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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 peacekeepers.
- 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 1.64 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 Assembly.
- 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 countries.
- 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 missions.
- In 2007, India became the first country to deploy an all- women contingent to a UN peacekeeping mission.