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Peacekeeper's Training and its Challenges



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Scope of presentation

- Features of modern peacekeeping
- Challenges
- Recommendation



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Features of modern peacekeeping

- Resolution of Intra-state Conflict
- Governments ineffective or not in control
- Military factions and warlords
- Judicial and Police Breakdown
- Require maximum contact with Population
- Full range of Civilian Agencies



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Challenges

- Need to develop some common standards in training content and methodology
- So how do we train, in terms of methodology
- How do we impart knowledge and develop skills

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Challenges

- Transform soldiers from a coalition outfit to the peacekeepers
- Standardizing peacekeeping training
- Attempt to develop a coherent training syllabus and conduct structured programs
- Basic implementation remains with us however training modules remain an issue.

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Challenges

- Should more carry out extensive studies in evaluating the effectiveness of peacekeeping training in the country
- Training efforts need to focus on the PKO environment and what to look for and how to achieve co-operation from other components

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Challenges

- Training can be restrictive in terms of the costs involved
- Multinational exercises are such a critical compliment to training
 - Scheduled for several months in advance and require is in the context of a simulated scenario

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Recommendation

- Patience, persuasion, negotiation, mediation and listening skills are the peacekeeping tools, which can only be developed and sharpened through structured training and practice through genuine role players.
- Need to develop more comprehensive training syllabi, which look at the commonalities rather at the distinctiveness of each component



Recommendation

- Increasing complexity and need for specialization demands constant review of training methodologies
- There is a need to create a pool of expert trainers, both retired and serving, who should be exchanged amongst the training institutes



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