

Note from the Editor

It gives me immense pleasure to present herewith the Summer 2015 edition of the *CLAWS Journal*, putting together a bunch of articles on a diverse range of security-related subjects whilst concurrently deliberating upon the policy options available. The subject of strategic stability, a term coined during the Cold War, has not found universal definition, but the subject has perennially grabbed headlines in the case of South Asia, presenting a unique conundrum, given the nuclear triangle of India, China and Pakistan. As Prime Minister Narendra Modi's foreign policy appears focussed on rebuilding India's position and proximity with its South Asian neighbours, the *Journal* carries an analytical comment on the subject, and on Pakistan's relations with Afghanistan – whether there has been a “strategic shift,” with the Ghani government taking over in Kabul.

The *Journal* has covered a range of subjects including joint military exercises and the theoretical and applied features of confidence-building joint manoeuvres. As the Modi government pursues its ‘Act East’ policy, the *Journal* presents a perspective on how northeast India shall ultimately be a strategic catalyst for the policy to come to fruition.

Further, cyber space is acknowledged as the fifth domain of human activity, the others being land, sea, air and outer space. As the internet has grown exponentially in its reach and scope, our dependence on cyber space for social, economic, governance, and security purposes has also grown exponentially. Unfettered access to information through a globally inter-connected internet empowers individuals and governments, but, at the same time, poses new challenges to the privacy of individuals and to the capabilities of governments and administrators of cyber space tasked with preventing its misuse, as has been argued at the conference on cyber security hosted in New Delhi earlier this year. An argument which forecasts potential scenarios of cyber attacks in the future and the preventive/remedial measures that need to be undertaken has been carried in this edition.

In addition to the above, the *Journal* carries an analysis on the need for a realistic approach to combat left wing extremism, the issue of programme management in defence capital acquisition, and the race for lunar endeavours in Asia. The Editorial Team hopes that this issue of the *CLAWS Journal* will contribute towards the overall conceptual and operational thinking regarding the issues elaborated above, thus, furthering enrichment and focus of the discourse. As always, I look forward to your feedback and comments.

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