embodying its tagline **“Sewa hi Sankalp- A promise to serve”**.
- **Role Played by Railway Protection Force:**
 - **RPF has played exceptional role** towards enhancing passenger security in india through various initiatives such as [Operation Nanhe Farishte](#) for **rescue of children** and [Operation AAHT](#) for **rescuing women and children** from the clutches of traffickers.

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