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The issue of Indo-US nuclear cooperation has occupied more space in the popular media in India than any other subject for more than a year. Dr. **Manpreet Sethi** objectively examines the issues involved from a balanced perspective in the context of the larger strategic relationship evolving between the two major democracies of the world.

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India-China relations have multiple dimensions and their complexities are not easy to unravel. Air Vice Marshal **Kapil Kak** AVSM VSM (Retd) examines the core issues in order to identify a possible way forward for the two Asian giants with a long common border in the context of their perceived national interests.

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China's military doctrine and concepts of war in general and how it intends waging it in future remain of abiding interest across the world in general and to its neighbours in particular. Brigadier **Gurmeet Kanwal** (Retd) looks closely at how this would impact

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After a quarter century of its programme of military modernisation, China's exploitation of the RMA has assumed, like many of its national activities, unique dimensions. Brigadier **Vinod Anand** (Retd) examines its exploitation of the RMA with "Chinese characteristics."

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Military doctrines, whether formally written down or followed in practice, represent beliefs about the kind of war the military expects to fight and the accepted wisdom about the best method for fighting it, argues Dr. **Rajesh Rajagopalan**. This assumes critical dimensions when seen in the context of nuclear weapons and how they impinge on warfare.

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In this study, Wing Commander **Samir Chabra** aims to highlight the need for creating a supply chain orientation in the context of Indian military aerospace and discuss various drivers which govern the performance of a supply chain. Various supply chain competencies, needed from the Indian military aerospace perspective, have been examined.

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India is obviously restarting its military modernisation after a hiatus of nearly two decades. In order to bring greater transparency and accountability into the defence procurement policy and procedure, the government issued a formal policy paper last year. Wing Commander **V.N. Srinivas** outlines the seminal aspects of the policy and procedure.

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War gaming, even after centuries of practice, is still more a craft than a discipline, and, hence, prone to many errors as indeed happens often in wars themselves. In this article, former US Navy Captain, Professor **Robert C. Rubel** initiates a professional dialogue on the underlying logic structure of gaming by examining the epistemological foundations of gaming in general and ways in which the knowledge gained from specific games can be judged sound in order to avoid the possibility of insidious errors creeping into war games.