

Note from the Editor

This is the eleventh year of the *CLAWS Journal* as published by the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS). It also marks the change of editorship to me from Dr. Monica Chansoria, who had steered it for ten full years for which CLAWS as an institution will always be grateful, for her dedication and quest for excellence.

This Winter edition of the *CLAWS Journal* is occurring at the precise junction of time and ideas when a series of transformations is taking place on how the world will look at the conceptual issues related to conflict, war and world order. More so, it is a time when bridging the gap between the realm of ideas and the domain of public policy will pose the greatest challenge. It is a time when strategic analysis will be essentially to securitise the components contributing to the vitality of a nation, on the one hand, and, on the other, to define the purpose of the intent to use power to ensure that multi-nuclear power states remain interdependent in the quest of peace and stability at the global levels. If one could compress the entire evolutionary process of our world to 24 hours, then man appears only in the last few seconds of that evolutionary process. The 20th Century showed how close man had come to become his greatest enemy when an atomic bomb was used against man himself.

Beginning this issue, it will be our earnest endeavour to project what we think about India's role as an emerging power globally and also how we interpret how other powers see us amongst the comity of nations. Therefore, in this issue, we have put forward a variety of ideas contributing to the fulcrum of power, paradigm of science and technology and conceptualisation of the management of conflict. Thus, the present

volume discusses at a global level the role of the vicissitudes of the future of land warfare, artificial intelligence, the ambitious nature of China's expansionist policy and its quest for modernisation, the relevance of the Indo-Pacific region, India's oil security, India's civil-military relationship, its interest and role in the affairs of the Indo-Pacific region, and assessment of the American grand strategy in Asia. Writings to observe in hindsight the participation by the Indian armed forces beyond the international borders, reviewing how India manages its national security and how the role of the Indian Army is perceived internationally as drawn from the book reviews and opinion pieces.

From an Editor's perspective, I expect a healthy feedback of critical analysis, especially from our young professionals and researchers, to enrich our future endeavours.

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