

Note from the Editor

With 2021 marking the commencement of the third decade of the 21st century, the world has been in a state of flux defined by the rapidly changing security environment. With the envelope of geopolitical and geostrategic challenges continuously expanding in form and magnitude, it has broadened the context of national security. The changes in the geopolitical and the geostrategic contexts have also transformed the understanding of warfare. The nature, character and form of warfare and war are constantly evolving. In this process, the use of ‘technology’ has been an integral factor in changing the nature of conduct of warfare thus, further expanding the nature as well as the scope of the unwarranted risks.

This necessitates the operating environment of warfighting to be perceived differently from the old paradigm. The emerging threats for the world at large and India in particular should be assessed based on: greater complexities of the high-tech battlefield; increasing role of non-traditional security threats in the form of non-state actors as well as environmental and health hazards; use of asymmetric, hybrid, and grey zone tactics by adversaries and others—that are shifting the domains of warfare in the operational environment. Given this context, in assessing the implications of the changing global security environment on India’s national security combined with the looming effects of the pandemic and the border tensions with China, the Summer Issue puts together ten original contributions in the form of articles, commentaries and book reviews by a wide range of authors.

The articles mainly assess the changing nature of India’s national security paradigm from the vantage of global, regional and internal security threat perspectives and offer insights on what needs to be done to safeguard India’s national interests—both regionally and globally.

The CLAWS Journal Summer Issue makes a comprehensive read and provides significant insights on the emerging debates on national and international security.

Wish you a happy and interesting reading!

Editor-in-Chief

