

# Note from the Editor

The editorial team of the *CLAWS Journal* presents the Summer 2011 edition with great pleasure. This issue carries articles and commentaries based on a wide variety of subjects relating to national security, the most significant of them being the complex process of national security decision-making in India. By virtue of the contributions, the *Journal* endeavours to address the threats, challenges and conflict resolution mechanisms to India's national security. Coupled with the numerous engagements of conflict resolution on the external front, the last couple of years has seen substantial progress in resolving internal conflicts. However, the Maoist insurgency continues to pose the most critical threat to the nation's internal security. It is about time that India's defence and national security agenda is guided by a comprehensive National Security Strategy document, including internal security.

The articles in this issue provide a rich fare. While emerging as a dynamic component of the global economy, Asia is also becoming a heavily militarised region witnessing a parallel and competitive arms build-up between nations contending for regional supremacy. The nature of future conflict is being debated in various capitals. In this context, India should look towards an all-inclusive, transparent and balanced security architecture for the region. It should be emphasised here that while internal security challenges are gradually gaining prominence, preparations for conventional conflict must never get marginalised. In furtherance of Clausewitz's famous maxim that war is a continuation of politics by other means, recent trends in warfare have involved a much greater level of integration of politics and military planning and execution. As India gears up to counter modern-day terror outfits, enhancement of intelligence assessment and coordination at the national level have become the need of the hour and creation of an intelligence and counter-terrorism matrix is a plausible option. Besides, the *Journal* continues to keep an eye on developments in China with research-based articles on its river diversion project and the US policy towards China, especially as a new leadership is likely to assume charge both in China and the US in 2012.

Anticipating that the current issue of the *CLAWS Journal* shall be a fruitful contribution to the strategic community and beyond, I look forward to your feedback and comments.

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