United Nations Troop Contributing Countries (UNTCC) Chiefs' Conclave

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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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