

## **Indian Peacekeepers in South Sudan**

## Why in News

The Indian peacekeepers serving in **South Sudan** have been awarded the **United Nations (UN) medal for their service and contribution to building peace** in the country.



UN Peacekeeping//

- UN Peacekeeping helps countries navigate the difficult path from conflict to peace.
- 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.

## **UN Peacekeeping and India**

- Currently, there are more than 6,700 troops and police from India who have been deployed to UN peacekeeping missions, the fourth 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.
- Indian peacekeepers have served in UN peacekeeping missions around the world.

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