

Foreword

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Centre for National Security Studies (CNSS) is a Bangalore-based think tank established by an MoU between MS Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences (MSRUAS) and Army Training Command (ARTRAC). CNSS focuses on the policy and academic research related to Comprehensive National Security Studies. The intent is to push the national security discourse beyond traditional security to a Comprehensive Security Policy framework. The CNSS Journal of Security Studies is a compilation of a wide range of themes across traditional and non-traditional security issues. The journal aims to highlight national security from an academician, practitioner, government, industry and investor perspective to arrive at a whole-of-nation integrated approach. The Journal attempts to bring out the best thoughts and practices in the realm of all verticals in the Centre, i.e., India Strategic Studies Programme, Emerging and Deep Technologies Programme, Non-Traditional Security Studies Programme and the Dual-use Technology Innovation Programme.

The theme of the Call for Papers for Volume 1, Issue 1 covered various themes under each of the four verticals. From India Strategic Studies, the theme is QUAD and its various perspectives from the member nations- India, USA, Japan and Australia. Emerging technologies are impacting the national security

landscape significantly. AI and its impact on national security are the central themes in the emerging technologies vertical. Lastly, the Non-Traditional Security vertical looks at Climate security with a specific emphasis on UN Sustainable Development Goals and the blue economy; Terrorism, Insurgency and Ethnic conflicts and various human security aspects.

In this issue, we have selected six papers across the three verticals. The first paper is “Climate-Induced Migration and National Security in South Asia: A Regional Analysis”, which looks into non-traditional security issues of migration and its widespread impact in the region of South Asia. The second paper, “India’s Pursuit of Strategic Autonomy: An Ontological Security Perspective Rooted in Civilizational Legacy”, delves into the historical narratives that shape Indian foreign policy non-alignment, multi-alignment and currently, the strategic autonomy that has been in discussion with the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine War. The paper titled “The Urgency of Separate Administration for the Kuki/Zo People in Manipur: Historical, Political, and Human Rights Perspectives” looks into the roots of the current ethnic conflict in Manipur. Fourth paper titled, “A Comprehensive Analysis of China’s air-space counter-intervention activities over the South and East China Sea”, looks into possible threats posed by the rise of China to its neighbours. The next paper in relation to the previous one is about “India’s Role in the Quad: Implications on India-China Border Dispute”, looking specifically at the India-China border disputes and the solutions India can use through the lens of QUAD. Lastly, a paper titled “Artificial Intelligence and Its Impact on National Security” describes prospective challenges

posed by the advancement of AI as a tool and the implications for national security as a whole.

We hope that this maiden issue of the CNSS Journal of Security Studies will pave the way for more academically rigorous and policy-oriented editions in future as well. The Centre for National Security Studies (CNSS) is committed to finding integrated approaches of academia, industry and the government to foster regional and international peace.