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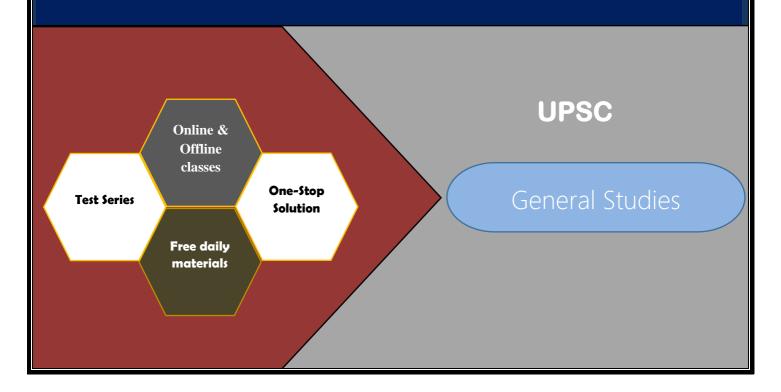


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India, in collaboration with the **United Nations (UN)**, has launched a technology platform to ensure the safety and security of peacekeepers who are operating across the world.

• 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.





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- 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.







