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## UNITE Aware Platform

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### *UNITE Aware Platform*

India, in collaboration with the **United Nations (UN)**, has launched a technology platform to ensure the safety and security of peacekeepers who are operating across the world.

- The launch of the UNITE AWARE platform came as India assumed the **Presidency of the 15-nation UN Security Council** for the month of August.

### Key Points

- **About the UNITE Aware:**
  - **Aim:** This project aims to demonstrate the impact of **modern surveillance technology** on the **detection of asymmetric threats**.
  - **Situational Awareness Software Programme:** It utilises modern surveillance technology for real time threat assessments to peacekeepers in maintaining security.
- This will access live video and satellite imagery, and in very volatile circumstances can also deliver early warnings to peacekeeper.
- It can also record data on critical incidents and events and follow daily operational activities.
- Using the platform, the entire peacekeeping operation can be visualised, coordinated, and monitored on a real time basis.
- **Partnership:** India has developed the technology platform in partnership with the **UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations** and the **Department of Operational Support**.
- **Deployment:** The platform will be deployed initially in four UN Peacekeeping Missions: **MINUSMA (Mali)**, **UNMISS (South Sudan)**, **UNFICYP (Cyprus)** and **AMISOM (Somalia)**.
- **India's Contribution:** India has contributed USD 64 million for this project.

### UN Peacekeeping:

- **Joint Effort:** It is a joint effort between the **Department of Peace Operations** and the **Department of Operational Support**.
- It deploys troops and police from around the world, integrating them with civilian peacekeepers to address a range of mandates set by the **UN Security Council (UNSC)** and the **General**
- It helps countries navigate the difficult path from conflict to peace.

- **Financial Contribution:** The **financial resources of UN Peacekeeping operations** are the collective responsibility of UN Member states.
- **Legal Obligation:** According to the UN Charter, every **Member State is legally obligated** to pay their respective share for peacekeeping.

### India's Contribution:

- India is a major contributing nation to UN peacekeeping activities.
  - Currently, there are 5506 troops and police from India who have been deployed to nine different UN peacekeeping missions, the second highest amongst troop-contributing
- More than 200,000 Indians have served in 49 of the 71 UN peacekeeping missions established around the world since 1948.
- India has a long tradition of sending **women on UN peacekeeping mission**.
  - In 2007, India became the first country to deploy an all-women contingent to a UN peacekeeping mission.



