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SPECIAL ISSUE: Air Power and India: Multi-dimensional Trends

As the Indian Air Force celebrates its 90th year of existence, air power has become relevant not just to conventional roles reposed in air forces but as an integral and indispensable part of operations for armies, navies, police forces and border security agencies. Furthermore, as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) have become ever more diverse and versatile, the definition of what comprises a nation's air power and its potential for employment has changed.

Over the last three decades in particular, the importance of air power, and the utility of various platforms have been proven beyond any doubt. From the extensive use of cruise missiles in the Persian Gulf and the current war in Ukraine, to the employment of UAVs in the Armenia–Azerbaijan conflict, the need for aerial supremacy was also demonstrated by the United States in the 1991 and 2003 conflicts with Iraq and the 1999 Serbian conflict.

Outside of conflict, the use of aerial assets has been to secure maritime and land borders as well as to support law enforcement. As UAVs are becoming more common and capable, they are increasingly proving to be cost-effective for surveillance and logistics support. These expand the gamut of air power and provide lessons, opportunities and potential warnings for India.

Keeping these issues into consideration, the *Journal of Defence Studies*, a peer-reviewed journal of the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), intends to publish a special issue on “**Air Power and India: Multi-dimensional Trends**”, and is inviting contributions for the same. Contributors may submit articles/commentaries/opinion pieces incorporating any analysis of air power, whether a historical perspective, personal reflections of a particular operation and the challenges, the strategic air power or tactical operations in previous operations or an examination of the role of technology for future operations. Any aspect of air operations inclusive of but not limited to the air force, naval aviation, the army aviation corps or the coast guard can be covered. Flexibility of UAVs and their myriad roles, many of which are still emerging, will also be of great interest.

Topics of interest:

- Air Power: Theory and Practice
- Counter Air Operations
- Air Support for Border Surveillance & Counter-Insurgency Operations
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and Air Power
- Integrated Maritime Air Surveillance: Challenges and Solutions
- Law Enforcement and Air Support Operations
- Air Defences: Lessons from the Russia–Ukraine War
- Whither the Attack Helicopter: Russia's Experience in Ukraine & Lessons for India
- Futuristic Aviation Fleet Maintenance and Management

Submission: Contributors may submit an abstract of about 200–300 words to the Associate Editor, *Journal of Defence Studies* at jds.mpidsa@gov.in latest by **31 January 2023**. The last date for submission of articles/commentaries/opinion pieces is **30 April 2023**. A full-length analytical article should be in the range of 4,000–8,000 words; the word count range for a commentary/opinion piece is 2,000–3,000 words. A suitable honorarium will be paid for the selected articles in keeping with our usual practices. Submission Guidelines and more details about the journal are available at <https://www.idsa.in/journalofdefencestudies>.

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