

Committed To Defence And Security Worldwide

DEFENCE & SECURITY ALERT

JULY 2021 | VOLUME 12 | ISSUE 10 | ₹150

The First and Only ISO 9001:2015 Certified Defence and Security Magazine in India
The Only Magazine Available On The Intranet Of Indian Air Force

www.dsalert.org
info@dsalert.org

GILGIT-BALTISTAN : THE HIMALAYAN LANDSCAPE



RESTORING INDO-NEPAL RELATIONS



THE FIRST CHOICE IN THE DOMAINS OF
DEFENCE, SECURITY AND WORLD AFFAIRS
WORLDWIDE

11 YEARS OF
EXCELLENCE





MISSION

We endeavour to sound **ALERTS** and create **AWARENESS** about the myriad dimensions and manifestations of **DEFENCE** and **SECURITY** in India and around the world.



The power of a King lies in his mighty arms...

Security of the citizens at peace time is very important because State is the only saviour of the men and women who get affected only because of the negligence of the State.

- Chanakya

DSA IS AS MUCH YOURS, AS IT IS OURS!



The downturn in India's relations with Nepal is one of the more tragic recent diplomatic setbacks, and something

that really has no reasons for its origins. The two neighbours have been entwined since long before the emergence of modern states. In fact, the points of shared heritage far outweigh any differences that may have come up in the recent past. In fact, the civilisational commonalities generate a completion as to the 'real' locations of some of the most important personalities in history and heritage. Even as Gautam Buddha's place of birth, Lumbini, is in Nepal; some propound a new theory that even Ram, Lakshman and Sita were born in that land!

With an aggressive China looming over the Himalayas, India cannot afford to take this challenge lightly. The People's Republic of China is using every trick in the trade to entice India's neighbours away. It began early with Pakistan and now, there is no neighbour left with whom Beijing has not used every enticement possible.

Including Bhutan, but Thimphu is a far smarter player than is made out to be. This is not so for those lower down the economic ladder and who seek to gain in whatever way they can.

Nepal is certainly a case on that economic scale. So everything goes, but which does not rule India out of the equation provided it plays its cards properly. It should not be assumed by anyone that Nepal can be lectured on every subject under the sun. Nepal is a county that is proud of its history and keeps a long memory. One of which is that until the Anglo-Nepal War 1814-16, the territory under the control of Kathmandu extended almost until Shimla in today's Himachal Pradesh, until Darjeeling in the east! The 1816 Treaty of Sagauli took away most of Nepal's territory, and that memory still rankles many in that country.

Territorial exchange is no more an option now in this era, so any thinking in that direction should be put to rest, anywhere. With that underlying principle setting the stage for enhanced

diplomatic efforts, both countries should put their best foot forward and take the relationship to its logical end, emotional et al. The common families involved run into the hundreds of thousands, and each can vouch for the pedestrian goodwill that exists. Treating the other as exotica, or pariah, isn't helpful anymore, and neither is it an option.

In the middle of 2021, there is, however, a far greater crisis, and one which involves the most severe health crisis to confront the world in over a century. The Wuhan virus clearly doesn't recognise boundaries of nationality, class or caste, and has enveloped any and every one unlucky enough to be exposed. This, then, is an opportunity for India to play the diplomatic game with all its neighbours, including perennially difficult Pakistan, so as to overcome this health crisis as a functioning society. Fraying of relations is the last thing that should be allowed, internal or external. And this is the right time to set aside differences and look at a future full of cooperation and goodwill.

Manvendra Singh

Founder Shyam Sunder
Publisher and CEO Pawan Agrawal
President Urvashi J Agrawal
Director Prabhat Agrawal
Director Piyush Agrawal
Director Shishir Bhushan

Editor-in-Chief Manvendra Singh

Officer on Special Duty (OSD)
 Natasha

Copy Editor
 Vandana Bhatia Palli

Art & Creative
 Dolly Jain

Correspondent (North East)
 Monalisa Gogoi

Correspondent (J&K)
 Salil Sharma

Correspondent (Europe)
 Dominika Cosic

Production
 Dilshad and Dabeer

IT Operations
 Amber Sharma

Administration
 Sourabh Chauhan

Photographer
 Subhash

Legal Advisors
 Deepak Gupta / Nitin Jain

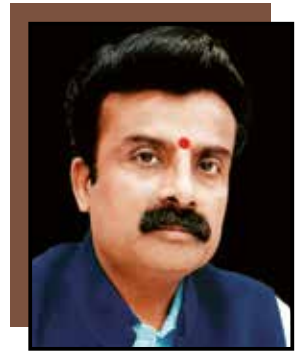
E-mail: (first name)@dsalert.org
 info: info@dsalert.org
 articles: articles@dsalert.org
 subscription: subscription@dsalert.org
 online edition: online@dsalert.org
 advertisement: advt@dsalert.org

Editorial and Corporate Office
 Prabhat Prakashan Tower
 4/19, Asaf Ali Road
 New Delhi-110002 (India)
 +91-011-23243999, 23287999, 9958382999
 info@dsalert.org | www.dsalert.org

Disclaimer
 All rights reserved. Reproduction and translation in any language in whole or in part by any means without permission from Defence and Security Alert is prohibited. Opinions expressed are those of the individual writers and do not necessarily reflect those of the publisher and/or editors. All disputes are subject to jurisdiction of Delhi Courts.

