Note from the Editor

he intense summer of Delhi has given way to the chill of winter and seminars and round-tables have once again begun in right earnest. The seminar season in Delhi (November to February) will be very hectic, what with India's 9/11 (the Mumbai attacks) giving rise to a host of discussions at both the national and international levels. We, at CLAWS, have been averaging two events a month this year. Reports of each seminar or round-table discussion are being put up on our revamped website "www.clawsindia.in". The feedback on the activities of CLAWS has been very positive, with many field formations benefiting from information that has been disseminated by CLAWS.

The year 2008 has seen the CLAWS faculty expand to seven officers on study leave and six civilian research scholars having joined us during the year. The year has also seen CLAWS sign two MoUs for project studies. The first project on "Transient Management in 14 Corps Zone" has been outsourced to CLAWS by HQ ARTRAC. The second project on "Defence Equipment Sales as a Tool for Furthering India's Foreign Policy Objectives" has been outsourced to CLAWS by BrahMos Aerospace, a defence public sector undertaking (DPSU).

CLAWS has also commissioned a number of occasional papers which have been christened as "Manekshaw Papers" in the memory of, and as our humble tribute to, the late Field Marshal SHFJ Manekshaw. The seventh Manekshaw Paper was published in December 2008. "CLAWS Issue Briefs" were also launched during the year and have been received extremely well by the environment. So far, five Issue Briefs have been published. All of these are available on request. (A list of titles published to date is given in this issue of the CLAWS Journal).

During the year, CLAWS also began accepting web articles to be uplinked to the CLAWS website. This too has become very popular, with 113 analytical articles dealing with current issues having been uplinked till November 30, 2009.

The current issue of the CLAWS Journal has a rich mix of articles on a number of diverse themes. Pakistan remains a central concern for our strategic community and we are carrying six articles related to Pakistan. However, I must emphasise that all the other articles are extremely well researched and cover issues that are current and contain a number of policy recommendations for our policy-makers. Finally, CLAWS is now a full-fledged research-oriented think-tank. It needs your support and encouragement to be of even greater service to you. Happy reading and best wishes for a very happy new year!

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Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) Membership Details

The Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) is an autonomous 'think-tank' of the Indian Army. Besides organising conferences and seminars, CLAWS is also engaged in research work and has published several books, which have been very well received by the environment. CLAWS has its own website http://landwarfareindia.org which showcases all activities of CLAWS since its inception.

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- Temporary Members. Temporary membership may be granted for a period of up to 30 days by Director CLAWS, as per the guidelines laid down by the Executive Council.

Facilities: Members of CLAWS will be invited for all local seminars and conferences in Delhi and other parts of India. The following facilities are available at the CLAWS complex at Delhi Cantt:

- Journal. With this inaugural issue, CLAWS has commenced publication of its Journal. It is planned
 to have three to four issues annually. All members of CLAWS will receive a complimentary copy of
 the CLAWS Journal.
- Library. The number of books in the CLAWS library is approximately 1,000 at present. More books
 are being gradually acquired.
- Seminar-cum-Conference Room. It can accommodate approximately 50 to 60 persons and will be
 available to members at a nominal cost.
- Publications. In addition to Books, CLAWS is planning to publish Monographs, Research Papers,
 Policy Briefs and Issue Briefs also in the future. CLAWS publications will be made available to
 members at subsidised/reduced rates.

Application forms have been mailed to all formation HQ and may be downloaded from the website in the future. Applications, along with demand draft for the amount, may be sent to CLAWS at its mailing address.

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