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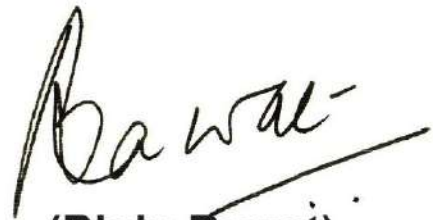
A nation maintains its Defence Services for deterrence and if compelled, to fight and win wars. Indian armed forces always remain prepared for full spectrum challenges and conflicts. Ever evolving challenges, especially those thrown up by emerging disruptive technologies, are adding new dimensions to future conflicts, as was witnessed in recent conflicts in Crimea, Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq and Ngorno-Karabakh. Our Defence Services have demonstrated their unmatched potential and capabilities on several occasions.

However, a critical relook and reappraisal of our strategies, roles, mission and tasks of the armed forces is necessary for ensuring jointness, integration and preparedness for future challenges. Gaps in capabilities need to be identified and innovative mitigation measures adopted. The instrument of military power, in all domains, need to be honed up. Atamanirbharta, ranging from research and development to manufacturing and sustenance need to be pursued in a mission mode.

The August 2021 issue of the Synergy Journal of the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies has endeavoured to bring forth important issues

needed to be addressed for ensuring that our Defence Services remain future ready to meet all security challenges. The highlighted issues need attention at all levels; headquarters to field formations. Contents of articles in the issue are sure to generate innovative ideas, to transform our military into a combat effective force.

Jai Hind !

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