

United Nations Troop Contributing Countries (UNTCC) Chiefs' Conclave

Prelims: Current events of national and international importance

Why in News?

The Conclave of Chiefs of United Nations Troop Contributing Countries (UNTCC) being hosted by India for the first time, in New Delhi from October 14-16.

- **Hosted by** - Indian Army.
- **Objectives** - To strengthening peacekeeping and upholding global stability via cooperation and reform.
- **Participation** - It was attended by over 30 military chiefs and senior military officials from 32 nations, including significant troop contributors like Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Nepal, and Kenya.

Key highlights of the conclave

- **Purpose** - The forum provided a platform to deliberate on operational challenges, share best practices, and build a shared understanding of the future of peacekeeping.
- It addressed topics like evolving threats, enhancing interoperability, and the role of technology and training.
- **Key discussions** - Discussions focused on adapting peacekeeping to modern challenges, including the rise of non-state actors, hybrid warfare, and disinformation.
- Indian Defence Minister emphasized a "**4C formula**" involving Consultation, Cooperation, Coordination, and Capacity Building to strengthen peacekeeping.
- **Challenges faced by Peacekeepers** - Volatile environments marked by terrorism, and asymmetric warfare and fragile political settlements to operations amid humanitarian crises, pandemics, and misinformation campaigns.
- **Outcomes** - The discussions reinforced a shared commitment among

contributing nations to improve the effectiveness and sustainability of UN peacekeeping.

- The conclave underscored the need for peace operations to be technologically advanced, adaptive, and rooted in cooperation.

Quick Fact

Other major peacekeeping-related events

- The **Berlin UN Peacekeeping Ministerial**, held in May 2025, which gathered high-level government officials to discuss the future of peacekeeping.
- **International Day of UN Peacekeepers** – May 29, 2025.

India's historic and current contributions

- As one of the **largest and longest-standing contributors** to UN peacekeeping missions, India convened the event to reaffirm its commitment to global peace.
- **Overall participation** - Since the 1950s, India has sent more than 290,000 peacekeepers to over 50 of the UN's 71 missions.
- **Pioneering women peacekeepers** - In 2007, India was the first country to deploy an **all-female Formed Police Unit** (FPU) to a UN mission in **Liberia**.
- **Specialized units** - Indian peacekeepers provide critical capabilities beyond infantry units, including medical teams, veterinary support, and engineering services.
- **Awards** - The professionalism and sacrifice of Indian peacekeepers have been recognized by the UN.
- In 2023, 2 Indian soldiers were posthumously awarded the **Dag Hammarskjöld Medal** for their service in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Reference

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