

Note from the Editor

Once again the really hot and rain deprived summer of 2009 at Delhi has given way to an early winter chill. The seminar season at Delhi is hotting up, with a number of high value seminars being conducted this year. In fact, the seminar bug seems to have caught up with a host of field formations. We at CLAWS have been receiving a number of requests for assistance in putting together seminars at locations ranging from Amritsar to Tezpur. This is validation of the gravitas that CLAWS has achieved within the army environment. As we go in for printing of this issue, CLAWS is all set to host its bi-ennial International Seminar. This year the subject for the seminar is “**Changing Nature of Conflict: Trends and Responses**”. Apart from five international speakers, we have invited serving officers from 20 friendly foreign countries to attend.

In this edition of the CLAWS Journal, we are yet again carrying a rich fare of articles that should make interesting reading for both the strategic community as well as our serving officers. CLAWS Journal is now attracting international writers and this time too we have two authors from abroad.

Taking note of the high quality articles being published in the CLAWS Journal, the Military Training Directorate at Army Headquarters has decided to include it as part of the syllabus in promotion and competitive examinations. The CLAWS team could not have asked for better recognition. In the coming year, we are looking at improving the outreach of all CLAWS publications, especially the Journal.

I would also like to inform our readers that CLAWS is well on its way to becoming a meaningful “think-tank” for the Indian Army and is acting as a catalyst in promoting ‘strategic culture’ amongst serving officers. We look forward to your continued support and, more importantly, your feedback to make the Journal more meaningful.

As I complete my tenure at CLAWS, the time has come to move on. The journey from the first issue to the present issue (fifth) has been one of great learning.

I wish to place on record the unstinting help and support that I have received from the entire CLAWS team throughout my tenure. I could not have asked for a better set-up. I wish and pray that CLAWS grows from strength to strength in the years to come.

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Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS)

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.claws.in in which showcases all activities of CLAWS since its inception.

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.

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