

Jaipur Declaration adopted at the 18th World Security Congress

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Recently, the 18th UIC World Security Congress jointly organized by Railway Protection Force (RPF) and the International Union of Railways (UIC) concluded with the adoption of the Jaipur Declaration.



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About Jaipur Declaration

- It outlines an actionable agenda for UIC to explore innovative approaches that can help global **Railway organizations** achieve their long-term goal of **safety and security**.
- **Aims:** to explore innovative approaches that can help global Railway organizations achieve their long-term goal of safety and security.
- Under this declaration, it highlighted the commitment of UIC **to work towards providing a more safe and more secure rail network across the globe**, by fully activating the Asia-Pacific, Latin America and African regional assemblies by **2025**.

About Railway Protection Force (RPF)

- It is a security force under the ownership of Indian Railways, Ministry of Railways, Government of India established by the Railway Protection Force Act, 1957.
- **Aims:** to provide protection and safeguard to the passenger and his luggage, which will ensure better **Passenger Facilitation**.
- It has the power to search, arrest, investigate, and prosecute offenses committed under Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act 1966, The Railways Act, 1989. However the power of arrests under other penal laws rests in the hands of the Government Railway Police (GRP) of state police.
- The force is under the authority of the Indian Ministry of Railways.
- **Duties of RPF:**
 - To Protect and safeguard **Railway property**.
 - To protect the passenger **area and passengers**.

- To remove any obstruction in the movement of **Railway property and passenger area**.
- To do any other act conducive to **better protection and security** of railway property, passenger area and passenger.

About International Union of Railways (UIC)

- It is an **international rail transport industry body**.
- **Aim:** "to promote rail transport at world level and meet the challenges of mobility and sustainable development."
- **Objectives:**
 - Facilitate the sharing of **best practices among members**.
 - **Support members** in their efforts to develop new business and new areas of activities.
 - Propose new ways to improve **technical and environmental performance**.
 - Promote interoperability, **create new world standards** for railways.
 - **Develop centers** of competence.
- Currently, it has **207 members**.