

CUNPK - CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



CUNPK INSTRUCTORS AT VIETNAM

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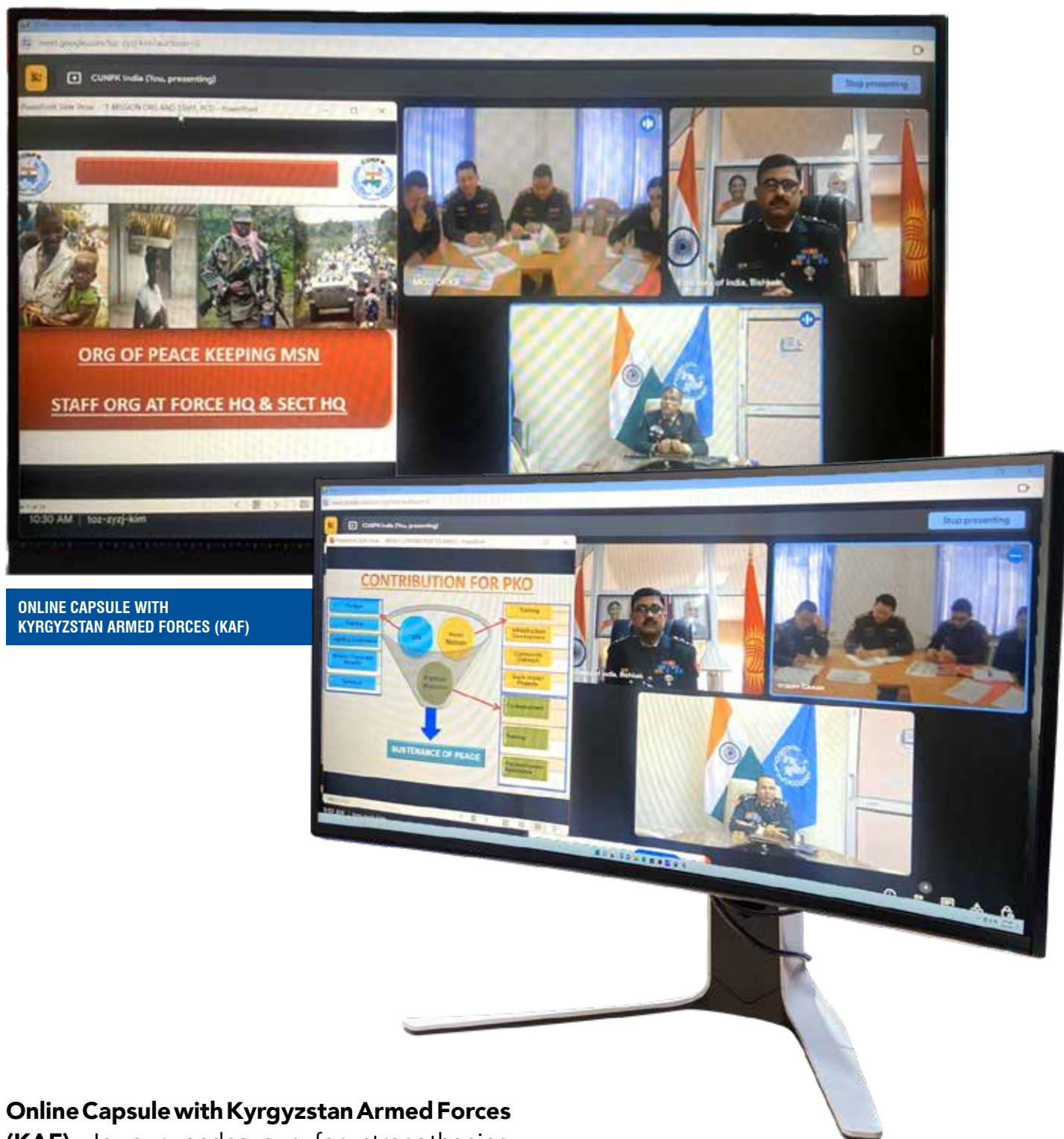
The Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping (CUNPK), serves as a pivotal Centre of Excellence for training and validating contingents, military observers and staff officers before their deployment in UN missions worldwide. CUNPK conducts 12 pre-deployment courses annually on a training-of-trainers model, supplemented by five to six international courses for military officers. All courses, enriched by experiential inputs from past UN mission officers, are accredited by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in New York. With a team of over 100 subject matter experts from military, diplomatic and academic backgrounds, CUNPK also organizes seminars and workshops in collaboration with think tanks and UN agencies, addressing contemporary peacekeeping and conflict management issues. Throughout the year, the Centre hosts various events focused on enhancing pre-deployment training for troops, offering courses for Indian Armed Forces officers and engaging with officers from friendly foreign countries, alongside international seminars on pertinent peacekeeping issues.



