



## CALL FOR PAPERS SYNERGY: AUGUST 2026 ISSUE

### THEME: NEAR SPACE: THE NEW FRONTIER OF JOINT WARFIGHTING

#### CONCEPT NOTE

The character of warfare in the 21st century is undergoing a profound metamorphosis, shifting from the raw attrition of kinetic force to a complex orchestration of effects across multiple dimensions. While the military history of the last century was written on the battlefields of land, sea, and air, the modern battlespace has transcended these physical boundaries to encompass the virtual and cognitive realms. Amidst this rapid evolution, a critical "ignored altitude" has emerged as the next high ground of strategic competition: Near Space. Situated between 20km and 100km above sea level, this region represents a transition zone that is no longer a "no-man's land" but a vital corridor for national security. The convergence of High-Altitude Platform Systems (HAPS) and hypersonic technologies is fundamentally transforming this domain, offering a "tactical halo" that provides persistent surveillance and resilient communications, effectively bridging the gap between traditional atmospheric air power and orbital assets.

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- **Pseudo-Satellites & Persistence:** The Strategic Evolution of High-Altitude Platform Systems (HAPS)
- **The Mach 5+ Highway:** Near Space as the Primary Conduit for Hypersonic Weapons
- **Eyes in the Thin Air:** Next-Generation ISR Payloads for Stratospheric Platforms
- **Sub-Orbital Logistics:** Revolutionising Rapid Global Reach and Payload Delivery
- **The Tactical Halo:** Empowering the soldier with Persistent Over-the-Horizon Connectivity
- **Stratospheric Sovereignty:** Weapons, Persistence, and Partnerships
- **Blue Water, High Skies:** Enhancing Maritime Domain Awareness from Near Space
- **Invisible Dominance:** Signal Intelligence and Electronic Warfare in the “No Man’s Land.”
- **The Space Contingency:** Near Space as the Bedrock of Resilient Joint Communications
- **Closing the Gap:** Developing Kinetic and Non-Kinetic Counter-Near Space Capabilities
- **Crowded Clouds:** Managing Traffic, Debris, and Collision Risks in the High Atmosphere
- **The High Ground Race:** Assessing Global Ambitions and Peer-Competitor Capabilities in Near Space
- **Horizon 2047:** A Roadmap for India’s Strategic Autonomy in Near Space (Viksit Bharat connect)

**NOTE: The articles are required based on our invitation only**

#### GUIDELINES

- Research papers of 3000-4000 words, Font Size 12, Font Style Arial, 1.5 Spacing, and **Chicago Style Referencing (in endnotes)** are mandatory for review. A short abstract of 200-250 words must be submitted with the paper. Kindly write in British English.
- The paper should be more specific to one of the sub-themes above rather than being loosely related to the larger theme of the journal.
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