

# From the Desk of the Editor

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It gives me great pleasure to bring to you the Spring 2019 issue of *Scholar Warrior*. This issue is special as India celebrates 20 years of the Kargil victory where our soldiers fought against indomitable odds and emerged victorious, battling difficult terrain, hostile weather and intruding Pakistani soldiers. Operation Vijay showcased the resolute Indian intent and, once again, resulted in the utter humiliation of Pakistan at the international level.

In this issue, the Strategic Issues Section focusses on wide ranging issues, from the changing nature of conflict, civil-military relations and the 'Make in India' initiative in the defence sector. The first article explores the changing nature of conflict in the 21st century. The next article explores transformation of the Indian Army to address the emerging challenges. Articles on the changing dynamics of civil-military relations, options for addressing the continuing insurgency in Kashmir and major strides in the 'Make in India' initiative encompass the first section.

The China Section analyses, the impact of the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative and an informative account of the erstwhile Second Artillery Corps. The Pakistan Section deals with the internal security dynamics in the country and the impact of the Indus Water Treaty. The Regional Neighbourhood Section traces the India-Maldives strategic friendship, India's growing partnership with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries and dwells on the strategic imperatives of the India-Iran and Afghanistan connect.

The Cyber Warfare Section explores the Chinese cyber war capability and its impact on future wars. The Military Technology Section explores the usage of artificial intelligence in insurgency and its derived benefits. The next article brings out the latest developments in the field of Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAVs). The Military History Section provides an analysis of previous battles to learn valuable lessons for the future. The focus in this issue is on the Kargil War and we cover the Battles of Tiger Hill and Tololing. We highlight the valour of our soldiers in our Motivation Section with the valiant actions of Capt Vikram Batra, PVC (Posthumous) and Capt Anuj Nayyar, MVC (Posthumous).

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We are looking forward to a greater contribution from our readers for our next issue. I would urge infantry battalion commanders to forward details of smaller battles, along with maps/sketches, to form part of our Military History Section. Articles on exceptional acts of bravery will be a welcome addition for the Motivation Section.

HAPPY READING

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashwani Gupta', written in a cursive style.

Col Ashwani Gupta  
Editor