

Note from the Editor

Like the birth of a new baby, putting together a new journal is a unique experience – a sublime act of joyful creation accompanied by frenetic activity, apprehension, nervousness and labour pains! Hence, it is with a sense of fulfilment and professional satisfaction that the editorial team presents the inaugural issue of the *CLAWS Journal*.

The *CLAWS Journal* will position itself as a publication that raises and answers fundamental questions related to conceptual issues regarding land warfare and its allied dimensions. It will especially seek to bridge the present gap between what is politically feasible in any democracy and what is militarily achievable. It will also endeavour to promote national security consciousness among the civilian elite – leaders, bureaucrats, diplomats, industrialists, analysts, academics and scholars. It will seek to stimulate the exchange of ideas and concepts between the practitioners and students of land warfare.

The *Journal* will include expert analysis, commentary and reviews covering topics of current interest in the field of land warfare, including sub-conventional conflict and terrorism. The editorial team will work towards soon graduating to a peer-reviewed journal that produces original, policy relevant research of high quality and high value.

The inaugural issue of the *Journal* is centred on the theme of counter-terrorism. Several perceptive articles have critically examined various dimensions of counter-terrorism at the national and operational levels, including the human dimension and human rights. Responses from readers are welcome and will be published.

Among many other emerging trends in the changing nature of warfare, a key one is that sub-conventional conflict is becoming increasingly more predominant. Both in conventional as well as sub-conventional conflict, winning strategies will hinge around generating favourable asymmetries. The second issue of the *Journal* will focus specifically on asymmetric warfare and related aspects as the main theme. Non-theme articles on current issues will also be welcome.

Being the first issue, the *Journal* doubtlessly has many shortcomings. For these the Editorial Team accepts full responsibility. However, we will welcome your feedback, no matter how critical.

So, happy reading and we look forward to being deluged by a veritable flood of articles. And, Season's Greetings and best wishes for a bright and happy New Year.

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Membership Details

The Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) is an autonomous 'think-tank' of the Indian Army. Besides organising conferences and seminars, CLAWS is also engaged in research work and has published several books, which have been very well received by the environment. CLAWS has its own website www.landwarfare.org, which showcases all activities of CLAWS since its inception. The website is currently being updated.

Membership: CLAWS has now opened its membership to individuals, units and formation HQ. The rates of membership approved by the Board of Governors, headed by the VCOAS, are as under: -

- **Individual.**

❖ Annual (Ordinary members)	-	Rs 800/-
❖ Life	-	Rs 4,000/-

- **Units/Formations.**

❖ Annual	-	Rs 1,000/-
❖ Life	-	Rs 6,000/-

Categories of Membership: CLAWS has the following categories of membership:

- **Life Members.**
- **Ordinary Members.** The duration will be for the period from 01 April to 31 March of next year.
- **Corporate Members.** Representative members nominated by name and accepted by the Board of Governors from any organisation, institution or diplomatic mission based in India.
- **Associate Members.** Vice Chancellors of universities and Heads of Departments of Defence Studies; defence correspondents of Indian newspapers, magazines and news agencies, distinguished persons associated with the field of national security and related fields, research fellows and media persons. Approval of the Board of Governors would be required in all such cases.
- **Temporary Members.** Temporary membership may be granted for a period of up to 30 days by Director CLAWS, as per the guidelines laid down by the Executive Council.

Facilities: Members of CLAWS will be invited for all local seminars and conferences in Delhi and other parts of India. The following facilities are available at the CLAWS complex at Delhi Cantt:

- **Journal.** With this inaugural issue, CLAWS has commenced publication of its Journal. It is planned to have three to four issues annually. All members of CLAWS will receive a complimentary copy of the CLAWS Journal.
- **Library.** The number of books in the CLAWS library is approximately 1,000 at present. More books are being gradually acquired.
- **Seminar-cum-Conference Room.** It can accommodate approximately 50 to 60 persons and will be available to members at a nominal cost.
- **Publications.** In addition to Books, CLAWS is planning to publish Monographs, Research Papers, Policy Briefs and Issue Briefs also in the future. CLAWS publications will be made available to members at subsidised/reduced rates.

Application forms have been mailed to all formation HQ and may be downloaded from the website in the future. Applications, along with demand draft for the amount, may be sent to CLAWS at its mailing address.