UN PRE-DEPLOYMENT COURSE IN PROGRESS



INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS



ONLINE CAPSULE WITH
KYRGYZSTAN ARMED FORCES (KAF)

Online Capsule with Kyrgyzstan Armed Forces (KAF). In our endeavour for strengthening international partnerships for peacekeeping efforts, the CUNPK conducted an enriching online United Nations Training Capsule for the Kyrgyzstan Armed Forces from 20-22 Feb 2024. The three-day Capsule was designed to provide an overview of the nuances of UN Peacekeeping

and challenges faced in volatile and difficult global hotspots where the Blue Helmets are deployed under the UN flag. Subject Matter Experts from the team of CUNPK conducted the Capsule for six officers of Kyrgyzstan Armed Forces.

NATIONAL COURSES



LECTURE IN PROGRESS DURING UN PRE-DEPLOYMENT COURSE



CAPSULE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW & LAWS OF ARMED CONFLICT (IHL & LOAC)

CUNPK is primarily dedicated to training trainers, achieved through the organisation of pre-deployment courses, female engagement team capsules and thematic workshops. These efforts aim to equip trainers with essential skills to effectively prepare units and sub-units for UN mission deployment. Participants undergo comprehensive orientation, delving into the intricacies of peacekeeping, including

operational dynamics of ongoing missions and engaging with Indian staff officers online across various missions. Additionally, CUNPK collaborates with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to provide certification on Laws of Armed Conflicts (LOAC) and International Humanitarian Laws (IHL) for all peacekeepers designated for UN missions.



UN PRE-DEPLOYMENT COURSE -97 AT MANEKSHAW CENTRE, NEW DELHI

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The Centre offers an enriching internship program tailored for college students pursuing studies in international relations demonstrating keen interest in multilateral global dynamics. Each year, alongside UN international and national courses, the Centre provides this opportunity for students to gain practical experience and insight into the field of peacekeeping and international affairs. Through this internship, participants engage in a variety of activities, including attending courses,

collaborating with professionals in the field and contributing to research projects relevant to peacekeeping operations and global dynamics. This immersive experience equips students with valuable skills, knowledge and networking essential for careers in international relations and multilateral diplomacy, while also fostering a deeper understanding of the complexities of global peacekeeping efforts. Interested students can mail their curriculum vitae at trgun.222@gov.in for further selection.



INTERNSHIP AT CUNPK

PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING FOR NATIONAL CONTINGENTS



TRAINING VALIDATION OF UN CONTINGENTS

The Centre assumes the vital role of supervising and validating the training of contingents before their deployment to global missions. Uninterrupted training for all awaiting units is meticulously conducted. A specialized team of officers conducts the validation process, ensuring strict adherence to clearly defined and quantifiable parameters. This includes assessing the training cycles and readiness of infantry battalion groups within the stipulated timeframe. Following rigorous training, all units are duly certified as fully prepared for deployment. CUNPK offers a specialized program designed to orient and train unit training teams, encompassing officers, junior commissioned officers and other ranks. This initiative is driven by the overarching goal of empowering trainers, aiming to enhance their skills and capabilities. The objective is to ensure that those responsible for training units are well-prepared to fulfil their roles effectively.



CAPSULE FOR OPERATIONAL AND TACTICAL FIELD COMMANDERS



CAPSULE ON NEGOTIATION SKILLS & TECHNIQUES

In its continuous commitment towards excellence and value enhancement, the Centre recently completed its fifth edition of the Capsule on Negotiation Skills and Techniques, held from 06-09 Feb 2024. Attendees included Commanding Officers, Brigade Commanders and senior staff officers from various operational theaters nationwide. The Capsule featured presentations by experts from the diplomatic community, armed forces and academia, covering strategic considerations and practical tactics relevant to real-world scenarios. The final day included a syndicate gaming exercise focusing on negotiation skills. This Capsule stands as a flagship event for the CUNPK, highlighting its dedication to diverse realms of professional military education.



FEMALE ENGAGEMENT TEAM TRAINING CAPSULE

India has shown a steadfast dedication to fostering empowerment of women within its Armed Forces, especially in context of peacekeeping missions. A pivotal moment in this journey was the deployment of the first all-women female police contingent to Liberia in 2007, which underscored India's substantial contribution in this domain. Presently, India oversees operation of two female engagement teams located in sensitive and tumultuous regions within MONUSCO and UNISFA, underscoring its continued commitment to promoting gender equality and enhancing involvement of women in peacekeeping endeavors. The Centre's development of a specialized training capsule for female engagement teams deployed with Indian contingents under Chapter VII UN missions is an initiative, acknowledging the unique role these women play in conflict zones. By incorporating case studies and scenario-based discussions, the curriculum equips peacekeepers with practical skills and knowledge crucial for their effectiveness in field. The focus is on familiarizing



them with intricacies of their role and providing options for mitigation which ensures that they are well-prepared to navigate challenges.



