



Operation Nanhe Faristey

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Over the past seven years (2018- May 2024), the [Railway Protection Force \(RPF\)](#) has been at the forefront of an **operation named 'Nanhe Faristey'** a mission dedicated to **rescuing children in need of care and protection** across various Indian Railway Zones.

- During this period, the **RPF has rescued more than 84,000 children** who were at risk in stations and trains, preventing them from falling into harm's way.
 - **Track Child Portal** contains comprehensive details about aggrieved children. Indian Railway has established child help desks at over 135 railway stations.
 - When a child is rescued by the RPF, they are handed over to the District Child Welfare Committee which hands over the child to parents.
- The RPF is an armed force under the control of the **Union Ministry of Railways**, tasked with **protecting railway property, passenger areas, and passengers**.
 - Originally part of the **Watch and Ward set-up of Private Railway Companies** in 1881, it was reorganised into a statutory body under the **RPF Act, 1957**.
 - The post-independence era brought significant changes; the **Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act was passed in 1966** to improve security, and in 1985, the RPF Act was amended, making RPF an Armed Force and emerged as a Central Police Organization.

Read More: [Operations of Railway Protection Force](#)

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