

# **2019 United Nations Peacekeeping Ministerial**

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1. As a founding member of UN, India has been always committed to UN Peacekeeping since inception. Indian contingents have excelled in operations in the mission area and are known for their professionalism.
2. India is a signatory to A4P declaration and is ready to play an active role in collectively achieving the shared commitments identified in the declaration. With increased threat to the Blue Helmets, the importance of well trained boots on ground cannot be overemphasized. As a responsible TCC, India will continue to deploy professional troops in the missions and work towards capacity building of UN missions.
3. India has always employed its rich UN peacekeeping experience and expertise to partner with UN and other member states for training and capacity building initiatives. India has a well established institute 'Centre for UN Peacekeeping' (CUNPK) for conducting mission specific pre-deployment training with focus on specialist topics such as "Protection of Civilians" and "Sexual Exploitation and Abuse". CUNPK conducts both international and national courses based on the guidelines given out by UNHQ. India also has taken initiative in training troops of member states for UN deployment, including through Mobile Training Teams. In addition, CUNPK also conducts theme based seminars / workshops, Field Training Exercises and Table Top Exercises and facilitate number of instructor / student exchanges. India has

recently concluded a field training exercise on UN peacekeeping with 18 African nations. In order to enhance the effectiveness of the peacekeepers, troops are trained in French and Arabic languages and specialized training is being carried out for women peacekeepers.

4. Since the implementation of UNPCRS, India has pledged and deployed units and enablers as required by UN. Presently, India has committed an Infantry Battalion as a Rapidly Deployable Battalion, one Engineer and Signal Company, Force Military Police Platoon and three Formed Police Units in UNPCRS. Towards our endeavor on **smart pledges**, we are happy on the successful co-deployment of a Kazakhstan Contingent with Indian Battalion in UNIFIL since October 2018. This successful venture will pave the way for a new dimension in peacekeeping deployment, wherein T/PCCs with experience can contribute towards capacity building of new T/PCCs.

5. India is committed towards participation of women in UN Peacekeeping missions. We are always prepared to exceed the targets set in this regard, as laid down in Uniformed Gender Parity Strategy. We are also fully prepared to deploy a Female Engagement Team comprising of 22 women officers and soldiers as part of Rapidly Deployable Battalion in MONUSCO by August 2019.

6. At the end, India would like to commend UN for its sustained efforts to achieve peace and prosperity for all and assure UN of our continued support towards fulfilling the same.

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