



1. Gen. Dalbir Singh, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM. ADC, Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army (COAS) attended the Chiefs of Defence Conference at the UN Headquarters in New York on 26 & 27 March 2015. The COAS reiterated India's continued commitment to UN Peacekeeping at the Conference. He referred to India being one of the largest troop contributors, having deployed more than 180,000 troops so far. India is presently engaged in 12 of the 15 active Peacekeeping Missions.
2. The COAS stressed India's concerns regarding consultations with Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) while deciding on mandates for UN Peacekeeping Operations.
3. He also reiterated India's commitment to the cardinal principles of UN Peacekeeping, viz. impartiality, consent of the parties to the conflict and use of force in self-defence or defence of the mandate.
4. The Conference provided an opportunity for interacting with Heads of Defence from across the globe on UN Peacekeeping issues.