Defence and Security Alert is printed, published and owned by Pawan Agrawal and printed at Bosco Society For Printing, Don Bosco Technical Institute, Okhla Road, New Delhi-110025 and published at 4/19, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi (India).
Editor: Manvendra Singh

THE HIMALAYAN LANDSCAPE: NEPAL AND GILGIT-BALTISTAN



The entire world knows how the geographical standing of India has been for the centuries and how it has been maintaining its cordial relations with almost all its neighbours. As the countries have progressed and developed in the past decades, so have the conflicts arisen between some states for various reasons. Though there have been conflicts but still none wants to carry them forward.

Indo-Nepal relations have remained strong in the past. Just to mention that any Indian can cross the Indo-Nepal international border and enter Nepal without having passport or a valid visa and the same privilege has been enjoyed by the Nepalese nationals to enter Indian international borders and this is applicable only by roads. But if anyone is flying across both nations, only a valid passport is required for the same. This arrangement has been in existence for many decades. But unfortunately, due to the political instability and the vested interests and interference in Nepal by China, Indo-Nepal relations have been soured in the past few years and is the reason that some of the policies of Nepal have not been very well accepted by India. Thus, there is a strong need of building back the same cordial relations with Nepal in a planned way, so Nepal realise the importance of its relationship between the two countries.

Though India has been very supportive to Nepal for many decades by providing aids for various programmes related to health, education and infrastructure, etc. But in the past few years Nepal has been under the complete influence of China. As China has been luring the Government of Nepal and have started using the Nepal as their next prominent area to deploy its army and establish an air force base on the similar manner as it has been doing with some other countries like Sri Lanka, etc. and it is quite alarming for India. Basically, involvement and expansion of Chinese interference in Nepal is a well-planned agenda of China to remain as much close as its in Tibet. So, we all know and understand China's hidden agenda. And, it becomes vital to restore our relationship with Nepal at the earliest possible.

Gilgit-Baltistan is another region which is very important for India on the geopolitical levels. Though currently, it is under the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir but we all know the role of Pakistan government there. The atrocities on the people of Gilgit-Baltistan is well-known by all. This region is also very important for India and we have to keep close vigil on every aspect of this region so as to keep our national security intact. A lot of international geopolitics experts speculate many combinations and expect a lot in the region as it is equally very important.

Our current government has been keeping an eye on every happening in Gilgit-Baltistan and people of the region understands well that it is only India which can save their existence on the world map. And, quite possible is that in the coming years, people in this region get rid of the Pakistan army and their atrocities with the support of Indian government. But till then, I guess, India has to play a vital role.

And in the end, I, on behalf of team DSA, pay our heartfelt condolences to the people of India who lost several of their nears and dears in the second wave of the Pandemic Covid19. I wish a healthy and safe environment to all our brothers and sisters.

Due to another lockdown in the country, once again we had to suspend the publication of our May and June 2021 editions and this edition, dear reader, has been taken up in the second week of June after we came into operations. We hope to maintain and manage the forthcoming editions with the same quality of content and presentation.

Thanks to all our esteemed contributors who have been supporting the cause of safety and security with their candid views for the web edition of DSA!

Jai Hind!



Pawan Agrawal
 Chief Executive Officer



WORK TO REMOVE IRRITANTS
LT GEN DUSHYANT SINGH
PVSM, AVSM (RETD)

04

**CENTENNIAL REFLECTIONS
IN INDIAN MILITARY**
MAJ GEN A BHARDWAJ (RETD)

10

**THE 'REBOUND'
AND AFTER**
BRIG RAHUL K BHONSLE (RETD)

14

**NEW DELHI
MUST EXPEDITE**
BRIG DR ANIL SHARMA (RETD)

18

**MUST BE ACCOMMODATIVE
AND SENSITIVE**
TEJ PRATAP SINGH

23

SURETY OF EFFECT
PAUL S. SZYMANSKI

28

**HOPE IN AMALGAMATION
WITH INDIA**
COL SHAILENDER ARYA

32

**COVID-19 -
WAR TO DEATH**
NABHJYOT ARORA

36

FINETUNE BALANCING ACT
SAUMYA JOSHI

40

RESET TIES
DWAIPAYAN SINHA

44

**BORDER SECURITY & INDIA'S
GEOPOLITICAL INFLUENCE**
JOANA PATRÍCIA LOPES

48