



EDITOR'S NOTE

The spectrum of war or conflict has indeed enlarged to domains that are beyond the military in the strict meaning of the term. Whilst it is essential that we are ready and prepared for military conflict at the conventional level and indeed in the nuclear dimension to try and ensure deterrence, we have to be ready to combat other forms of conflict as well. Good intelligence is the key, but we should also have systems to effect synergy amongst the different government agencies involved in national security in the enlarged meaning of the phrase. In many cases, there has to be recognition of the interdependence of the different government agencies, particularly those charged with internal and external security, and diplomacy. It is equally important that we have the ability to speedily and effectively act, react or respond to a situation with the inherent ability to ratchet up or down the intensity of our activities. The inherent characteristics of air power that offer such graduated responses have often been reflected in this journal. The current issue addresses many of these issues.

Shri NN Vohra, Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, delivered the '1st Air Cmde Jasjit Singh Lecture' on July 18, 2014, on the subject of 'Management of National Security: Some Concerns'. Shri Vohra is arguably the foremost expert in the field, particularly in the internal security domain, and his talk was very well received; the same is included as the lead article in this issue of the journal. It is a 'must read'.

The capabilities and advantages of an aircraft carrier are well known. However, there are some problems and issues in the defence of an aircraft carrier and a scholarly article by an expert in naval matters, Vice Adm Pradeep Chauhan, finds place in this journal. Also included are three scholarly works: an article on a "National Security Strategy for India" by BK Singh, a regular contributor; an article by Air Mshl Kukreja on the future

challenges and roles of air power; and an article on a new nuclear paradigm by one of our Research Fellows, Sitakanta Mishra. Work by two other scholars from the Centre of Air Power Studies (CAPS) on the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty and on the Ukraine imbroglio also finds place in this issue.

Two other articles in this journal merit particular attention. A young scholar from CAPS has, in his "Terror in the Deep and Dark Web" highlighted the lurking dangers that go well beyond the known cyber domain and the urgent need to address the subject.

The last article is by a young student of Manipal University who interned with us and wrote a paper on "Deconstructing Al Qaeda's Terrorist Network in India". This is another article we are pleased to publish.

We are particularly proud to bring out this issue.

Happy reading.

