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NATIONAL NEWS

- The Ministry of Railway has accorded **Organised Group 'A' status to Railway Protection Force (RPF)** and renamed it Indian Railway Protection Force Service.
 - "Consequent upon grant of Organised Group 'A' status (OGAS) to RPF in the light of cabinet decision arising from Hon'ble Court's orders, it is hereby informed that RPF will be known as Indian Railway Protection Force Service,"
 - **Related Keys**
 - Ministry of Railways Founded: 16 April 1853.
 - Ministry of Railways Headquarters: Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.
- **On January 1, 2020, the Election Commission of India launched an online system that will allow political parties to track their applications.** The system is called Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System (PPRTMS).
 - The system will track applications registered by political parties. The status of the application shall be obtained through SMS or e-mail.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Election Commission of India Formed: 25 January 1950.
 - Election Commission of India Headquarters: New Delhi.
- **The Government of Delhi on 31st Dec '19 , announced the renaming of Pragati Maidan metro station as the Supreme Court metro station.**
 - Addressing a press conference, Deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia said the Delhi government's naming committee has decided to rename the Pragati Maidan metro station as Supreme Court metro station.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Delhi Chief minister: Arvind Kejriwal.

- Delhi Literacy (2011) 86.21%.

BANKING NEWS

- Reserve Bank of India, **RBI has launched a mobile app**, MANI, Mobile Aided Note Identifier, to help visually challenged people to identify denomination of currency notes.
 - The app, which is available both on Android and iOS operating systems, was launched by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das in Mumbai
 - **Related Keys**
 - Reserve Bank of India Established - 1 April 1935
 - Reserve Bank of India Governor - Shaktikanta Das

SPORTS

- **6500 athletes from 37 teams will take part in the 3rd Khelo India youth games in Guwahati beginning from 10th of January.** Talking to AIR , Chief Executive Officer of the event, Avinash Joshi said that lawn bowls and cycling will be included in the Khelo India for the first time.
 - The CEO added that cultural events from Assam, North East and rest of the country will be held from 13th to 15th January.

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Accord** - give or grant someone with power, status, or recognition.
 - Similar Words - tender , present ,award.
 - Antonyms - withhold , remove

- **Advocacy** - public support for or recommendation of a particular cause or policy.

- Similar Words - recommendation , assistance
- Antonyms - Discouragement , Opposition


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