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 contingen**t to a **UN peacekeeping mission.**
- Indian peacekeepers have served in UN peacekeeping missions **around the world.**

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