

# Note from the Editor

On behalf of the editorial team, it gives me immense pleasure to present the Winter 2012 edition of the *CLAWS Journal*. This issue is theme based, specifically analysing various facets of India's internal conflict. The *Journal* includes in-depth articles and commentaries on the subject furthering enrichment and focus of the discourse.

Classic cases of insurgencies include a number of features such as conflicts of identity, under/non-development, aspiration and development divides and resource exploitation, which often result in what is described as the "greed-grievance phenomenon". Modern-day militancy additionally is sustained by historical and terrain factors that become crucial drivers in dictating its form and trajectory. The articles on the subject identify in detail the causative factors that are requisite in determining conditions which have resulted in a larger than usual security footprint in the identified regions of the country. This particularly stands true in the context of left wing extremism which is affecting large swathes of the country.

Further, the issue of security within Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) can be divided into three distinct aspects: security on the international border and along the Line of Control; insurgency and counter-insurgency within the state; and policing and the rule of law. While the first entails external security, the latter two pertain to internal security. However, the *Journal* carries an analysis as to how these three are inherently interconnected, although in a complex manner. Besides, the interconnections imply that security in the context of J&K has to be tackled in coordination, whilst devising specific strategies for each particular segment. The *Journal* also discusses the contours of conflict in the case of Manipur, along with the Naga imbroglio.

Above and beyond, non-theme articles in this edition include an assessment of China's preparations for a high-altitude conflict along its western frontier, the support structures and exchanges between terrorist groups, and China's maritime disputes with its neighbours in the littoral that are paving the way for an Asia-Pacific alliance. Besides, there is a comprehensive debate on the Siachen Glacier, wherein both sides of the debate have been put forth.

The Editorial Team hopes that this issue of the *CLAWS Journal* will contribute towards the overall thinking regarding the issues elaborated above, and I await your feedback and comments.

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