

Note from the Editor

The Summer 2009 issue of the CLAWS Journal is now in your hands. I report with a great sense of pride that we at CLAWS have received very positive feedback with regard to the quality of our previous issues. In retrospect, the decision to publish the CLAWS Journal as a bi-annual publication has allowed us to put together a Journal with substance — a high quality publication worthy of CLAWS.

A decade after India's victory in the Kargil conflict, the Editorial Team decided to review its relevance and also examine how well the Kargil Review Committee report has been implemented. We are carrying seven highly valuable articles on the Kargil conflict and a rare interview with Mr K Subrahmanyam, former secretary for Defence Production, former director, IDSA, and the chairman of the Kargil Review Committee.

Apart from this, we are also carrying a varied fare from many well known authors, including an international contribution from Timothy Thomas who is formerly from the US Army and is now a senior analyst at the Foreign Military Studies Office at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, USA.

During the last six months, CLAWS has published two monographs, two Manekshaw Papers and three Issue Briefs. (Details of these are given elsewhere in this issue of the CLAWS Journal.) CLAWS celebrated the fifth anniversary of its raising by holding a national seminar on “**Threats and Challenges for the Indian Army: Trends and Responses**” on January 14, 2009. Joint seminars with Command HQ have also become a regular feature. Reports and feedback on all seminars are disseminated to all Command HQ as also uploaded on the CLAWS website.

The CLAWS website, the international face of CLAWS, has been further revamped. Its new URL is “www.claws.in”. The feedback on the website has again been very positive. We hope to start a blog of our own in the near future so that we get a more varied cross-section of views from across the globe.

Five serving officers out of nine will complete their fellowship at CLAWS during 2009. We have been flooded with requests and queries from a number of officers across the country with regard to study leave with CLAWS. A standard operating procedure (SOP) is being formulated by the MT Directorate (MT-9) on availing of study leave for research in Delhi. This will be implemented shortly.

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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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