

# CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

India is on the cusp of transformation. The lull in policy making squeezed out the vigorous activity in different sectors. A new government will have a long list of tasks to accomplish. The dynamic recovery of economy will be the foremost challenge. Indian foreign policy lies in tatters. The world is changing fast and there is major reconfiguration of power underway. Russia is flexing muscle westward and southward. The redrawing of political boundaries in the Eurasian heartland is on the anvil. The US has reinvigorated its military machine in the Black Sea and the Mediterranean. On the other hand, China-Japan relationship has nosedived. There is fear of massive escalation of tension between East Asia's top most powerful nations. India's tilt towards bilateral trading arrangements with Japan & South Korea will be a challenging task in such a scenario. On the other hand, withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan will have a negative consequence for India, if the paradigm of governance in Af-Pak region doesn't change for better.

In such a fluid and complex external environment, Indian foreign-policy has to walk a tight-rope. By following the non-alliance principle, a multi-vector policy has to be pursued. India's new motto of governance ought to be '*inclusiveness*'. This should be practiced both at the domestic level and in the external environment.

The current issue of the Journal of Indian Research deliberates upon '*inclusiveness*' as a theme within SAARC. There is a full-fledged study on inclusive education conducted under the aegis of Deshkal Society, Delhi. The highlight of the issue is a theoretical contribution by Professor Yan Xuetong, the foremost Chinese thinker on International Relations and the Sriyantra Model as the grand strategy for rebounding India by our Editor, Niraj Kumar.

I hope many of the papers in the current issue will provide fresh inputs for the new government. I extend congratulations to the editorial team for completing time-bound stupendous task.



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