

# Note from the Editor

It gives me immense pleasure to present herewith, the Winter 2014 edition of the *CLAWS Journal*. This issue puts together a bunch of articles on a diverse range of security related subjects and deliberates upon the policy options available. It carries articles commenting on India's renewed focus on its immediate South Asian neighbourhood and discusses the crisis of legitimacy in Pakistan; illegal Bangladeshi migration; Nepal's new tryst with democracy, especially in the light of the prevailing "India factor"; and the role of domestic politics in India-Sri Lanka relations. On the Pakistan issue, it appears that by projecting an image of being the "nation's saviours", the Pakistan Army has retained legitimacy at large, further aided by the lacklustre performance of successive civilian governments. Besides, the *Journal* also delves into deliberating upon the hard choices that India confronts while formulating its defence and security policies in the 21st century. In the China-study section, China's seemingly definitive objective to achieve urban-rural integration through its urbanisation campaign has been debated at length, along with assessing Chinese President Xi Jinping's maiden visit to India.

Since the dawn of the 21st century, technological developments and miniaturisation of powerful computing capabilities have been instrumental in changing the characteristics of warfare with robotics and unmanned systems playing an increasingly large role in military forces. In addition to discussing the above-mentioned subjects, this edition also puts forth the significance and need for reliable, swift and secure hotline communication between governments. However, India has had a mixed experience on the success of hotlines – even though they provide "a window" for initiating dialogue – the start point in the resolution, at any stage, of a conflict. Finally, the *Journal*, carries an article on the Army's requirement of Business Process Reengineering. While the Army is not a business, in order to be victoriously thriving, it must exhibit "world-class" business practices. The *Journal* highlights the emerging reality that the significance of management has increased manifold given the quantum and costs of resources available at the disposal of commanders in the field.

The Editorial Team hopes that this issue of the *CLAWS Journal* will contribute towards the overall thinking regarding the issues elaborated above by furthering enrichment and focus of the discourse. As always, I look forward to your feedback and comments.

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