FIELD TRAINING EXERCISES

The Centre regularly organises bilateral field training exercises focusing on UN peacekeeping themes with an objective to fortify collaboration and boost capabilities in peacekeeping and humanitarian response efforts for global disaster relief. These exercises take place at specified foreign training nodes in India and other countries, following mutually agreed arrangements. Typically, the events commence with an orientation phase, progress to command post exercises and culminate in a comprehensive field training exercise involving troops from both participating countries.

An instance of such collaboration is the India-Myanmar Bilateral Army Exercise (IMBAX-2024), conducted in Eastern India from 18-22 March 2024. The Exercise was conducted as a Table



IMBAX 2024 IN PROGRESS

Top Exercise on nuances of UN peacekeeping by a specialized four-member panel of instructors from the CUNPK and included training the trainers, classroom sessions, a scenario-based tabletop exercise and open-house discussions.



VISITS BY FOREIGN DELEGATIONS



In another significant step towards fostering global collaboration for peace and security and strengthening partnerships, CUNPK hosted a 32 member Saudi Arabian military delegation from their Command and Staff

College. The delegation was briefed on Indian Army's contribution to UN peacekeeping and provided a glimpse of the training underway at the Centre.



VISIT OF SAUDI ARABIAN DELEGATION

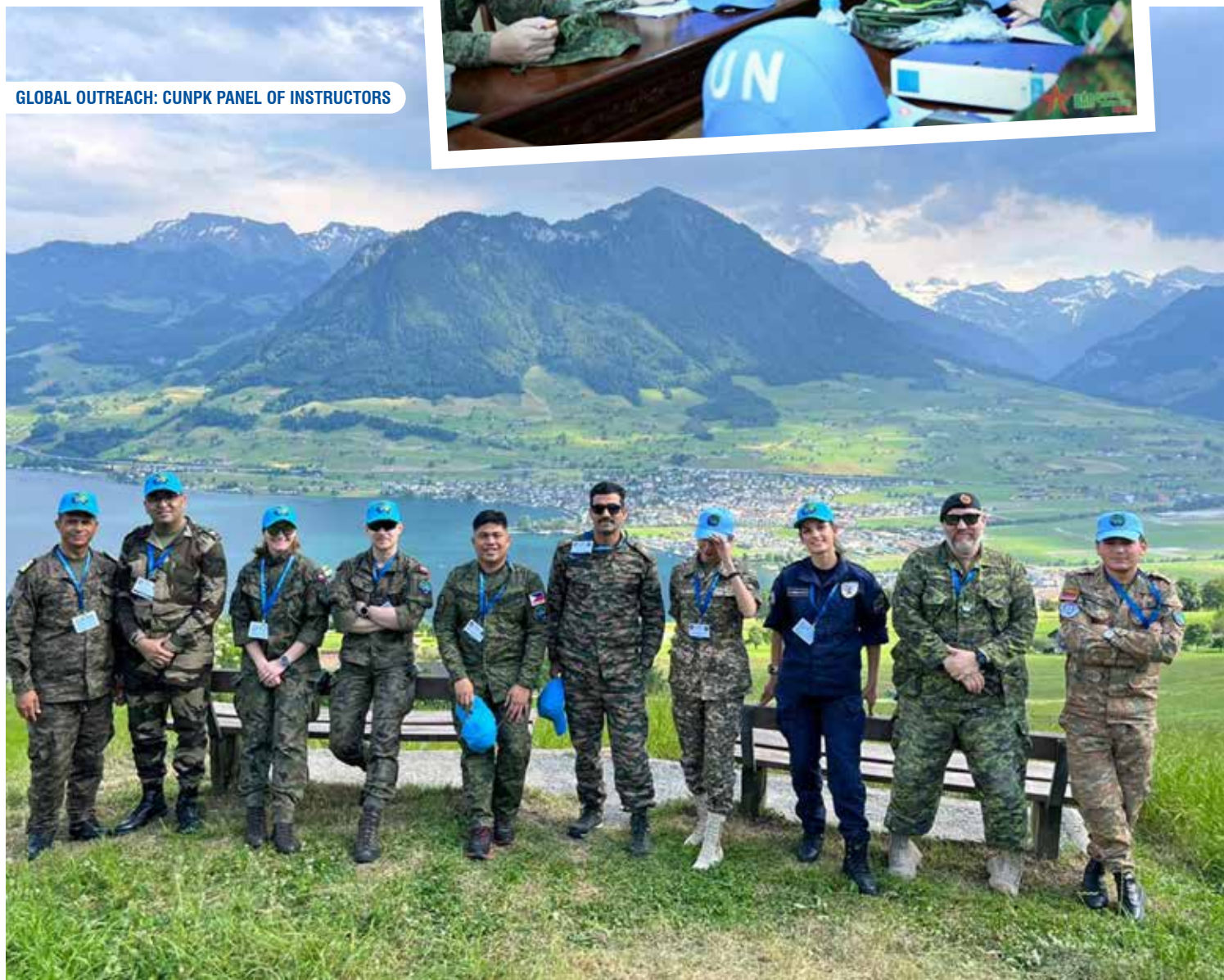
EXCHANGE OF EXPERTISE

Functioning as a pivotal agency in UN Peacekeeping training for capacity building and exchange of best practices, the Centre frequently initiates student-instructor exchanges with numerous peacekeeping training institutes worldwide. Specially tailored mobile training teams and instructors are selected to visit these institutes, providing methodological guidance and sharing best practices. Additionally, the Centre actively enrolls in various courses conducted abroad, seeking to gather valuable insights and

bolster the expertise of its panel of instructors. This collaborative approach significantly contributes to the continuous improvement and refinement of training methodologies.



GLOBAL OUTREACH: CUNPK PANEL OF INSTRUCTORS





VISIT OF FOREIGN SERVICE ATTACHÉS

BILATERAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Centre has established several Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and Implementing Arrangements on Peacekeeping Training with various institutes globally, reflecting a strong commitment to international cooperation in peacekeeping operations. These agreements aim to streamline and improve peacekeeping training methodologies by fostering collaboration among participating institutes. They outline shared objectives and principles, enabling the pooling of expertise and resources to develop standardized training approaches. Presently, the CUNPK has Implementing Arrangements with institutes in Vietnam, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Argentina and a Memorandum of Understanding with the UNC4ISR Academy at Entebbe, Uganda. Emphasizing inclusivity, the Centre advocates for diverse participation to ensure comprehensive and culturally sensitive training programs that integrate cutting-edge technologies. Through these collaborative efforts, CUNPK aims to enhance the capabilities of peacekeeping forces worldwide.



WITH THE HEAD OF SAUDI ARABIAN DELEGATION

CUNPK hosted Foreign Service Attachés (FSAs) from Morocco, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, South Korea, Brazil, Germany, Indonesia and Bangladesh on 18 Jan 2024 during conduct of UN Pre-deployment course and briefed them on modalities of conduct of courses and functioning of CUNPK. A draft implementation arrangement/MoU was also handed over to the FSAs for consideration to strengthen bilateral cooperation between UN training Centres of their respective countries with CUNPK. FSAs of Australia, Morocco & Saudi Arabia visited the Centre on 07 Jun 2024 to witness the training being conducted by the Centre.

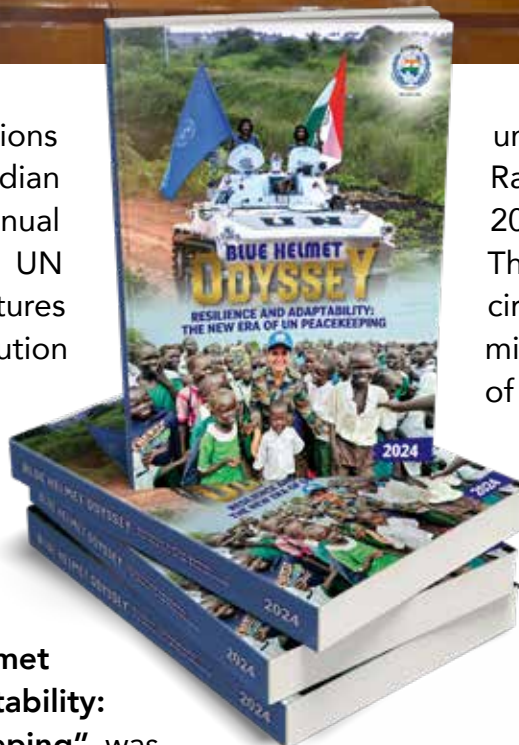
UN JOURNAL 2024



The Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping (CUNPK), Indian Army has institutionalised an annual publication – the Indian Army UN Journal. The UN Journal captures the rich canvas of India's contribution to UN Peacekeeping through articles by senior military and diplomatic leadership, distinguished academia and experiential inputs from the mission area.

UN Journal 2024, **"Blue Helmet Odyssey-Resilience & Adaptability: The New Era of UN Peacekeeping"** was

unveiled by Honourable Raksha Mantri on 02 April 2024 at Manekshaw Centre. The Journal has been widely circulated to all Indian missions, Permanent Mission of India (PMI), New York and training establishments. An e-version of the Journal is hosted on the Indian Army website.



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